



Holy Family Parish

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Weekends: Saturday.... 4 PM
Sunday.....11 AM
Weekdays:
Tuesday & Wednesday ... 8 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:
Consult the Mass schedule in the
bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday at 3 PM

Save the Date:

Here is a list of upcoming activities.
Listed below are some of the dates you
will want to reserve in the coming
months.

Holy Family

4/17 First Communion Practice 1 PM
4/18 First Communion 11 AM

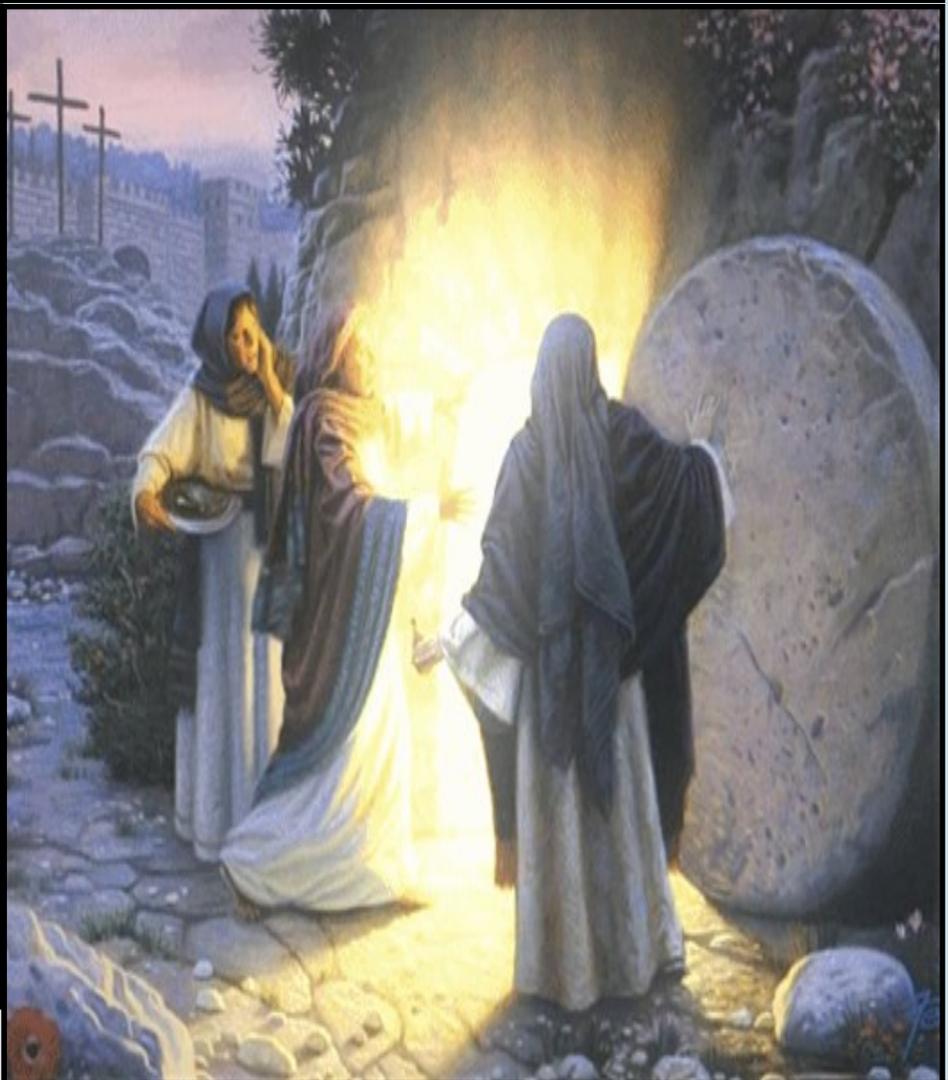
St Anne

4/13 Confirmation Practice 6:30 PM
4/14 Confirmation 7 PM

Parish

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APRIL 4, 2021
EASTER SUNDAY

Eucharistic Minister: | **Saturday, April 3**

Lector: Pat Beneccio
Lector: Christina Null
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Houseman

11:00 AM | Sunday, April 4

Lector: Stan Materkowski
Eucharistic Minister: Dan Landini

4:00 PM | Saturday, April 10

Lector: Stan Materkowski
Eucharistic Minister: Ginger DeBlasio

11:00 AM | Sunday, April 11

Lector: Christina Null
Eucharistic Minister: Aleta Keegan

Saturday, 4/3 | Easter Vigil

For: Living & Deceased Members of Holy Family Parish

Sunday, 4/4 | Easter Sunday

For: Living and Deceased members of Holy Family Parish

Tuesday, 4/6 | Weekday

For: David Sims
By: Family

Wednesday, 4/7 | Weekday

For: Anna Scanga
By: Manley's

Saturday, 4/10 |

For: John Babilya
By: Fred & MaryAnn Cuter

Sunday, 4/11

For: Living and Deceased members of Holy Family Parish

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)

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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Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.



WORSHIP TOGETHER

Easter Sunday - A story is told of a priest who had a good rapport with the First Communion class in his parish. The children enjoyed his stories and he tried hard to help them understand the wonder of all that Jesus had done by coming into our world and promising that He would be with us always. In the final session before Holy Week and Easter, the priest popped in to see that the kids were on course in their preparations for the great events soon to be celebrated by Mother Church. He was particularly concerned that they would understand the importance of the Mass on Holy Thursday – a commemoration of Jesus giving us the gift of Himself in Holy Communion, along with the gift of the ordained priesthood. He also wanted to introduce them to the idea that by sacrificing His life the following day, Jesus would show us the ultimate love – that Jesus literally loved us to death.

One of the students was following the priest's presentation very closely and eventually put his hand up to ask a question. "Father," he said, "I don't understand why we call Good Friday 'good' when it was obviously so bad." The priest was taken aback for a moment but was glad to see that the student was thinking seriously about all that they had been discussing. He said: "You are absolutely correct. It was a quite dreadful Friday and the only reason that we can call it 'good' was because of Easter Sunday. If Jesus had not risen from the dead then none of this makes any sense. In fact St Paul once said that if Jesus is not risen, we are still in our sins and our faith is futile."

Today is the great Christian Feast. We may be tempted to think that Christmas is the feast of feasts because it captures our imagination, and that it is so much easier to relate to than Good Friday and Easter, let alone try to understand how the mystery of a God Who, having died a horrendous death should be raised again to life. We should not be dismayed if, like the student in my opening story, sometimes we struggle to piece together the jigsaw puzzle. The apostles were the same – struggling to understand what was happening. St John describes what was happening early on that first Easter Sunday. Mary Magdalene reports that the tomb is empty. John is sharp to let us know that he was in on the act and ran with Peter to check for himself. Keep in mind – John was writing his Gospel with the benefit of having been able to piece the story together after a lifetime of reflecting on it. He notes that this was the moment that he began to see the connections and the fulfilment of what had been prophesied in the scriptures. He tells us: "Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that He must rise from the dead." And John is not afraid to go on and tell us what happened in the evening of that first Easter Sunday when Jesus came to the apostles who were hiding behind locked doors. We'll pick up on this next Sunday.

And in Acts of the Apostles, which we will hear throughout the entire Easter Season, over and over again the disciples return to the key elements of the Faith: ***Jesus is the awaited Messiah; He was crucified for us; He was raised from the dead; He is now appointed to judge everyone.***

Today, as we gather with family and / or friends around the table (since we probably did not get to do it last year because of the COVID lockdown), and enjoy the Easter meal and treats, we pause to think of what this Day means for us. It is enough, for now, for you and me to realize that we are being asked to accept our call to be faithful witnesses of the Resurrection. Now, as heralds / as messengers of this good news – news which even makes the Friday of Holy Week look "good" – we proclaim not only that Jesus was brought back to life, but that we, also, have been brought back to life with Him. There is a temptation to think that we must wait until our Earthly life comes to an end before we will experience this new life. But it is clear from the writings of St Paul that this is not so. We have already been brought back to life and freed from the sin that held us bound. Paul is keen that we set our sights on Heavenly things and realize that Jesus is our life now.

A Very Happy and Blessed Easter to you and to yours! God Bless You!

Many thanks go out to those who came together in so many different ways for this weekend: those who decorated, the various ministers who served and helped at the various liturgies, Josie and the entire Music Department, the Office Staffs in helping prepare the Worship Aids. Many hours have gone into preparing for this weekend. To all of you – Many Thanks & God Bless!

And to those travelling – know that you will be in our prayers so that God provide you with safety in your travels.

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World
& for Peace

