

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, April 13, 2017

---

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*They shall eat its roasted flesh. (Exodus 12:8)*

At the first Passover, God told the Israelites to sacrifice an unblemished lamb and spread its blood over the doorposts of their homes. That way, they would be protected from the angel of death. But God also told them to roast the lamb's flesh and eat it for dinner. We are familiar with the idea of the blood protecting the people from death, but why did they have to eat the roasted lamb? Was it just a ceremonial practice? Or was there something more?

Scripture offers us an answer. God tells the Israelites, "This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight" (Exodus 12:11). In other words, eat as one ready to go on a journey. The night of the Passover was only the beginning of the story for the Israelites. The Promised Land was miles and miles away—and through a harsh desert, no less. God gave them the lamb to sustain them on their journey. Without that food, they would not have been able to make even the first leg of the trip. Their deliverance would have been a hollow victory if they didn't have strength for the days ahead.

Like the Israelites, we too are on a long journey and need strength and nourishment. Thank God he has given us the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus, to sustain us! He knows we can't make this journey by relying on our own strength, so he has given us nothing less than the bread of angels!

Tonight begins the Easter Triduum. All around the world, churches will be filled with believers reliving Jesus' final hours. What better way to begin this observance than by receiving Jesus as the bread for our journey? So at Mass tonight, let's celebrate what Jesus did for us. But more than that, let's come to Communion grateful that we don't have to go through this life feeling weak and weary. Through his Body and Blood, Jesus is with us to sustain us and strengthen us. He is with us to guide us and encourage us. He is in us to empower us to do great things for him along the way.

*"Jesus, you are the Lamb of God and the Bread of Life. With you, I will never go hungry."*

Reprinted with permission of The Word Among Us, 7115 Guilford Dr #100, Frederick, MD 21704, Lent 2017, wau.org, 1-800-775-9673

---

### Today's Announcements:

- Students going into ninth through twelfth grades physical forms are due today. Girls physicals will be on Monday, April 24 at 3:00 p.m. (Monday we come back from break), and boys will be April 25 at 3:00 p.m. Your parent's signature and completed basic information has to be on turned in form in order to participate.
- Class officer applications will be available the Monday we return from Spring Break. You must be registered in order to run for class officer or student council representative.

- Ms. Alexander is celebrating her birthday on Saturday. We would like to wish Ms. Alexander a Happy Birthday!
- The drama guild members are reminded to return their scripts today. All materials will be mailed to the company tomorrow morning. Any cast member who does not return a script will forfeit his or her deposit. T-shirt money is due today. DVD orders are needed immediately.
- Varsity Track Team those who qualified for regional, the bus will be leaving at 8:30 Saturday, April 22, in front of the school.