



ST. MARY'S

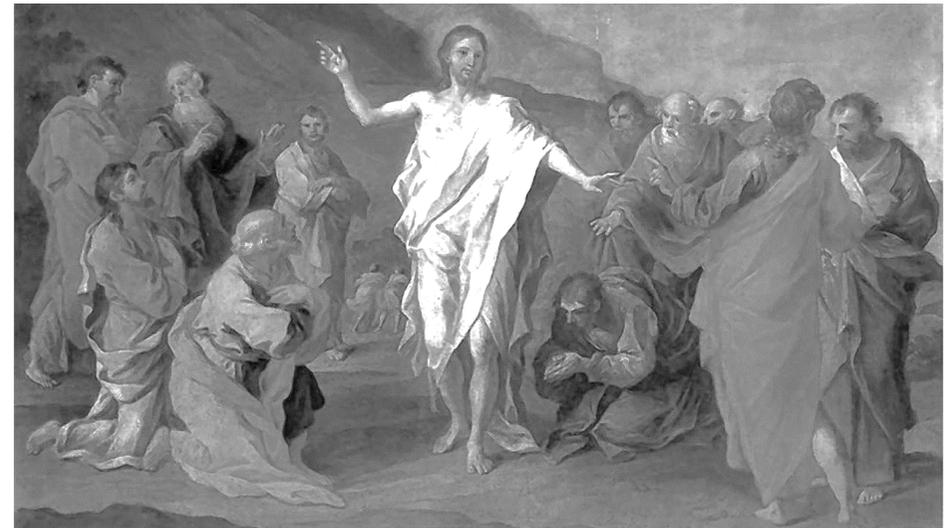
ENGLISH-SPEAKING ROMAN CATHOLIC
PARISH RHEIN-MAIN-AREA

Church location:

Wachenheimer Str. 58
65835 Liederbach / Taunus

Sunday Mass: 5:00 pm

April 15th 2018
3rd Sunday of Easter



"While the disciples were talking, Jesus himself stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'"

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

Universal: For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters –
That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

PEACE BE WITH YOU --

The Gospels recount that Jesus' most common greeting during the resurrection appearances was "Peace be with you." There is no doubt that the disciples of Christ needed the gift of God's peace after witnessing his passion and death, having their dreams dashed with his disappearance, and fearfully agonizing for three days over how they might soon come to the same fate as Christ at the hands of the Sanhedrin. Yet, there is more to Christ's gift of peace than a simple desire to calm his frantic followers.



Christ's frequent offer of the gift of his peace after Easter morning suggests that his peace was a particular fruit of the resurrection and St. Peter, in the Acts of the Apostles, makes it clear that a crucial role of an apostle, and indeed any Christian, is to bear witness to the Christ's resurrection. "The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses." As Christians, we have a mission: to bear witness to the Risen Lord. One of the most powerful ways that we bear witness to Christ is when his peace reigns in our hearts. The world is starving for peace. If we know Christ's peace, if it reigns in our lives in spite of life's countless trials, then people will seek the source of our peace and we will be led to Christ. When we are deeply aware that the war has already been won by Christ and with Him at the center of our lives we have nothing to fear, the Good News will spread like a brushfire on this earth.

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Lord, make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is offense, let me bring pardon. Where there is discord, let me bring union. Where there is error, let me bring truth. Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let me bring your light. Where there is sadness, let me bring joy. O Master, let me not seek as much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love, for it is in giving that one receives, it is in self-forgetting that one finds, it is in pardoning that one is pardoned, it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life. *(Prayer of St. Francis)*

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Tuesday: 09:00 – 14:00
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Friday: 09:00 – 13:00

Baptisms arranged with one month notice
Weddings arranged with at least six months' notice
Confession available on request
Spiritual Direction as arranged with the Parish Priest

WEBSITE: www.st-marys.de

FACEBOOK: "St. Mary's Parish – Liederbach, Germany"

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOFHEIMER TAFEL - Please note that in addition to Giving Sundays, it is also possible to bring your donations for the Hofheimer Tafel on ANY Sunday of the year. Simply place your non-perishable foods and toiletries in the green baskets located in the back of the church.

HOUSE BLESSINGS – Parishioners are reminded that homes can be blessed. See Fr Steve to arrange a mutual time for this simple but profound ceremony.

INFORMING US OF SICK PARISHIONERS – Please inform the parish office – or Father Steve personally – if a parishioner has been hospitalized (also which hospital, station and room number). That way we can arrange a pastoral care program, which includes bringing the Holy Communion and administering the Sacrament of the Sick, if wished.

RCIA PROGRAM – Are you interested in becoming Catholic or simply learning more about the Catholic faith? Then we invite you to join our RCIA class (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Please contact the Parish Office for more details or to register.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – The next St. Mary's Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 29th at 3:30 pm**. Please note that this meeting is open to the public and we welcome any parishioners who are interested in attending.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – The First Communion celebration at St. Mary's will be held on **Sunday, May 6th at the special time of 11:45 am**. Please note that this is the ONLY Mass of the day and that there will be no Mass at 5:00. .. **The First Communion Mass is for all parishioners and it would be really great if we came out in great numbers to support our children on their special day.**



WELCOME NEWCOMERS – We warmly welcome any new parishioners to St. Mary's and ask that you kindly register with our church. You will then automatically receive the weekly copy of our bulletin directly to your email, as well as any updates concerning parish activities, schedule

changes, etc. ***Please note that all information is kept confidential and is for internal parish purposes only.*** You can send your contact info directly to: st-marys-parish@hotmail.com

FORECAST OF EVENTS

APRIL 2018

Sun 15 th	17:00	Children's Mass
Sun 29 th	15:45	Parish Council Meeting (open to public)

MAY 2018

Sun 6 th	11:45 am	First Holy Communion (This Mass is for ALL parishioners. There will be no Mass at 5:00 pm)
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JUNE 2018

Sun 17 th	5:00 pm	"Farewells" at St. Mary's for all parishioners who are moving or relocating
Sun 24 th	1:00 pm	Joint Mass and Parish Picnic with St. Leonhards held at St. Georgen in Frankfurt

JULY 1 – AUGUST 12

SUMMER BREAK

AUGUST 2018

Sun 19 th	5:00	Mass at St. Mary's
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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter told the people: “The God that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and our other ancestors worshiped has brought honor to his Servant Jesus. He is the one you betrayed. You turned against him when he was being tried by Pilate, even though Pilate wanted to set him free. “You rejected Jesus, who was holy and good. You asked for a murderer to be set free, and you killed the one who leads people to life. But God raised him from death, and all of us can tell you what he has done. “My friends, I am sure that you and your leaders didn’t know what you were doing. But God had his prophets tell that his Messiah would suffer, and now he has kept that promise. So turn to God! Give up your sins, and you will be forgiven.”

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your face shine on us.

You are my God and protector. Please answer my prayer.
Now have pity and listen as I pray.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

The LORD has chosen everyone who is faithful to be his very own, and he answers my prayers.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Let your kindness, LORD, shine brightly on us.
You brought me happiness.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples from Emmaus told what happened on the road and how they knew he was the Lord when he broke the bread. While Jesus’ disciples were talking about what had happened, Jesus appeared to them and said, “May God give you peace!” They were frightened and terrified because they thought they were seeing a ghost. But Jesus said, “Why are you so frightened? Why do you doubt? Look at my hands and my feet and see who I am! Touch me and find out for yourselves. Ghosts don’t have flesh and bones as you see I have.” After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. The disciples were so glad and amazed that they could not believe it. Jesus then asked them, “Do you have something to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish. He took it and ate it as they watched. Jesus said to them, “While I was still with you, I told you that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Books of the Prophets, and in the Psalms had to happen.” Then he helped them understand the Scriptures. He told them: “The Scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer, then three days later he will rise from death. They also say that all people of every nation must be told in my name to turn to God, in order to be forgiven. So beginning in Jerusalem, you must tell everything that has happened.”