



St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road, Reed, Kentucky 42451



Second Sunday of Easter: April 7, 2013

Welcome to St. Augustine!!!

We want to welcome our visitors and new parishioners! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Jegin. If you have not registered, we ask that you fill out a form from the back of church and mail or place it in the collection baskets.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, April 7, 2013, Potluck breakfast after 8:00 a.m. Mass
 Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting in church basement
 Monday, April 15, 2013, Finance Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
 Monday, April 15, 2013, Parish Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 21, 2013, Penance Service at 6:00 p.m. for students going to be confirmed and their parents
 Wednesday, May 22, 2013, Confirmation Practice - time to be announced

WEEKLY SCHEDULE - April 7 - April 14

Saturday	4/6	Mass	5:30 p.m.	Fitzie Fulkerson
Sunday	4/7	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Violet Newman
Monday	4/8	No Mass		
Tuesday	4/9	No Mass		
Wednesday	4/10	No Mass		
Thursday	4/11	No Mass		
Friday	4/12	No Mass		
Saturday	4/13	Mass	5:30 p.m.	Violet Newman
Sunday	4/14	Mass	8:00 a.m.	Hershel & Barbara Smith Anniversary

Ministries for April 13 and April 14

<u>Servers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Olivia Miller, Brendan Haire
	8:00 a.m.	Sam Mitchell, Claire Boeglin
<u>Lectors:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker
	8:00 a.m.	Michaela Boeglin
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Branda Haire, Angela Peerman
	8:00 a.m.	Larry Schwartz, Theresa Sauer
<u>Gifts:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Michael Jackson Family
	8:00 a.m.	Janet Medley Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	5:30 p.m.	Bucky & Vickie Lacer
	8:00 a.m.	Sonny & Linda Evans
Church cleaner	3/31 - 4/13	Dee Anna Booker

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Greetings of love and prayerful wishes to you from your loving pastor Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal. Hope and pray that these few lines of mine will find you in the best health of mind and body. I hope you had a wonderful Easter Celebration with all your dear and near ones. Special thanks to those who used the opportunity of Lent to renew their life through confession, stations of the cross, prayers, etc. May the Good Lord continue to Bless you all with hope and love in your heart and in your life.

Today, we are in the Second Sunday of Easter and the risen Lord comes to us with a key note message for our life "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed".

There are different ways of losing peace in our lives in the forms of sickness, accidents, problems, wars, etc., and it is quite easy to spoil peace in the life of others. There is only one way to get back the real peace in our lives and to get back the spirit of the risen Christ in our lives. Today's gospel teaches us that Jesus is the Peace. That is why when Jesus appeared to His disciples he said "Peace Be With You" rather than saying Jesus is with you. Though we say, I am a Christian and I believe in Jesus, how many of us really experience the peace within our lives? If we genuinely reflect about our relationship with Jesus, we can find that our faith in or relationship with Christ is not strong enough or it is very often shaky and as a result, the experience of Peace is also very shaky in our lives. Remember, a shaky faith is a weak faith, and that is what we see from the disciples of Jesus after His death. They were afraid of the Jews and stayed in a room without having any contact with the outside world. They were confused and were not able to take any decision further. It at this time, Jesus comes into their midst and empowered them with the Holy Spirit.

My dear friends, if we are able to relate this gospel passage to our own lives, we can find we are also in the same place as the disciples. During the three years of their life with Jesus, the disciples did not have any worry and were courageous enough to cut the ear of a soldier who came to arrest Jesus in Gethsemane. But after Jesus' death, they lost all their courage and hope. Yes, very often the same situation also happens to us. When unfortunate things accidentally happen in our lives, we fall into the state of the disciples of losing courage and hope, and in those times, it is good to recall this gospel passage. Yes, only Jesus can bring peace in our lives which nobody can snatch away without our permission. So be ready to hang around with Jesus in all the moments of your life.

The character of St. Thomas gives us the message that sometimes we should fight for the grace of God to work in our lives to experience Him and to touch Him. In order to fight for the grace, we should examine, "Do I have the right to fight with God?" Am I worthy enough to do that? Yes it takes a lot of courage, holiness and humility and that is what St. Thomas proclaims, "My Lord and My God". Yes, it is a total surrendering of himself to Jesus. Do I have that surrendering nature in my life?

Finally, Jesus throws a great challenge before us saying, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed". People who are mad with scientific knowledge would question this statement of Jesus asking, "How can it be possible?" I would say, this is the mystery and beauty of our God and this is the beauty of Christian Faith. This beauty cannot be explained fully in words, but it has to be experienced personally. If you can breathe the air which you cannot see, if you can enjoy the smell of a flower which you cannot see, if you can enjoy the cool breeze which you cannot see, if you can use the electricity which you cannot see, then be sure you can believe in God who created this universe, who Himself is unseen but He is to be experienced. Yes, we need to accept our faith in God as a leap into the darkness. Yes, only brave people can leap into the darkness, and he does it with hope. So as a Christian, our life is hope, our hope is in Christ and Christ is our great help. May the risen Lord continue to fill your heart with hope and love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Communion Schedule:

Thursday, April 11, 2013, Class at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 14, 2013, Retreat - 3:00 - 5:00 (we will make banners and have rehearsal)

CCD calendar REVISION:

We will not have CCD on May 12th (Mother's Day)

Classes will be held at 10:30 a.m. on April 14th, April 28th and May 19th (last class)

Confirmation meeting at 6:00 p.m. on April 10, 2013. Letters to the bishop are due at that time. If you missed the last meeting, please contact Ginny Coomes ginny.coomes@owensborocatholic.org to get the information that needs to be included in the letter.

Weekly budget: \$2,219.00

Actual Collection: \$4,986.00

The public is invited to Eucharistic Adoration at Maple Mount and St. Stephen's on the **2nd Sunday of every month** to pray for vocations. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Motherhouse Chapel in Maple Mount, 8001 Cummings Road. Public is also welcome to attend Eucharistic Adoration at St. Stephen's Cathedral on the **4th Sunday of every month** from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. For more information visit www.ursulinesmsj.org.

Happy Anniversary:

Hershel & Barbara Smith 4/12
Bill & Amy Payne 4/12



Happy Birthday:

Patrick Davis 4/8
Debra Merimee 4/9
Ellie Mitchell 4/10



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Please continue to pray for the following:

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Stan Embrey, Fr. Jegin, Leo Murphy, Mary Angela Mitchell, Paula Mayfield, Sue Wolfe, Debbie Ralph, Jimmy Davis, Vicki Rudy

Sacraments to the Home Bound

Please inform the pastor if you know of anyone who is homebound so that we can insure that they are afforded ample opportunities to receive the Sacraments. We would rather be notified by several people than to not be notified at all, so please don't presume that someone else has already notified us.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is administered upon request. Parents and Godparents must attend an evening class on Baptism in the Catholic Church. Please contact the pastor and set up an appointment for this class at least a month in advance. At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic for their child to be baptized in the Catholic Church. Godparents must be at least 16 years of age and at least one must be a practicing Catholic.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated upon request, and at least four times a year at all the weekend Masses. Please notify the pastor or call the parish office if you know of anyone who might need this sacrament, but may not be able to notify the pastor personally. Please inform the pastor if you or any one in your family is in the hospital. If you notify us before surgery, we can celebrate this sacrament before you are admitted to the hospital. If your doctor is willing, we can also have a blessing for him/her at the time of your anointing.

Sacrament of Marriage

A couple wishing to marry must contact the priest at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. According to the guidelines of our diocese, you should not make absolute plans for a specific wedding date until after meeting with the priest. The couple will be required to attend a marriage preparation course which will include at least one formal program such as an Engaged Encounter Weekend or the Sponsor Couple Program.

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