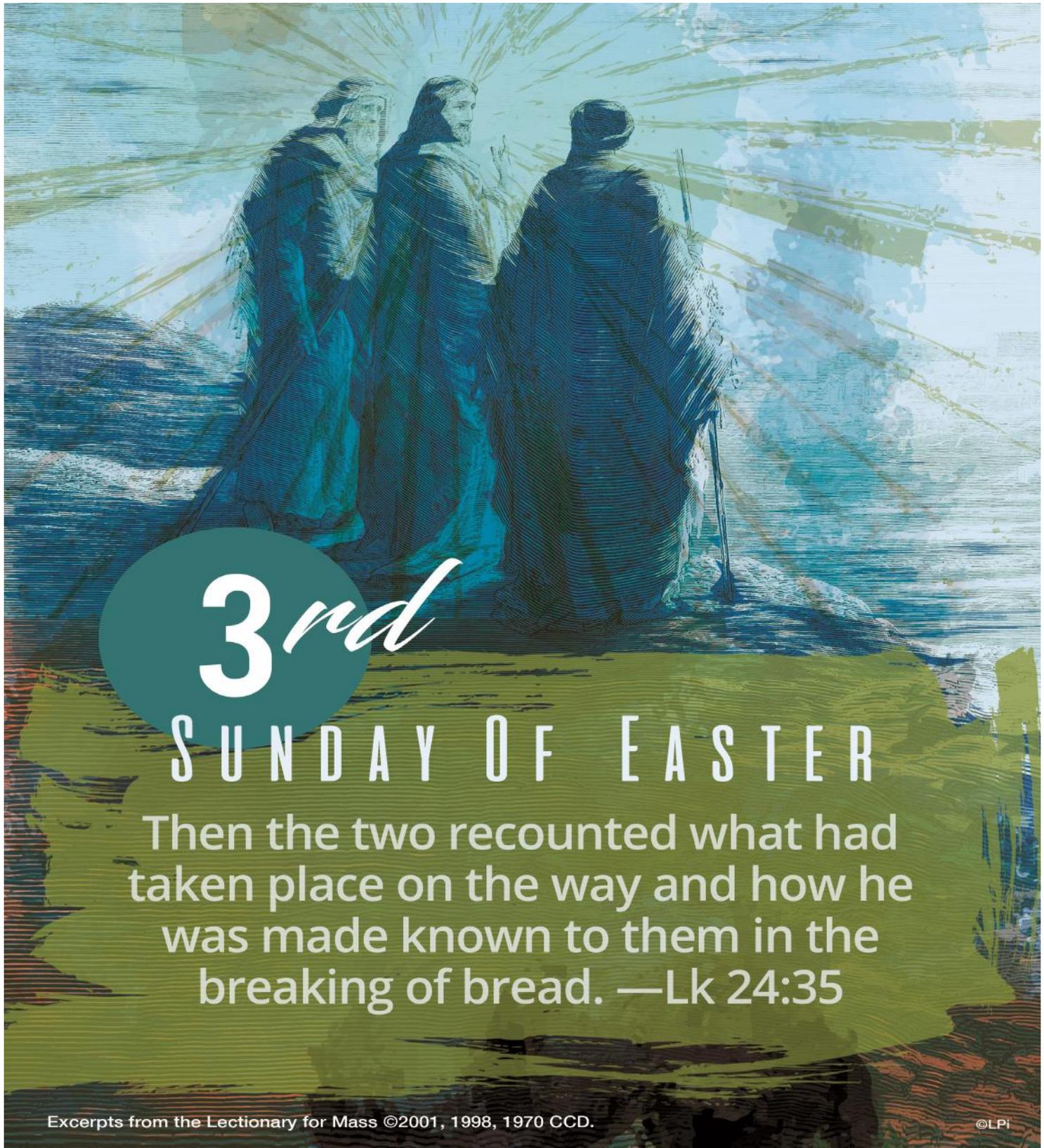




The Collaborative of
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
and **ST. JOSEPH PARISH**



3rd

SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. —Lk 24:35

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Welcome! We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacon. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory. Your presence at our parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.



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Saturday 4:00pm (Vigil)
 Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am & 5:00pm
 Weekday Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 8:00am

St. John's Food Pantry

p: 617.472.4908
 Hours: The pantry is open on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30PM for our neighbors in need (located in the building next to the back door of the rectory.)

Prayer During A Health Crisis

*Compassionate and Loving Father,
 In the face of confusion and concern
 impart to us the calm of your presence.
 In You allow us to find hope and
 healing.
 Be with those who serve the sick and
 give them Your caring hands.
 Be with those who lead and give them
 Your Spirit of wisdom.
 Be with those who have fallen ill and
 give them Your comforting heart.
 Wrap your arms around our world
 and hold us in your love.
 Allow us at this time of trial to then
 serve as instruments of that love to all
 we meet.
 We ask this in Your Name.
 Amen.*

COLLABORATIVE TEAM

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Senior Priest In Residence

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COLLABORATIVE OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS

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BULLETIN NOTICES

Must be received by the Rectory no later than **4:00pm Monday Afternoons** to appear in the following Sunday bulletin.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:30pm

FR. MATT'S CORNER

"Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe."
- St. Augustine



SAINT JOHN the BAPTIST ~ SAINT JOSEPH
QUINCY, MA

The doors of our churches will be open for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the following schedule:
St. John the Baptist: Daily, Mon-Sun, 12-6pm
St. Joseph: Sunday, 8:30am-12pm

We are so incredibly grateful to Mother Olga and the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth who keep Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, allowing parishioners the opportunity to come and leave their burdens at the feet of our Eucharistic Lord.

Confessions:

The (CAR) Light is on for You

We are taking extra precautions for the safety and well-being of our parishioners and priests. Our Collaborative will continue to host outdoor, drive-through Confessions at St. John the Baptist on Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30pm and Saturday afternoons 2-4pm.

Live Streaming:

We will continue to LiveStream Holy Mass daily. Masses are privately said in the Convent of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth. We will LiveStream a Eucharistic Holy Hour with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and recitation of the Most Holy Rosary at 3 PM daily, Monday through Sunday. The 3 PM Holy Hour is privately prayed but made public for the spiritual well-being of the Christian faithful who long for the Eucharist.

Saint J's Cares:

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The first-ever Uplift Your Priest campaign 4/20-5/1. Let's let our priests know that we are behind them and recognize their sacrifices.

WAYS TO UPLIFT OUR PRIESTS

- Offer prayers and sacrifices for your priests (if possible united with our Holy Hour and Daily Mass YouTube live stream).
- Encouraging COMMENTS on all social media platforms have been so lovely. Facebook, or YouTube allows LIVE comments. Comments regarding how you personally were blessed by the prayers that day have a great impact and help others hear the good news - through YOU.
- Take a picture of your family praying the live stream Mass or Rosary and post it on St. John's Facebook page or email it to andrainquincy@gmail.com to be posted on St Joseph website, snail mail it (or all three). The priests miss you so much they would LOVE to see you praying with them, ALL OF YOU - single, teens, older friends....all of you are cherished.
- Paste Fr Matt's YouTube channel on your own social media and share how the Holy Hours, Daily and Sunday Masses have been a blessing to you personally.
- Send the priest snail mail drawings (from children) and or thank you notes from you.
- Make a family video message, song or affirmation for your Father. Arthur, Father. Joseph, and Father Matt.
- Send a special monetary donation to Parish in the Priest's name if you are able.
- Have other ideas? Please email; andrainquincy@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020

- SUN 4/26** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
- MON 4/27** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
- TUE 4/28** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
- WED 4/29** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
- THR 4/30** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
- FRI 5/01** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
- SAT 5/02** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
- SUN 5/03** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter
- Tuesday:** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Friday:** St. Joseph the Worker
- Saturday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Is God a real Being for you or simply an idea to be entertained? Often, we reduce God to a set of ideas, theories, and principles and neglect to see Him as the One who takes joy in helping us understand all of the events and mysteries of life. God delights in journeying with us and is the only One who can fill us with joy and make our hearts burn with excitement and jubilation. He is the One who assists us in recognizing the truth that is before us

and interpreting not only the jewels of Sacred Scripture but the events of history. If we recognize God, we can also see that He inspires us to see the divine meaning of our own lives as well. Sometimes it takes us a little time. After all, even Jesus' closest friends had to walk with him for a while on the road to Emmaus before their eyes were opened in the breaking of bread.



SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sharing the Gospel

Even though he had risen from the dead, two of Jesus' friends had not seen him yet. These men were still sad and confused. Imagine their surprise when Jesus walked with them, explained the Scriptures about the Savior, and then broke bread for a meal. They saw him alive!

Prayer

Jesus, when I am sad or confused, help me to remember that you are alive and with me always.

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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| Emmaus | Christ | village |
| talking | Moses | bread |
| Cleopas | Prophets | Simon |

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- Clapoes _____
- Mesos _____
- Sonim _____

Mission for the Week

Pack a bag with some snacks and your Bible, and take a long walk with your family. When you stop to eat your snacks, read your favorite story about Jesus.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the members of our community who have passed away since the last time we have gathered as community for Holy Mass:

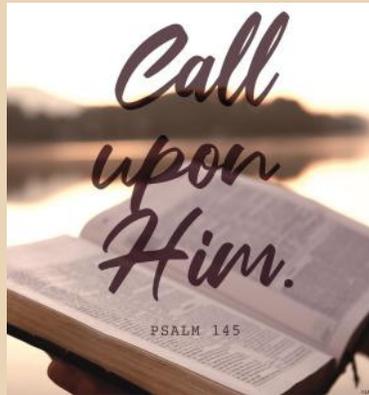


Jim Lyons, Vincent Yukas, John Sugrue, Michelle Bickford, Annette Solimini, Katherine Dwyer, Mario Malvestuto, Patricia Plaziak, Patrick Kenney, Rose M. Ferris, Edward A. Mack, Arthur Crisafulli, James Hogan

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

INTENTIONS

Lectio Divina, or “divine reading” is a traditional way of listening and talking with God through Scripture. There are four movements:



(1) **Lectio (reading)** Read a short scripture selection. Less is more with Scripture prayer. Digest it slowly. “Listen with the ear of your heart” (St. Benedict) for a word, phrase, or verse that stands out to you—perhaps ever so slightly.

(2) **Meditatio (meditation)** Think about whatever grabbed your attention. Ponder that word or phrase. Ask questions about that word.

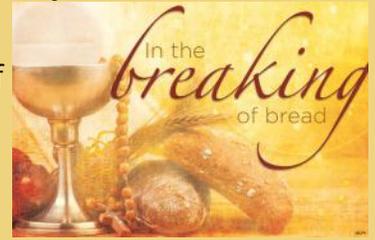
(3) **Oratio (prayer)** Talk to God about this passage as you would to any person. If it helps, think of God as a parent, sibling, or trusted friend. He is your Father, Jesus has called you his friend, and with him, we are beloved children of God.

(4) **Contemplatio (contemplation)** Rest in God’s presence for a few minutes of silence. This allows the Lord to work on you in unseen ways.

I am grateful for Evangelical Catholic’s “1% Challenge Lectio Divina” resource. For more information please visit: <https://www.evangelicalcatholic.org/lectio-divina-2/>

April 26 ~ The Third Sunday of Easter

Today’s gospel takes place on the Road to Emmaus, a road out of town. Two disciples very discouraged by Jesus’ death have an encounter with Christ that changed them forever.



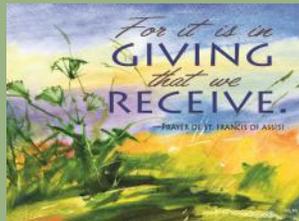
The passage is worth reading again – and again: “.he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them....their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us...?’” Notice how their sadness and fear turned to joy in the breaking of the bread. Jesus is with us at every Mass in the breaking of the bread: Eucharist. Do you recognize him there? During this Year of the Eucharist, pray that your heart will “burn within” you each time you receive Jesus in Holy Communion.



“It is in giving that we receive.”
St. Francis of Assisi

St. John’s Food Pantry

Dear brothers and sisters, we believe that the Church is like family. Members of the family are always there for each other, especially in times of need. As members of Saint John the Baptist Food Pantry, we want you to know we are here for you. We live in very difficult times when the corona virus has impacted so many people physically, emotionally and economically. We understand that many people, businesses and lives have been impacted tremendously because of this, especially those who live paycheck to paycheck. Please know we are here to help with whatever we can regarding offering groceries for those who are in need. Please contact us at (617-590-7004) if you need anything or you know of anybody who might need help, especially those who are alone or whose jobs have been impacted by this epidemic. We are one family in good days and difficult days. **We love you and we pray for you.**



“My spirit was broken and as far as I knew beyond repair. I was consumed with feelings of remorse. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself.” – A Project Rachel Retreat Attendee. The *Project Rachel* ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat. Spring date May 30. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact *Project Rachel* at 508-651-3100.

This Week

Here is what YOUR COLLABORATIVE FAMILY IS DOING (StJ'sCares) and how you can BE SUPPORTED and BE A HELPING HAND!

1. We have created an online parishioner database so we can stay in regular contact with our parishioners. We would like to invite you to register for regular communications from our Collaborative Team, to keep you updated on what is happening in our Collaborative, and the unique ways we are seeking to serve and support you and fellow parishioners during this difficult time (e.g. Collaborative updates, inspirational vlogs, live broadcast of Holy Mass from our Collaborative, prayer resources, and all the amazing things we are doing). Please go to this link to register; <https://forms.gle/fbeyqN6TPvyejnXcA> 2. We have established a "St. Js Cares" email account for those in need of: prayer intentions or assistance with daily needs, or if you know of someone who is isolated and alone and needs us to reach out to them. Please email: SaintJsCares@gmail.com 3. We are grateful for the great work of the St. John the Baptist Food Pantry. St. John's is ready and willing to assist the needs of our parishioners. Please see the bulletin article for more info. 4. We are working with local Knights of Columbus to do can drives to stock our food pantry at St. Joseph's. 5. We have established a GoFundMe page in support of our Hunger for Justice Program to raise money for the St. Joseph Food Pantry. Please give on the St. Joseph webpage 6. How is your prayer life? This is a time for intense prayer, making or reclaiming Jesus as the foundation of our lives. With Jesus as our foundation, we can withstand any storm. Can you give him 1% or more of your day in prayer (15 minutes plus). There are prayers resources in this bulletin to help you. 7. We are providing live-streaming of Sunday and Daily Mass from the Convent of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth. We will also provide daily videos to feed you spiritually. Please register for our Collaborative emails as mentioned in bullet 1. 8. Please follow us on our various Social Media handles:

- A. St. John the Baptist Facebook Page
- B. Saint J's Families Facebook page
- C. SaintJs_Families Instagram
- D. SHINE_official Instagram
- E. Frmatt4boston twitter
- F. FrMatt2003 YouTube

Let's be helping hands! Please check in with your neighbors, especially the elderly and those most vulnerable with a simple phone call. We want to honor the need for social distancing and do not wish to cause panic. But we can call or write a simple note asking how they are doing, leaving our number and asking them to call if we can be of help.

Saint J's Phone Campaign:

We are using this time to update our Parish Database and check in with each Parishioner. If you would like to join our call team, please reach out to Michaela at: michaelainquincy@gmail.com

Solidarity Prayer for a Pandemic

*May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.*

*May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.*

*May we who have the luxury of working from home remember
those who must choose between preserving their health or
making their rent.*

*May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when
their schools close
remember those who have no options.*

*May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those that have no place to go.*

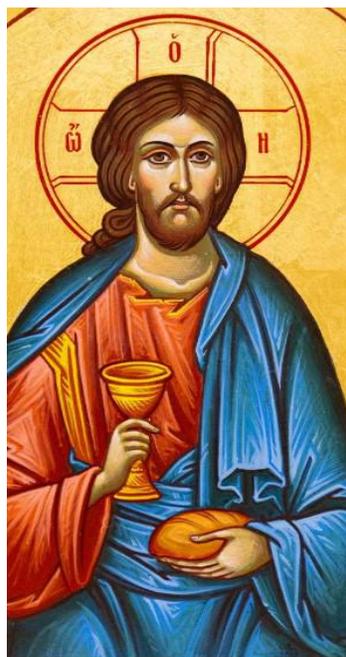
*May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the
economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.*

*May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember
those who have no home.*

*During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms
around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our
neighbors.*

Amen.

Please note, we continue to celebrate all Mass intentions that were booked without a congregation present. Know that your loved ones are being remembered as well as all those affected by the Coronavirus.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.

Amen.