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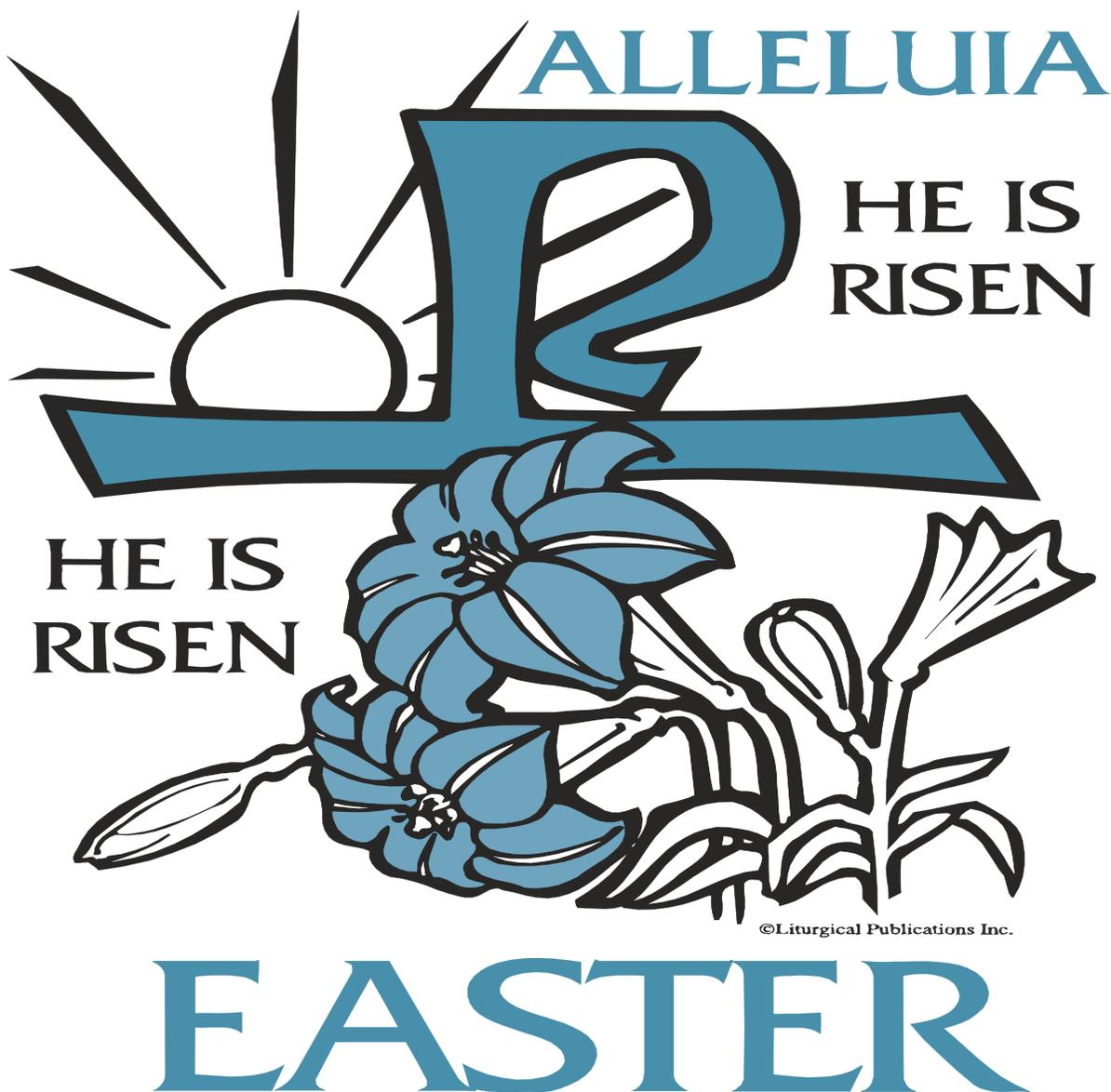
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St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



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April 4, 2021



SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - April 11, 2021****SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35
 Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6
 Gospel: John 20:19-31

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Aubrey Bechard Sharon (Howland) Clark
 Salvatore Ficarro Kevin Losito

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:**

In loving memory of Ann Barcomb - Nancy & Gene Barcomb

Votive Candle:

In loving memory of deceased family members - Dolores Mix

IN OUR PARISH**Mass Intentions**

Any one of our regularly scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention - in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person's recovery, a special birthday, a special anniversary or other occasion.

Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to request your Mass.

Altar Memorials

When Masses are not available for a particular day, Altar Memorials are a special way you can remember those who have died and those intentions you may wish to remember for the living.

Our Altar Memorials are available each week during the year. Donation for the week is as follows:

Sanctuary candle	\$10.00
Icon candle	\$10.00
Sacramental wine	\$15.00
Eucharistic bread (hosts)	\$10.00

**SUNDAY'S READINGS****First Reading:**

"To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." (Acts 10:43)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Think of what is above, not what is on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:2-3)

Gospel:

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER**Readings for the week of April 4, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
 Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/
 Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Observances for the week of April 4, 2021

Sunday: Easter Sunday
 Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
 Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
 Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
 Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Happy Easter! We are delighted to have you join us this Easter weekend! If you are a long standing parishioner, new to the church, visiting our area, or coming to Mass for the first time since the pandemic began, we welcome you. On behalf of the staff of our parish and school, we hope you feel welcome and "at home" at St. Mary Our Mother!

There is no day to compare with Easter Sunday. It stands out from the conflicts and turmoil of our world; it lifts our minds and hearts with a joy and love so complete that it conquers death. Early that first Easter morning, a mighty act of God took place - Christ rose from the dead, changing the past and shaping the future. Nothing can be the same again. This makes Easter the primary day of the entire Church year. Everything that we believe as Christians stems from the Easter event. Easter reminds us that there is a way out of darkness, transformation is possible, and change can take place in our lives.

Easter reminds us that death is not the final answer or the end of us. We are meant for more than the present life and are not anchored to this world. Human life is not limited to the cycle of birth to death. Easter is the answer to the tears that are shed at the graves of our loved ones as it reminds us that we have a future greater than the one we believe in, provided we open our hearts to the grace that the resurrected Jesus won for us. Christ has shared the gift of life with us, and His resurrection from the dead points to the resurrection of all people.

The Easter event is the turning point inviting us to live an entirely new way that goes beyond the limits of this world. Each of us is challenged to become part of a new creation, inspired by the life of God given to each of us at baptism. Life depends on a person's perspective. At times, particularly during this past year when our lives have been so affected by the covid-19 virus, life can seem like a series of Good Fridays, an empty tomb, full of bitterness and confusion. There are also times when life is full of joy, hope, and endless possibilities. The challenge facing each of us is to appreciate God and to see God's plan in the events that surround our lives. This can be done if we remain faithful to our baptismal promises, and are aware of God's grace and presence in our lives.

The gospel for Easter tells us that the stone at the entrance to Christ's tomb has been rolled away. The question that is before each of us is: *Have I risen to the new life of Christ, or are the stones of one kind or another still weighing me down and keeping me imprisoned - difficult relationships, disappointments, sorrows, losses, reflections, and so on?* The good news of Easter is that the boulders, stones, and restraints that weigh on us have been rolled away by the power of Jesus' resurrection. The tomb of Christ is empty; Jesus lives; and as people who share His life, we live as well.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 5 - Monday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM Dick Sullivan - his family

Tuesday, April 6 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM Anne Schneider - Anne & Joe Welch

Wednesday, April 7 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM Deceased members of the Mills family - family

Thursday, April 8 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM Teri Guardi - husband, Bob

Friday, April 9 - Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM

Saturday, April 10 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter

5:00 PM Marilu Liotino - Mary Navone

Sunday, April 11 - Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Teresa Dobek - her family

10:30 AM Joseph & Mary McCarthy Sabatura

The alleluias we sing today and throughout the fifty days of Easter are acclamations or great gladness and joy that Jesus is risen, and the hope of our resurrection as well. The joy and enthusiasm of Easter cannot be limited to a single day; this is the reason we continue to celebrate the joy of Easter Sunday for fifty days!

Our entire staff joins me in wishing you a very Blessed and Happy Easter! Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L.

A PRAYER WHEN WEARING A MASK

Each time we put on a mask,
may it be an invitation to remembrance,
a communal call to pause and grieve
all those we have lost,
a number so high it defies imagination.

Apart though we are and must be,
may we recognize that we are linked,
all of us held together by these bits of
fabric and elastic,
stitched into a beautiful quilt
of shared humanity,
wrapping all the way around the globe.

To put on a mask is to light a candle,
and may our lights be bright indeed,
bright enough to comfort us in our mourning,
bright enough to dare us to hope,
that our love will lead us to a better future.

Amen

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe Himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about His physical human self, His divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before His disciples' eyes, so today He is transfigured before our eyes as He reveals His resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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EASTER PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Good and gracious heavenly Father,
 we come before you
 on this Easter Sunday
 with full and grateful hearts
 for the gift of
 the Paschal Mystery that you showed us
 in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son,
 our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess
 belief in your saving love.
 Bless also those who have yet to profess
 belief in you.
 You are God for all.
 We ask all this in Christ's name.

Amen.

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REGIONAL EVENTS

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is urging donors who are healthy and feeling well to make an appointment to give blood to maintain the blood supply for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions. Blood donors are needed now to ensure hospitals have the blood needed to save lives. The Red Cross is testing all blood donations for Covid-19 antibodies, providing donors insight into whether they have been exposed to this corona virus.

How can you help? Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or contact redcrossblood.org for information.

Stand For Life

Stand up for the unborn and their mothers! Put your faith in action! Come and "Stand for Life" in an hour of prayer and witness on April 11th, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., in Corning at the intersection of Denison Parkway and Church Street. Bring pro-life signs and banners, or we will have ones you can use. Social distancing will be followed and all are asked to wear a mask when coming and going. Call Steve at 739-9282 for further information. Pro-life hats will be available for a donation, and donations will be accepted for next year's bus trip to the March for Life 2022 in Washington, D.C.

Happy Easter, CRS Rice Bowl

We prayed, we fasted and gave alms - and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a living God that is alive and accompanies us always. We do likewise by being present to our global family, caring for their material and spiritual needs. Please turn in your CRS Rice Bowl alms as soon as possible. It can be brought to the parish office or transferred to an envelope and put in the collection box in church. If it is in the form of a check, please make the check payable to St. Mary Our Mother (indicating that it is for CRS Rice Bowl); then it can be mailed to the parish office. Your donation to CRS Rice Bowl can also be made online at the parish website.

Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl during this Lenten season.



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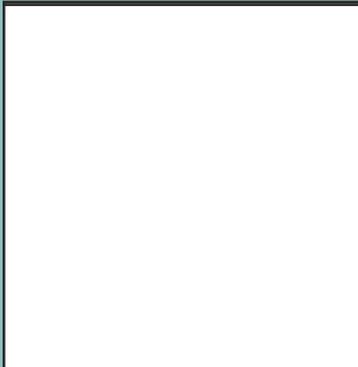


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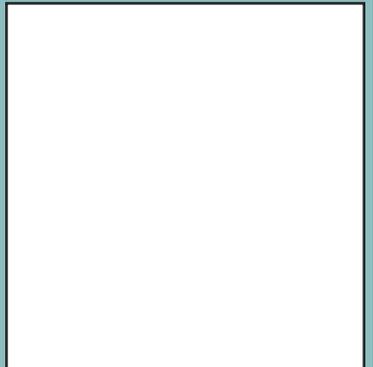
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