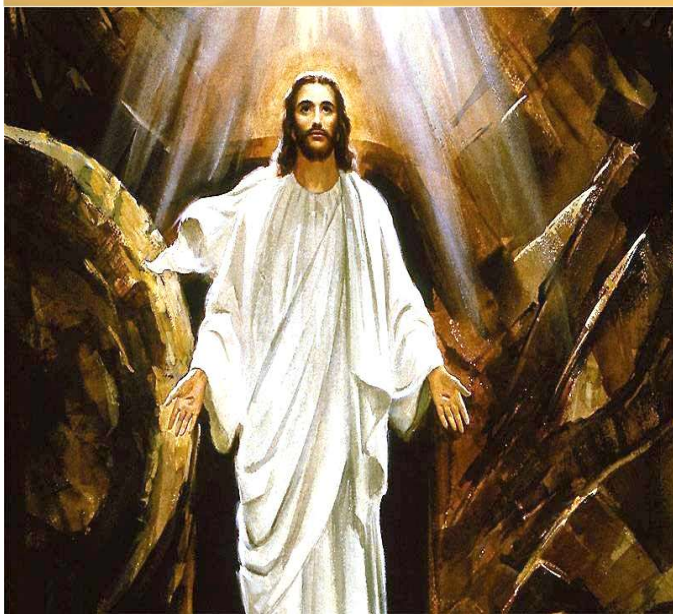


Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

ALLELUIA.
CHRIST IS RISEN.



I want to wish all of you a very happy Easter!

It's important for us to actually celebrate what we've been preparing for since Ash Wednesday. Like Christmas, our society treats Easter as a one-day event that is quickly forgotten.

Catholics, on the other hand, celebrate Easter for a *long time*: all the way until the beginning of June!

We should make a point of embracing this season. Jesus' resurrection is an event that impacts our lives *right now*! Because of what He did, our lives have a different meaning. We have a hope that can't be found anywhere else.

How should we celebrate Easter? First, this is the appropriate time to feast, after we've finished our fast. I don't mean we should be gluttons, but we should do things (and eat things) to help us rejoice.

Also, though we may return to some things we gave up for Lent, there may be spiritual practices that you learned that can be continued. The Easter season isn't a time for lessening our prayer. In fact, God may

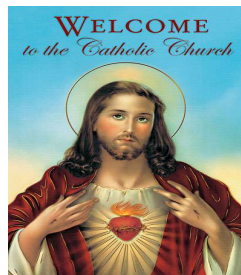
May God bless you for your
goodness to His Church for the week of
April 13th, 2024

(BLS) Adult Envelopes	\$7,557.00
Children's Envelopes	\$0
Candles	\$239.00
SVdP	\$921.00
Improvement Fund	\$877.00
Loose	\$313.01
(OLL) Adult Envelopes	\$2,640.00
Children's Envelopes	\$0
Candles	\$67.00
SVdP	\$330.00
Improvement Fund	\$687.00
Loose	\$20.00

move you to embrace something new as we finish Lent.

Finally, I always like to encourage a spirit of gratitude. We owe God *everything*. Our very lives - which He has transformed - come from Him. Something powerful to do in this season is making a habit of thanking God regularly - for big things and little things. When we live with gratitude, we start to see God's loving hand in everything.

One last thing to tell you about: we will be hosting a series of three talks on the angels in the month of May (on May 1st, 8th, and 15th) in upper Sargus Hall. These talks will be given by priests of St. Gabriel's Monastery in Carrollton, Ohio. Like our Lenten talk series, these events will begin with snacks and fellowship at 6:15pm and then the talk start at 7:00pm.



Congratulations! We welcome our newest members of our Catholic community:

Terri Ferroni, Ava Hooper & Kyle McGraw, Anilynnah Chavez, Anabel Chavez, Cole Kuruc, Alex Li, Sofia Randazzo,

Daniel Ross, Isabel Segoviano, Jaqlyene Segoviano & Aminah Vau.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 4:30pm	Apr. 19 (BLS)	Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) Living & deceased members of our Wintersville parishes
Sun 8:00am	Apr. 20 (BLS)	Easter Sunday Bonnie Kaine (husband, Bob)
9:30am	(OLL)	Mary Skater (Donna Skater)
11:00am	(BLS)	Living & deceased members of our Wintersville parishes
Mon. 8:00am	Apr. 21 (BLS)	Mon. within the Octave of Easter Judy Corella {Anniv} (Joann Gorsich)
Tues. 8:00am	Apr. 22 (BLS)	Tues. within the Octave of Easter Mary Seminara (children, Gloria & Steve)
Wed. 8:00am	Apr. 23 (BLS)	Wed. within the Octave of Easter Pat Porter (Barbara Gegick)
Thurs. 8:00am	Apr. 24 (BLS)	Thurs. within the Octave of Easter Anthony Frezza (Dcn. Steve & Margie Frezza)
5:15pm	(BLS)	Blaine Rogers (Virginia Yuricic)
Fri. 8:00am	Apr. 25 (BLS)	Fri. within the Octave of Easter Stanley J. Michnowicz (Dolores & Ron Michnowicz)
Sat. 8:00am	Apr. 26 (BLS)	Sat. within the Octave of Easter Alan Zerla (Emily Paul)
Sat. 4:30pm	Apr. 26 (BLS)	Divine Mercy Sunday Meg Mackey (daughter, Kaci Chaney & family)
Sun. 8:00am	Apr. 27 (BLS)	Divine Mercy Sunday Living & deceased members of our Wintersville parishes
9:30am	(OLL)	Mary Skater (Helen & Jerry Grimm)
11:00am	(BLS)	Beverly Fijewski (husband, Robert & family)

What Would Mary Do?

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene. I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. **Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.**

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.'" — John 20:2



HE IS RISEN!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

for April 26th & 27th

Saturday 4 / 26	4:30pm
Lector	Donna Cole
EMOCH:	Rita Controguerra
Altar servers:	Christian Mitchell
Sunday 4 / 27	8:00am
Lector:	Judy Call
EMOHC:	Michael Krog
Altar servers:	Symingtons
	9:30am (at OLL)
Lector:	Lori Mayher
Altar servers:	(Volunteer)
	11:00am
Lector:	Rob Zaleski
EMOHC:	Cindy Gregor
Altar servers:	Zaleskis
If you are unable to be at your designated ministry when you are scheduled, <u>it is your responsibility</u> to find a replacement. Thank you! Please don't just not show up.	

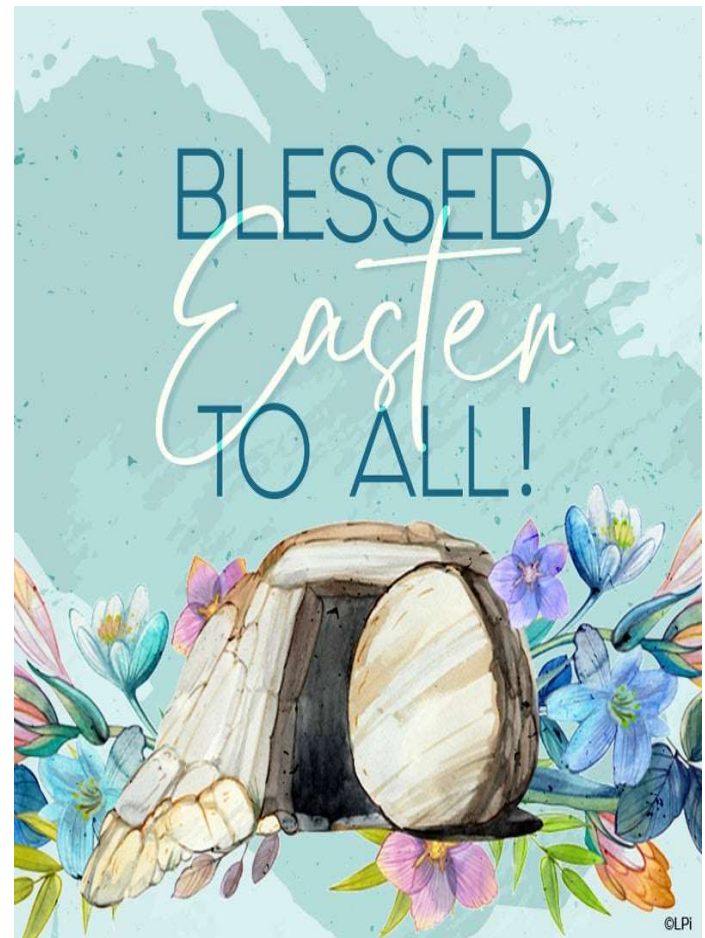
MEN'S CLUB MEETING: The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 6**, at **6:30pm**, in Sargus Hall. All men are encouraged to attend.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT



SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH.

The retreat will take place from **1:00pm to 5:00pm**, in Blessed Sacrament Church. We will have a couple talks and testimonies about God's mercy and the Divine Mercy devotion itself. We will also pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The retreat will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration and confessions at 4:00pm. I encourage everyone to attend!



PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

In the hospital as of April 23:

Trinity Med. Ctr. West: **Robert Malcolm, Robert Rice, Dennis Stall & Judy Yates**



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Leo Lanaghan** (BLS), whose funeral was held last weekend and for **Michael Nation**, brother of Michelle (Dan) Kuczykowski (BLS). *May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

DONUT SUNDAY: Donuts and refreshments will be served after the 11:00am mass on **Sunday, May 4**, in upper Sargus Hall. Join us in spending a relaxing time with your fellow parishioners. ALL parishioners are invited !!



Please remember in your prayers the intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis

APRIL

(For The Use of New Technologies)

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.