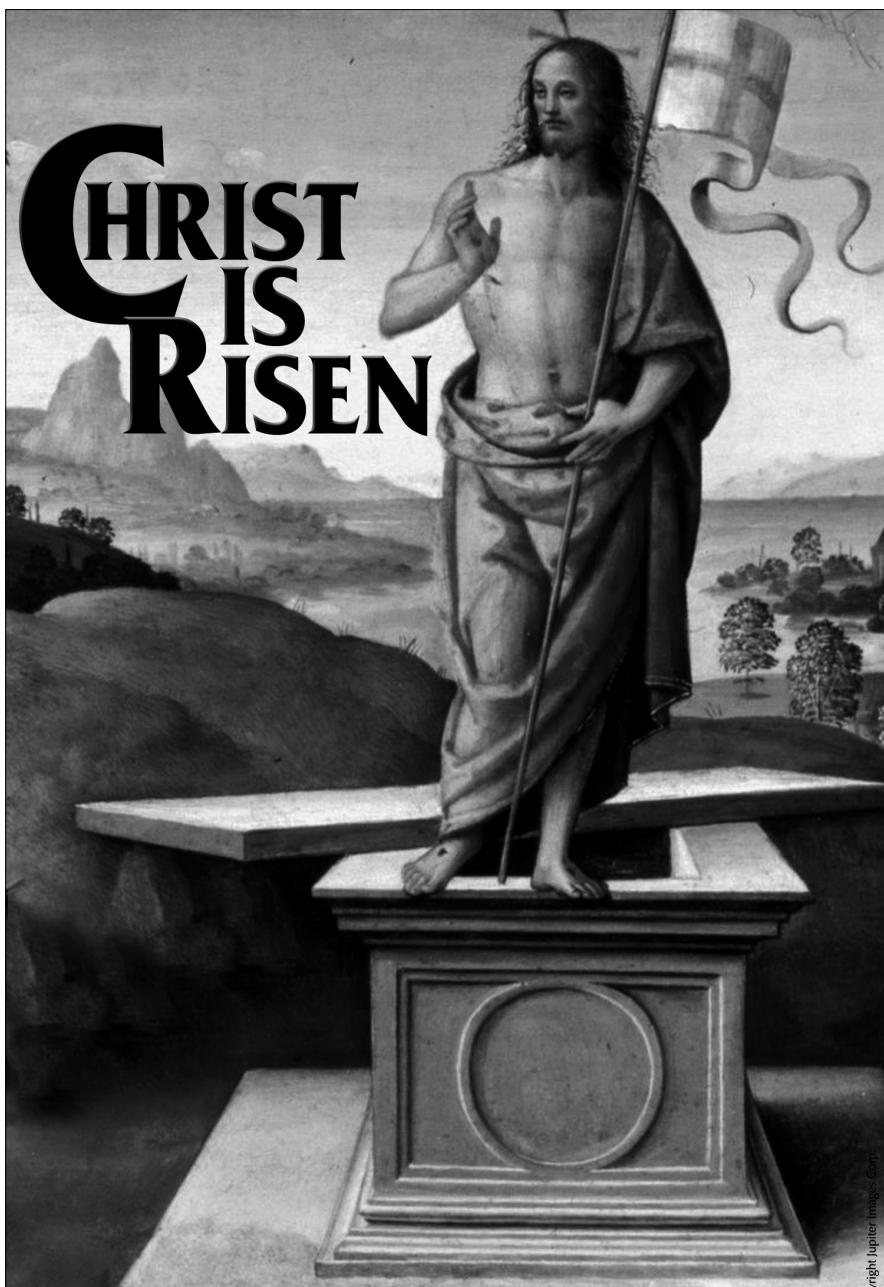


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*“Let us then pursue what leads to peace
and to build up one another.” (Romans 14:19)*

April 4, 2021 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays at 7:30 AM
(except Thursday)

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM

Weekend Mass with music can be viewed online each week by visiting our website. To attend in person, **please sign up by Friday** by visiting our Facebook page for more details (addresses below).

CONFESSIONS

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Weekly Mass Intentions

If you would like to honor a friend or family member with a Mass, please see available dates on pg. 6.

SATURDAY, April 3 — Holy Saturday; Easter Vigil

7:30 PM: **Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory**

SUNDAY, April 4 — EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00 AM: **Annette Lovegrove, Req. by Don and Jodi Lovegrove Peeler**

9:30 AM: **Marie and Jeff Paturzo, Req. by the Family**

11:00 AM: **The Deceased Members of the Czaplinski and Reynolds Families, Req. by Joan and Russ Reynolds**

MONDAY, April 5

7:30 AM: **Irwin and Marie Bradley, Req. by Mike and Sue Pimer**

TUESDAY, April 6

7:30 AM: **Eva Claire McBride, Req. by Alvandian Family**

WEDNESDAY, April 7

7:30 AM: **Jane Jarvie, Req. by Daughters Susan, Mary Jane, and their Families**

THURSDAY, April 8

7:30 AM: **No Mass**

FRIDAY, April 9

7:30 AM: **No Mass**

SATURDAY, April 10 — Weekday; Vigil

7:30 AM: **No Mass**

4:30 PM: **Mary Radziszewski, Req. by her daughter, Claire**

SUNDAY, April 11 — SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

8:00 AM: **Phillip Pilletere, Req. by the Group**

9:30 AM: **Anna Louise Livi, Req. by the Sacramore Family**

11:00 AM: **Gil Cunha, Req. by the Family**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Christ is Risen!" The world turns on this fundamental truth that changes everything and that explains who we are and where we are headed: "Christ, yesterday, today and forever!" On Easter Sunday the Church exults in the joyful proclamation that He is truly risen from the dead. God gave His Son to be the sacrifice that takes away our sins, and has raised Him up as the victor over sin and death, so together we cry out: **Alleluia!**

The first words of the Risen Lord to his terrified and downcast disciples were: "Peace be with you." (Luke 24:36) Their first thought was that the ghost of the one they had abandoned at his Passion had returned for retribution. Far from it! On the Cross Jesus had said of all those involved: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34) Christ died for the forgiveness of sins, including yours and mine, because "God so loved the world."

Over the past year we have dealt with a worldwide pandemic. Many have felt isolated, helpless, and at times have fallen into discouragement and even despair, but today on this Easter Sunday we have cause to **Rejoice** for Christ is Risen from the dead ... He has conquered every illness and even death itself. In a world filled with doubts and darkness, where bitter division appears to be getting the best of us, where, out of indifference to faith and worship, so many people are faced with inner spiritual and moral destitution, we have a duty to proclaim from the rooftops: **"Christ is Risen."** He alone is the answer to the deepest longings of the human heart. He is the only Way, the only Truth and the only Life. As he told us: "No one comes to the Father except through me."

Our mission in 2021 and always is to make the Gospel credible to others by loving God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves, inspired by the countless acts of selfless service we have witnessed this past year from our health workers, neighbors, families, friends and clergy. In times like these people of faith and character really shine. If we take to heart the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter and partake of the Holy Eucharist worthily, then we will do the same.

The Easter candle is lit as a symbol of the Risen Christ. Our light has dawned inextinguishable and hope is restored. Just as it was for the disciples, today we too are reborn as we celebrate **"Christ has Risen!!"**

May the Risen Lord be with you always and grant you the peace and joy that only He can give.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Leonard P. Blair

**Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford**



We pray for those who are sick.

Out of respect for whom we pray, only family members may add names to this list.

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In loving memory, we pray for these souls.

Our Parish extends sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Dominic "Mickey" Livi,
The Victims of the Coronavirus**

Please pray for those serving in our military.

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Airman 1st Class Skylar Hampton
1st Lt. Pilot Michael Dupliesse
2nd Lt. Jared Carlson

Sunday of Divine Mercy Prayer Service: A Celebration of God's Love

Next Sunday, April 11 | 2:30-3:30 PM | Our Lady of Victory Church

We invite you to pray with us the Divine Mercy Chaplet, combined with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina Kowalska and designated the Second Sunday of Easter as the Feast of Divine Mercy. The devotion has spread throughout the world and reflects a mystical message that the Risen Christ gave to Saint Faustina: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy." In preparation for this special after-

noon, please pray this prayer at 3:00 PM to commemorate the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ:

"You expired Jesus but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fountain of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelope the whole world and empty yourself upon us"

O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus, as a Fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you. (recited 3 times)

Prayer cards available at the prayer service.

Proclaiming the Risen Christ

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most sacred of all holydays in Christianity. The undeniable truth is that without belief in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we cannot claim to be Christian. Our faith needs to be strong based on what was handed down to us from scripture and over the centuries. In words of Pope Francis, “[w]ithout this faith in the death and Resurrection of Jesus our hope would be weak;... the death and Resurrection of Jesus [is] the heart of our hope.” (March 2013).

As we celebrate this most sacred day, we hear in all the Gospel accounts the astonishment at Christ's empty tomb. We can only imagine the thoughts that went through the minds of the disciples as they came to realize what Jesus said to them when He was alive. St. Peter, along with the other disciples, hid in fear upon seeing the empty tomb (*Jn 20:19*). Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene (*Jn 20:16*) is a touching encounter of surprise and joy. It solidifies in the minds of Mary Magdalene, Peter, John and the other disciples that Jesus the Christ has defied death and has been glorified by the Father.

According to the Gospels, Jesus appeared to Peter and the others three times after His Resurrection. In His appearances, He showed His love and mercy despite their abandoning Him at the time of His arrest and crucifixion. During these appearances, He spoke to them as a brother and prepared them for their mission in the world announcing the Good News. Subsequently, on the road to Damascus, He encountered Saul (St. Paul) who was present at the stoning of St. Stephen. St. Paul also would come to experience the living Christ and go on with the others to proclaim Christ throughout the region.

The Gospels are more than stories. They are testaments to the experiences and events surrounding Jesus' life, death and resurrection. As Christians we carry on the tradition of St. Peter, Mary Magdalene, St. Paul and all the others in proclaiming Christ RISEN. They are examples of the mercy and kindness shown to all who aban-

doned, betrayed and hid from Jesus; we, too, should find in our hearts the kindness and mercy to all those we encounter in life.



The Resurrection of Jesus is not an event that occurred 2,000 years ago. Jesus proclaimed before His Ascension that He would not leave us alone (*Jn 14:16-30*) and that the Father would give us the Holy Spirit to become disciples and followers of Jesus' example. Through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism and Confirmation), the Holy Spirit empowers us to look to the Gospels as a guide to imitate Christ in our lives. Just as the disciples came to realize the message of Christ in the Resurrection, so we too in our Easter celebration, through the power of the Holy Spirit, need to become empowered to profess Christ by praying His words and incorporating them into action everyday. HAPPY EASTER!

Easter Sunday's Readings: April 4

"...This Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. ...

How, then, do we respond to this wonderful gift of God's Word? We respond in word and song, in posture and gesture, in silent meditation and, most

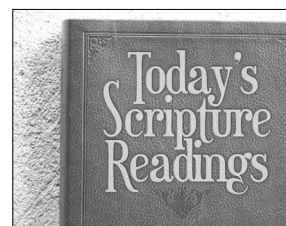
*important of all, by **listening attentively** to that Word as it is proclaimed." -- General Instruction of the Roman Missal, United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.*

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (*Acts 10:34a, 37-43*).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (*Colossians 3:1-4*) or

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (*1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (*John 20:1-9*) or *Mark 16:1-7*



Please Pray for Confirmation and Holy Communion Candidates

As we head into Spring, let us pray for our Confirmation Candidates, their parents, and Catechists. Confirmations are planned for April 23, 24, and 30

Also, keep our First Holy Communion students, their families, and Catechists in your prayers. First Communions are planned for May 1 and May 8.

Let us pray...

God, through these Sacraments you have filled us with the desire to become faithful Christians.

As we continue to grow in wisdom and knowledge, we ask that you remain with us, that you respond to our hopes, that you answer our prayers.

We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.



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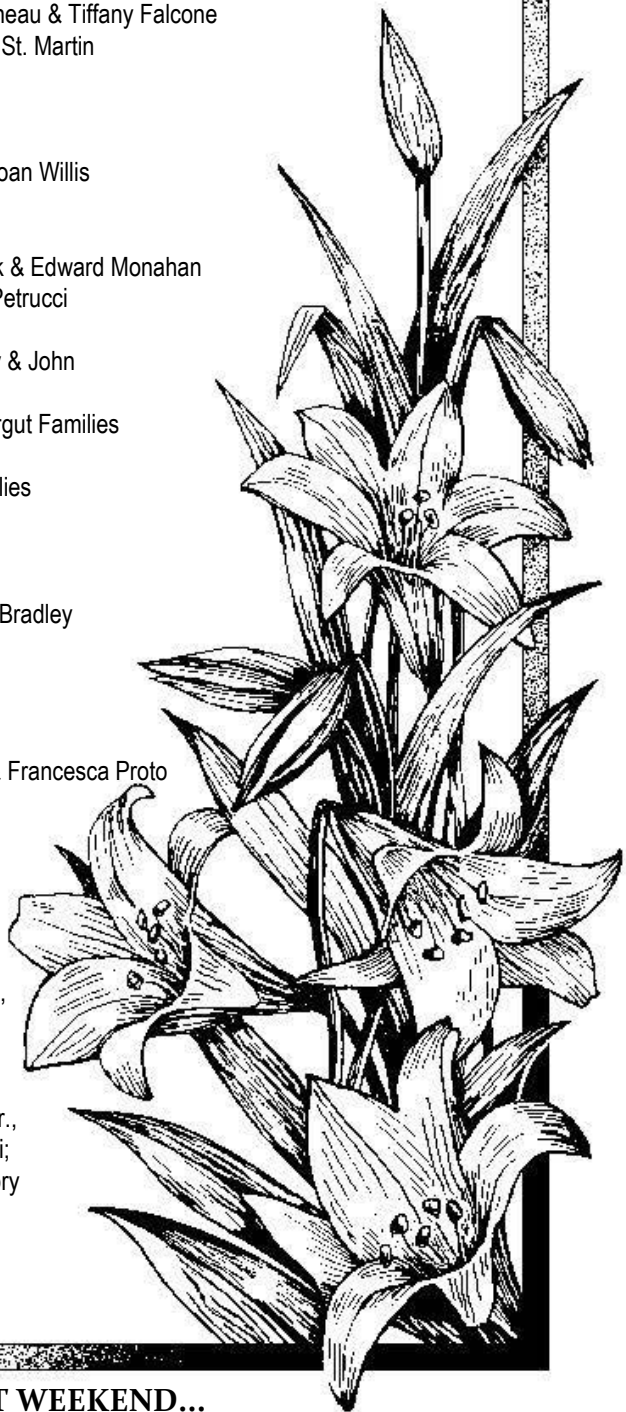
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TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEKEND...



Because of health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we are unable to sing from the pews. The next few pages serve as your hymn book so you can follow along in silent, musical prayer.

**OPENING
SONG:**

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

EASTER HYMN

Text: 77 77 with alleluias; verse 1, Latin, 14th cent.; para. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; verses 2-3, *The Compleat Psalmist*, ca. 1750, alt.; verse 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
Music: Later form of melody fr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708.

GLORIA:

REFRAIN

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PSALM:

THIS IS THE DAY (PSALM 118)

Bobby Fisher

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

This is the day! This is the day! This
 is the day that the Lord has made! Let us re-joice!
 Let us re-joice! Let us re-joice and be glad! (to Verses)
 Final time only
 Let us re-joice and be glad!

Verses: Cantor

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|--|--|
| 1. This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad. | 3. The right hand of God has struck with power.
The right hand of God is exalted.
I shall not die, but I shall live
and proclaim the works of the Lord! |
| 2. Give thanks to the Lord!
Our God is good.
Whose love endures forever.
Let all the children of Israel say:
God's love endures forever. | 4. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the foundation of our house!
By the Lord has this been done.
How wonderful to behold! |

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ALLELUIA:

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: English trans. of verses for Ordinary Time, Easter, and Pentecost from the *Lectionary for Mass*, © 1968, 1981, 1997, ICEL.
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OFFERTORY: ALLELUIA! LOVE IS ALIVE

Steve Angrisano, Jesse Manibusan, and Sarah Hart

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a - live;
 con- quered the grave and de - feat - ed the night. Al - le -
 lu - ia! Love is a - live! The Son has a - ris - en for
 all. Your peo - ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

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GLORY IN THE CROSS

Easter

1. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ,
our salvation and our hope.
Let us bow in homage to the Lord of Life,
who was broken to make us whole.
There is no greater love, as blessed as this:
to lay down one's life for a friend.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
and the triumph of God's great love.
2. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
who is risen from the grave.
He will come in glory to receive our hearts
at the dawn of the lasting day.
For the trumpet will sound,
the dead shall be raised,
and death shall defeat us no more.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
and the triumph of God's great love.
3. Let us raise our voices to the cross of Christ
where the earth and heaven unite.
God has wed creation on the tree of hope
where the darkness becomes our light.
Let us join in the dance of heaven and earth,
give thanks for the goodness of God.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
and the triumph of God's great love.

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CLOSING SONG:

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

HYMN TO JOY

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to

1. voic - es raise; Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness,
2. life is born, Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal,
3. God on high; Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior,

1. Sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the
2. On this res - ur - rec - tion morn; Christ has tri - umphed,
3. Who has won the vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia

1. cross as Sav - ior For the world's sal - va - tion bled, Je - sus
2. and we con - quer By his might - y en - ter - prise, We with
3. to the Spir - it, Font of love and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le -

1. Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
2. him to life e - ter - nal By his res - ur - rec - tion rise.
3. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Text: 87 87 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1872, alt.
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

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