

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

the
Resurrection
of the
Lord

A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
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Easter
Vigil



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Day

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 8 — Easter Vigil

8:30 PM For the Parish Family

Sunday, April 9 — Easter Sunday

8:30 AM For the Parish Family

10:30 AM For the Parish Family

Monday, April 10

8:00 AM † Chris J. Vaccaro by Loving Family

Tuesday, April 11

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, April 12

No Mass

Thursday, April 13

8:00 AM † Shirley Marino by Clemmie Malec

Friday, April 14

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, April 15 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Karen Salotti by Family

Sunday, April 16—2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Ronald Skira by Sophia Janol

10:30 AM † James Barron by Irene Babinski

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m.–12; 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — April 15 & 16

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	J. Dudas	G. Smith M. Smith
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	J. Brown	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	M. Gallo	K. Imbrescia	M. Guiliford

Money Counters

Tuesday, April 11—Team #6— M. Smith

Due to the bulletin deadline, last week's collection will be listed next week.

The office will be closed on Easter Monday.

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We Celebrate Easter!

The resurrection of Jesus is a paradox; we believe but we do not understand. The resurrection is a mystery which we can never understand but only believe. This mystery takes us beyond all which is familiar to us – to a realm where God's glory and power lift us up to a new dignity of risen life. It is a freely given gift by the Divine One who has loved us from the beginning of creation, who breathed life into us, and who continues to beckon us to grow in the truth of who we are.



Easter is a celebration where we acknowledge who Christ really is, the one who shared in our humanity even to the point of accepting death, but who conquered death to raise us up to a share in his life. What exactly is it that we celebrate every year on Easter. We recognize the fact that Jesus rose from the dead; but, don't we do that every time we celebrate the Eucharist? So, what makes Easter such a special celebration in our Church year? It might have something to do with the springtime of the year when everything in nature seems to resurrect. It might also have something to do with the fact that for forty days we have been anticipating this glorious day. Whatever the reason that makes this day so special, we like to celebrate it each and every year. We tell the wonderful story of the resurrection over and over again. Jesus squeezed life out of death and goodness and love triumphed.

The story of Easter is hard for us to accept because we have never seen or experienced anyone rise from the dead. So, we search for symbols to help us comprehend this great mystery. Just as at Christmas, Christians have come up with symbols to say something about resurrection. From ancient times the egg has been a symbol of fertility and immortality, and the church borrowed it and applied it as a visual lesson to the resurrection of Jesus. There is even a tradition that Simon of Cyrene, who helped Jesus carry his cross to Calvary, was an egg merchant. The legend has Simon returning to his shop after the crucifixion only to find that all of the eggs had turned miraculously into a variety of colors adorned with drawings. The butterfly is the most ancient symbol of the resurrection because they are born out of a caterpillar's sleep in a cocoon, symbolizing the grave. They are transformed, as if with a glorified body, unconstrained by the limitations of matter, flying into the air.

These symbols are strong statements about life, and what happened on that first Easter morning is "life" itself. I pray that as you celebrate this day with your family and friends, the peace and the joy that resurrection brings to our lives may be yours in abundance. Have a wonderful celebration and rejoice in the fact that Jesus truly has risen and that same reward awaits each of us. Alleluia!!

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of April 9, 2023

Sunday / Easter: 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 Mt 28:1-10

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/ Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Stewardship

Heifer Project

We have certainly done a good job in trying to fill the ARK. I will let you know how much we collected last week, and let you know just how well we have done. As a parish we certainly did a lot in helping the poor around our world. I am so thankful for all of your generosity and know that you certainly have touched the lives of many people.

If you still want to make a donation to guarantee a “full ark,” please drop it in the collection basket and mark it Heifer.

Fish Fry

It certainly goes without saying that our parish did a fantastic job with our weekly Fish Frys! It is always a blessing to see so many people from our community come and spend some time with us. The one comment that we always get from people outside of our community is that they are absolutely impressed at the number of people we have helping! Sometimes we do not realize how blessed we are with all of the wonderful people who come out and help. The Bake Sale also is a tribute to our many “bakers” in the parish, please know how grateful I am to all of you.

Men's Retreat

The CDS East Men's Emmaus Retreat will be held at Christ Our Shepherd Center, 2900 Seminary Dr., Greensburg April 21—23. For more information, visit the site or contact Santos Hernandez at 1026hernandez@gmail.com / or call 412-427-2302. Cost for the weekend retreat is \$150. For details and to register, go to www.christthedivineshepherd.org/mensretreat.



Groups

Epiphany Ladies will meet on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. All women of the parish are welcome to join.

Thank You

Thank you to those who helped to wash down the sanctuary and the alcoves. The area does look brighter. After Easter, we will work on washing the rest of the walls to brighten the church for Pentecost.

Paschal Candle

This year's Paschal Candle was donated by Flo Petrosky in memory of the Zelenski and Petrosky Families.

Around the Diocese

Special Interest Groups that meet regularly in the Diocese.

Cancer support group

The **St. Peregrine cancer support group** meets monthly (usually the third Wednesday at 7 p.m.) at **St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City**. All cancer survivors and caregivers are welcome, or a mix of both. Upcoming meeting dates are April 19, May 17, June 14 and July 12.

Our Return To Easter

*Even though we are baptized,
what we constantly lose and betray is
precisely that which we received at baptism.
Therefore Easter is our return
every year to our own baptism,
whereas Lent is our preparation for that return
the slow and sustained effort to perform,
at the end, our own “passage or pascha”
into the new life in Christ...
Each year Lent and Easter are,
once again, the rediscovery
and the recovery by us of what we
were made
through our own baptismal
death and resurrection.*



Thank you!

Once again as I think back over our Lenten season and the celebration of Easter, there are many people who shared much of their time and talent and need to be thanked. This season requires many people to just celebrate the liturgies. I am grateful to all of our ministers, servers, and ushers who have so generously shared their gifts with us. We are blessed with **Dan** and **Jeff** who have given so very much of their time to help with the music at our liturgies. The people who have helped to decorate the church certainly did an outstanding job not only at Easter but throughout the entire year, and we are all grateful to them.

But, most of all, **I would like to thank you the people who make up our parish family**. It is because of your support and dedication that we are able to gather each week and celebrate the gift of the Eucharist. As we celebrate these weeks of Easter, know that we are all blessed in more ways than we are even aware of!

First Holy Communion

Over the next few weeks of Easter our second graders will be making their First Holy Communion. This is always a life giving time for our parish family. I ask that you keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they share in the gift of the Eucharist.



Questions to Ponder

First Reading:

Peter speaks about himself and the other apostles as “witnesses” to Jesus’ public ministry as well as his death and resurrection from the dead. *What are some ways you could give witness to the risen Jesus this week?*

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Christians in Corinth to see themselves as a community defined by sincerity and truth rather than malice and wickedness. *Does this describe your circle of friends?*

Gospel:

The two women (Mary Magdalene and the other Mary) experience a range of emotions (from fear to being overjoyed) as they encounter first the angel and then the resurrected Jesus. *How do you imagine you would react to encountering Jesus risen from the dead?*