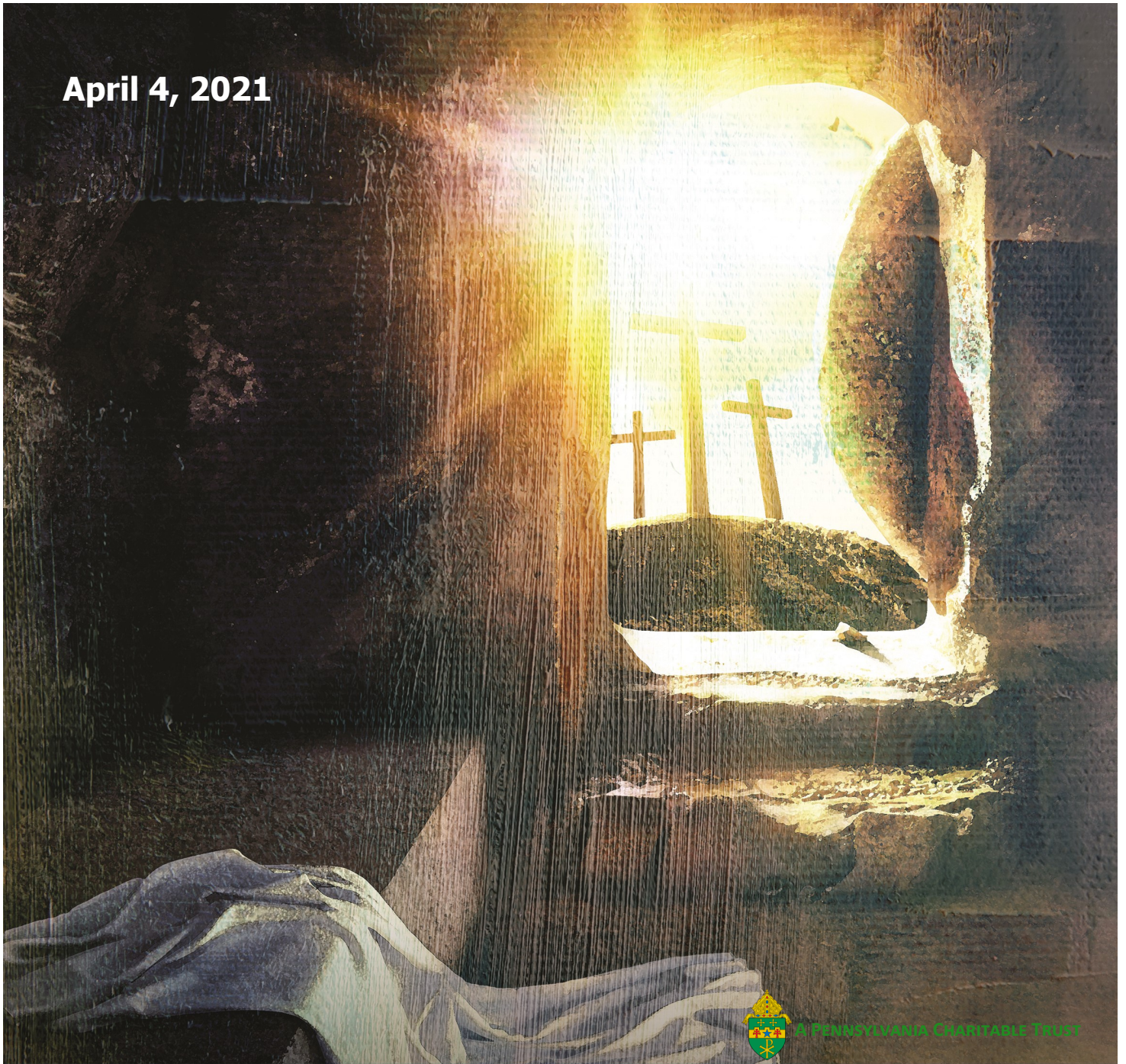


April 4, 2021



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST

EASTER SUNDAY



He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 3 — Easter Vigil

8:30 PM For the Parish Family

Sunday, April 4 — Easter

8:30 AM For the Parish Family

10:30 AM For the Parish Family

Monday, April 5

8:00 AM † Antoinette Reda by Marge Talarico

Wednesday, April 7

No Mass

Thursday, April 8

8:00 AM † Mary & Sil Garofala by Family

Saturday, April 10 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ted Zelinsky & Bill Hopkins by their wives,
Jackie Zelinsky & Andrea Hopkins

Sunday, April 11 — 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Christopher J. Vaccaro by Loving Family

10:30 AM † Madalyn Billy by Marianne Molnar

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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 be closed Easter Monday.

Ministry Schedule — Easter, April 10 & 11

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	J. Dudas
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	L. Henry
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	K. Imbrescia

Money Counters

Tuesday, April 6—Team #1 — P. Pettko

Without Seeing... We Believe!

We have all experienced that death leads all of us to the unbelieving and misunderstanding stance of those early disciples. After all, our only experience of death as humans is that it is final. The suffering and death of Good Friday we can grasp; that is within our human experience. The joy and glory of Easter Sunday we can hardly grasp; it is outside of our human experience. No, the disciples didn't understand. Neither do we. But they came to believe. So can we.



Alleluia is our way of saying we believe in the resurrection. No wonder we sing alleluia over and over all year long and it is so difficult to bury it during Lent. Taking away our “alleluias” is like taking away our life. The Disciples saw the empty tomb and believed Mary's report that the body of Jesus was not there. When they encountered the risen Lord, they remembered Jesus' promise that he would be raised up after three days. Thus they came to believe. To help us come to believe, we have the preaching of eyewitnesses. Our “seeing” comes through hearing an unbroken chain of witnesses who have encountered the risen Lord and preached Christ raised from the dead.

Easter Sunday is more than a celebration of the resurrection of Christ. It is also an invitation to each of us to preach the gospel and take our place in the long line of witnesses to Jesus' risen life.

The reality of life and death may still be a “mystery” to us, however we have been given a promise of hope. This promise tells us that there is something beyond our experiences of this life. This promise assures us that the Risen Lord has a place waiting for us after we leave this world. Easter is our guarantee that the words we find in scripture are true. As believers we find that all of the promises found throughout the scriptures are all brought to fruition on that first Easter Morn. Easter is a time for hope and joy. We believe because we are a part of the Risen Lord. We believe because our Baptism unites us with the empty tomb.

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of April 4



Easter 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]/Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Note:

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



With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of ANTOINETTE SUPPA AND LORI CRABB. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

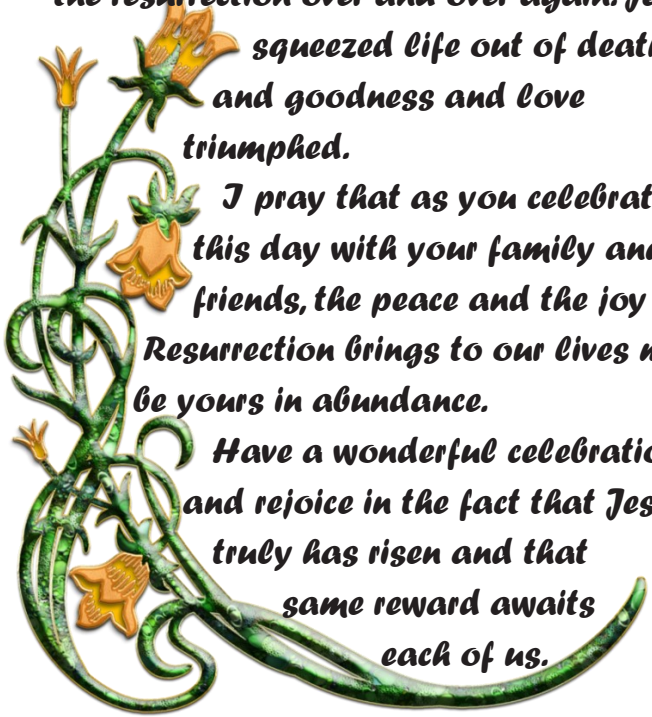
We Celebrate Easter!

What exactly is it that we celebrate every year on Easter. We recognize the fact that Jesus rose from the dead, but we do that every time we celebrate the Eucharist. So, what is it that makes Easter such a special celebration in our Church year? It probably has something to do with the spring-time of the year when everything in nature seems to resurrect. It also has 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.

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.



Scholarship

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Applications for the Monessen Knights of Columbus #954 Merit Scholarship are available. The application can be obtained in the [church office](#), or on the [website](#). Students must be a senior member of Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church or St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, or their father or grandfather is a member of Monessen K.O. C. #954. All rules are on the application, which are due by **April 16, 2021**.

Fr. Joel will be away...

On Easter Sunday Fr. Joel will be leaving for a two month vacation at home in the Philippines! We all wish him safe travels. As much as we have missed out on many family members and friends, I am sure that for Fr. Joel as well as his brother priests from the Philippines have felt that loss even more. We pray that his time with his family brings him much joy and peace.

While Fr. Joel is away daily Masses will be said in both St. Sebastian's as well as at Epiphany. There will be some traveling involved: Monday and Thursday Mass will be at Epiphany and on Tuesday and Friday Mass will be at St. Sebastian's.

Fr. Joel will be honoring those Masses that were already scheduled.



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, at least as much style as we were able. God's Spirit could certainly be felt in the hearts of all, and in spite of all of the restrictions we are all dealing with, the Resurrection is still very much alive in our hearts! Sometimes we do not realize how many people are involved in a single liturgy let alone an entire season. Many of them have been working double and triple duty! I certainly would like to thank everyone for their willingness to give so generously of their time and talents during this time.

Fr. Mike

Thank You

This year's Paschal Candle was donated in honor of the parish family.

Some of us get new clothes for Easter. This year, our Risen Christ was repaired and repainted. Thank you **Shirley Benecio** for sharing your time and talent.

Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next Sunday, April 11. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. There will be **no meeting** in April.

NCYC

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) invites young people in grades 9-12 to encounter Christ, experience church and be empowered for discipleship. NCYC 2021, with the theme "**Ablaze,**" will take place in **Indianapolis, Ind.,** Nov. 17-20. The diocesan contingent will depart Nov. 17. To register, contact **Scott Martin**. If you would like to sponsor a young person, please contact Christie Smith, diocesan director of youth ministry at cmsmith@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

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