

EASTER SUNDAY

the  
*Resurrection*  
of the  
*Lord*

**April 17, 2022**

A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, April 16 — Easter Vigil

8:30 PM Parish Family

### Sunday, April 17 — Easter Sunday

8:30 AM Parish Family

10:30 AM Parish Family

### Monday, April 18

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

### Tuesday, April 19

No Mass

### Wednesday, April 20

No Mass

### Thursday, April 21

8:00 AM † Howard Alcorn by Family

### Friday, April 22

No Mass

### Saturday, April 23 — vigil

4:00 PM † Frank Galilei by Cheryl & Family

### Sunday, April 24 — 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Sheryl & George P. Turner by Mom, Betty Nash

10:30 AM † Susan M. Daniel by Sister, Pat

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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.**

**The Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 19.**

#### Ministry Schedule — April 23 & 24

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
8:30 p.m.	G. Pesi	A. Puntuerio	S. Puntuerio
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	A. Pastella	D. DeFelices J. Smith
10:30 a.m.	A. Blatnik	K. Imbrescia	C. Blatnik V. Watkins

#### Money Counters

**Tuesday, April 18 —Team #3—K. Byron**

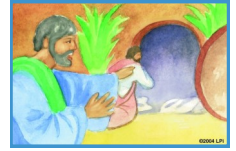
Due to the bulletin deadline, last week's collection will be in next week's bulletin.



**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the family of MARY CAROSI. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

## 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!!



## DLA

This week we celebrate the great joy of Easter, and as we recognize the promise of Peace that the Risen Lord has brought to us, we have many things to be grateful for. We have gone through a rough couple of years and we certainly managed to get through it and come out alright. I think that in and of itself is something to rejoice over. It is amazing what we are able to endure and how well we do seem to manage. This helps us to relate to the passion of Jesus and so we can certainly celebrate His resurrection!

The past six weeks of Lent gave us all an opportunity to grow in our awareness of God's goodness and the many blessings of His love that we have received. Lent is about becoming more aware of our blessings and the many ways that we can share them. Our DLA has proven to be a good vehicle in which to do this. Although many times we can get "stuck" on an idea or opinion, sometimes we do need to look beyond ourselves. If we want our Diocese to be in the front of being good Stewards, then we all have to do our part to make that happen. The diocese cannot help if we don't help them.

Thus far in our parish campaign we have heard from **only 19% of our parishioners and from them we have amassed \$38,411!** I am **truly grateful** to those who have made this possible, and I encourage the other 81% to consider making a gift. If we had 100% participation can you imagine how much we would be able to collect and the things we could do with that. All I am asking is that you search your hearts and consider making some contribution.

## Groups

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**, Court Monessen #776, will meet on Tuesday, April 19 at Epiphany Church Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. with the recitation of the rosary. All Catholic women are invited to attend. For additional information, please contact Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335.

## Car Show Meeting

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, April 20** for anyone interested in assisting with the Car Show schedule for Saturday, May 7. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.



## Fish Fry

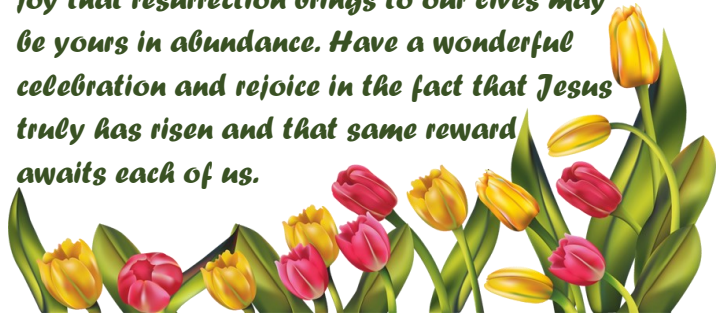
I would be remiss if I did not mention all of **the many people** who worked so hard throughout the entire Lenten season to make our **Fish Fry such a success**. We provided an environment of peace and joy for people to come and enjoy a delicious dinner. I am grateful to you, all and in the name of our Parish, I thank you!



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## First Holy Communion

Over the next three 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.

## Easter Gratefulness

As we bask in the glory that the Risen Lord brings I can't help but think over the past few weeks with **much gratitude**. As a parish family I think we celebrated this great feast with much style and grace. God's Spirit could certainly be felt in the hearts of all. Sometimes we do not realize how many people are involved in a single liturgy let alone an entire season. I certainly would like to **thank everyone** for their willingness to give so generously of their time and talents. I am grateful to all of our Ministers who certainly put in extra time. As a Parish Family we have enjoyed a Blessed Easter celebration!

*Fr. Mike*

## Monthly Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary this Wednesday, **April 20** at 7 p.m. They will meet in the Knights' Council Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen.

