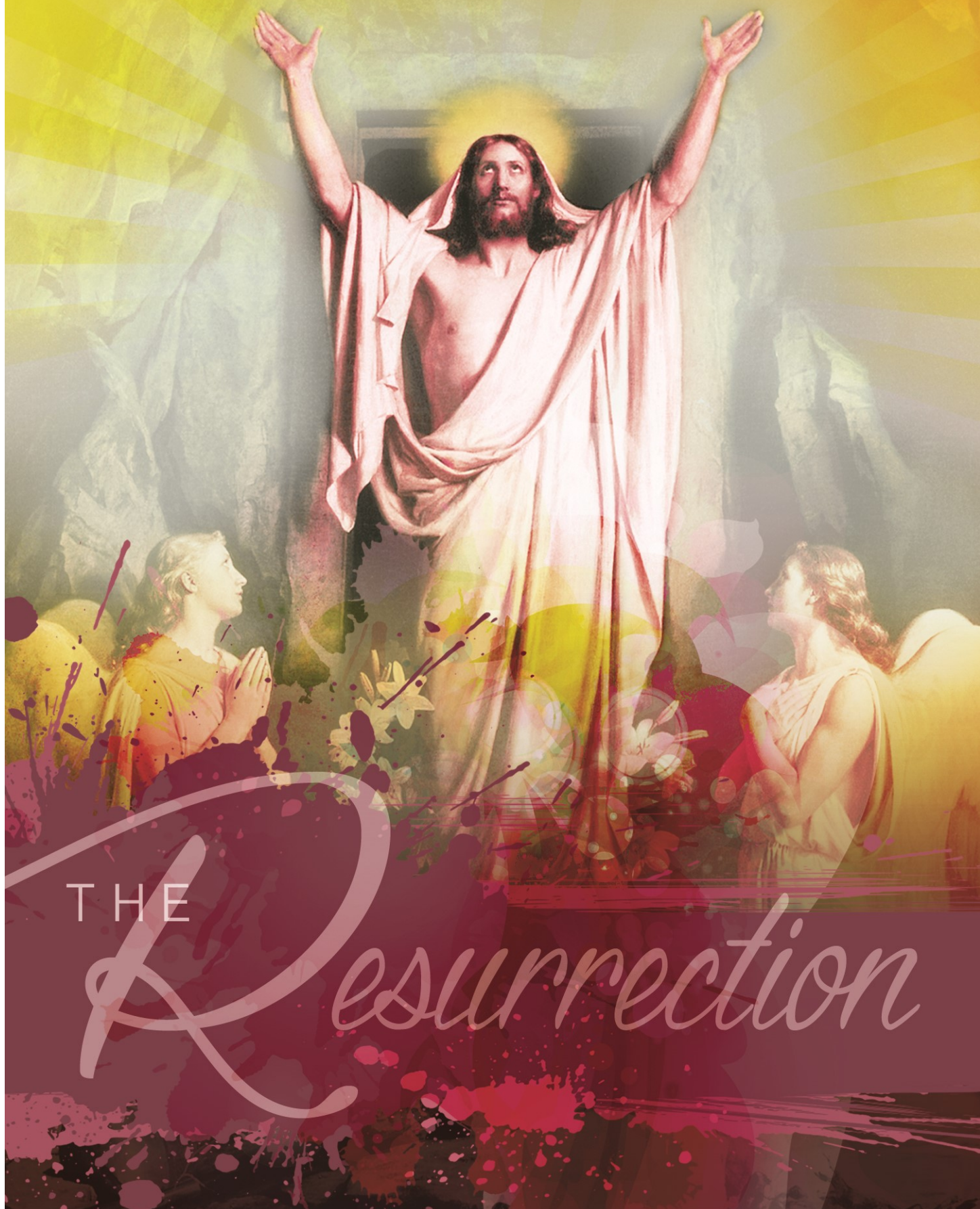


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THE

*Resurrection*

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH**

Saturday, Apr. 20 **Easter Vigil**  
8:30 PM + Mr. & Mrs. Albert Cattoni  
by Yvonne Cattoni

Sunday, Apr. 21 **Easter Sunday**  
9:30 AM For The People

Monday, Apr. 22  
7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
8:00 AM + Dr. William Keating Family

Tuesday, Apr. 23  
7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
8:00 AM + Nancy Starecky  
by Michael Starecky

Thursday, Apr. 25  
7:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
8:00 AM For The People

Friday, Apr. 26  
11:00 AM Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
12:10 PM Souls in Purgatory  
by Mary Ann Schafer

Saturday, Apr. 27  
3:30-4:15 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM + Nancy Patrick  
by Deb & Fella Wright and Family

Sunday, Apr. 28  
8:45 AM **Reciting of The Rosary**  
9:30 AM For The People  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH**

Sunday, Apr. 21 **Easter Sunday**  
8:00 AM Deceased & Living Members of The  
Napolitan & Segulin Families  
by Margaret Segulin

Sunday, Apr. 28  
8:00 AM + Betty Allegretto  
by Her Children  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**No report due to early bulletin deadline**

**WEEKLY OFFERING AT ST. JOSEPH**

**No report due to early bulletin deadline**

**St. Elizabeth Cemetery Board** will meet on Thursday,  
April 25th at 6:30 PM in the parish hall.

**Summer Youth Program-St. Joseph's** is in need of  
toilet paper rolls, about 900, for a craft planned for the  
kids. If you would bring them in there will be a box on  
the table in the hall way at St. Elizabeth's and a box in  
the back of the church at St. Joseph's.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** A Special Intention, Pat  
Peterson, Special Intention, Rita Bidwell, Shelly Maybury,  
Jack & Janine Sokoloski, Dylan Lunder, John Crowley, A  
Special Intention, Patti Price, Caitlyn Bankovich, Special  
Intention, Elijah Waite, Penny Duncan, Malvina Weakland,  
Louise DeSio, Bob Yancosek, Special Intention.

**Families Always Matter in the Diocese of Erie**

Get resources and suggestions for your family at the  
Diocese of Erie's family website, [www.eriercd.org/familiesmatter](http://www.eriercd.org/familiesmatter). Feel supported, encouraged, and blessed  
whether your family is a traditional, single-parent, blended,  
military, or an adoptive/foster family. Go Families! Also  
Formed.org using our parish code **TRY7DX**.

**Rice Bowl-Easter Sunday—Encounter The Risen Christ**

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate  
Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl  
challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the  
hope of Resurrection to a world in need. Don't forget to  
turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Millions of Christians around the world celebrate the  
Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter  
with one person telling another: "Mary told Peter" and "they  
believed." Faith is passed one person to another; it is  
caught, not taught and parents are the most effective  
persons to pass faith to their children.

**GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION DIOCESAN PRIEST  
RETIREMENT OUR RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS**

The Diocese of Erie is blessed with forty-four priests who  
have reached retirement age. By their own choice 11  
priests still have a diocesan assignment as a pastor,  
chaplain, senior associate, administrator. Since their  
Ordination these retired and senior priests have served in a  
majority of the 97 parishes in our Diocese. The ministry  
and service they have given to the Church totals 3,000  
years. These priests make present Christ, the Good  
Shepherd, not only in what they do, but in who they are.  
Many of them continue to give of themselves in countless  
ways of service for which we are grateful. In two weeks,  
we will have our annual **Good Shepherd Collection** in our  
parish to assist with the needs of caring for our retired  
diocesan priests. There is a special need to assist them  
with the escalating health care costs and long-term care  
expenses. As more priests become eligible to retire from  
active ministry in the next few years, our Priest Retirement  
Plan must be adequately funded to cover their future  
needs. Please consider a generous gift to the annual  
Diocesan Good Shepherd Collection on the weekend of  
**May 4 & 5**. Use the special envelope provided or any  
envelope and mark on it— "Good Shepherd Collection."

**1st Holy Communion** will take place on  
Sunday, May 5th during Mass with a  
reception to follow in the parish hall.





## Sunday, Apr 21, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

### Roll away the stone

Each year at this time we gather with friends in faith to pay a mystical visit to a cemetery in Jerusalem. We go up to an abandoned tomb and peer in. What do we see? Nothing. There's no one buried here. In fact, the church gathers every year at this spot to affirm there's nobody here. Isn't this odd behavior, to visit an empty grave? Yet it's not the empty tomb that matters. It's what happened just before this tomb became irrelevant that counts. We come here to pledge our allegiance to that. *He is risen!*

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Victimae Paschali Laudes; John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12 (42, 41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass Luke 24:13-35 (46). "*So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.*"

## Monday, Apr 22, 2019

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

### Take care of your mother

Catholicism is rich in observances, but here's one outside our tradition that Catholic teaching also invites us to join: Earth Day, celebrated annually on this date since 1970. The event, which kick-started the environmental movement, is now the largest secular observance in the world, with 193 countries demonstrating support for environmental protection. From the biblical mandate to care for God's creation to Pope Francis' recent encyclical on environmentalism, you are directed by your faith to heed the call to "think globally, act locally."

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Victimae Paschali Laudes (42); Matthew 28:8-15 (261). "*Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed.*"

## Tuesday, Apr 23, 2019

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

### Rise up from sorrow

Easter is a season of joy, but it's not always joyous for everyone. Perhaps a loved one has recently died or the anniversary of their death is at hand. How do you handle death and sorrow at a time of new life and joy? Mary Magdalene grieved mightily at the tomb of Jesus, but he helped her let go of his earthly life, which had already given way to his resurrected life. With eyes of faith we, too, can begin to let go of the earthly presence of a loved one, trusting that they also live on in the loving presence of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:36-41; Victimae Paschali Laudes (42); John 20:11-18 (262). "*Jesus said to her, 'Stop holding on to me.'*"

## Wednesday, Apr 24, 2019

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

### Break bread together

A retreat director, preaching on the story of Emmaus, told this story about recognizing Christ in our midst, anywhere and in anyone. It had been a long day and the first-graders were running their teacher ragged. The dismissal bell rang and the children sped out the door. The teacher shepherded them out, then sat wearily on a bench watching them go. A child waiting for her big brother to walk her home watched the teacher, then wandered over. She sat beside her and carefully opened her lunch bag. She unwrapped the sandwich and, with her small hands, broke it in

two. She looked up at the teacher and handed her half, saying, "I get tired and hungry after school, too. Here."

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:1-10; Victimae Paschali Laudes (42); Luke 24:13-35 (263). "*He took bread, said the blessing . . . and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him.*"

## Thursday, Apr 25, 2019

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

### Happy Alleluia!

In virtually all liturgies during Easter, the refrain of the responsorial psalm may be replaced by *Alleluia!* For Christians it has become an Easter word, so much so that in the Polish language, for example, rather than "Happy Easter" the people declare "Happy Alleluia!" During Lent we fast not only from food but from the exultant joy of this word, keeping silent, letting it build within. Then, at the Easter Vigil, the *Alleluia* bursts forth! Before the gospel the deacon sings *Alleluia!* for the first time in six weeks, in an elaborate melody, three times, each time in a higher key, and each time repeated by the assembly. Sing *Alleluia* today in and out of the shower! Shout it! Listen to Handel's setting in the *Messiah*. Wish someone "Happy Alleluia!"

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-26; Victimae Paschali Laudes (42); Luke 24:35-48 (264). "*You are witnesses of these things.*"

## Friday, Apr 26, 2019

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

### Gone fishing

In times of loss and grief, we often find comfort in doing something that is familiar. Once we attend to the details of burial, we face each new day as best we can, seeking the comfort of mindless routine and doing things we must do in order to keep on going. Thus, in this week after Jesus' death, it is not unusual to find his sad and fearful disciples returning to the sea to work the nets of their fishing boats. Though our loved ones may not appear to us on the seashore, faith does tell us that they have found new life and continue to be with us from among God's communion of saints. In prayer today, remember a loved one who has died and ask for the grace of their intercession.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:1-12; Victimae Paschali Laudes (42); John 21:1-14 (265). "*Come, have breakfast.*"

## Saturday, Apr 27, 2019

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

### Sing out the good news!

"That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious King, Thy mercy show!" Thus ends the *Victimae Paschali Laudes*, a medieval church hymn traditionally chanted during Easter liturgies. A more fitting conclusion could not have been written—rejoicing in Christ's victory over death and in the same breath asking for his mercy. If any Christian doubted the need for the mercy of God, the events recounted on Good Friday should have been enough to refresh their memory. Fortunately Christ's victory is also a victory over human sinfulness. Rejoice and break into song!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:13-21; Victimae Paschali Laudes (42); Mark 16:9-15 (266). "*When Jesus had risen . . . he appeared first to Mary Magdalene.*"

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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## **Second Sunday of Easter      Divine Mercy Sunday**

### **To fittingly observe the Feast of Divine Mercy:**

- 1. The Lord asked that the Chaplet of Divine Mercy be recited during the 9 Days before the Feast of Mercy, beginning on Good Friday**
- 2. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter**
- 3. Sincerely Repent of all your sins.**
- 4. Place our complete Trust in Jesus (Jesus, I trust in you)**
- 5. Go to Confession, preferably before that Sunday**
- 6. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast**
- 7. Venerate the Image of the Divine Mercy**
- 8. Be Merciful to others, through Actions, Words, and Prayers on their behalf.**

**Venerate a sacred image of statue: Perform some Act or make some Gesture of deep religious Respect towards it because of the Person whom it represents – in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.**

**Our Lord made 14 Revelations to St. Faustina concerning the Feast of Mercy.**

More information can be picked up in the parking lot entrance of the Church.

**At Saint Elizabeth's:**

Sun. Apr. 21 10:30 to 11:30 AM No Religious Education  
 Tues. Apr. 23 6:30 PM Finance Council Mtg.  
 parish hall  
 Thurs. Apr. 25 6:30 PM Cemetery Board Mtg.  
 parish hall

**At Saint Joseph's:****Pray for Priests**

Apr. 21 Rev. B. LaMounte Sayers  
 Apr. 22 Rev. Robert P. Susa  
 Apr. 23 Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McSweeney  
 Apr. 24 Rev. Robert Horgas  
 Apr. 25 Rev. James T. O'Hara  
 Apr. 26 Rev. Robert A. Manning  
 Apr. 27 Rev. Michael Polinek


**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 28, 2019  
 FOR ST. JOSEPH**

**Lector:**  
 Mary Smith

**Ministers:**  
 Carole Walker  
 Patricia Marrero  
 Lois Housler

**Server:** Mackenzie

**Second Harvest** served 9 new households this time, 30 new individuals. Total number of household served was 74, and total number of person served was 192. A huge thank you to everyone who helps in any way, from unloading the truck, re-bagging the food all the way to cleaning up afterwards. What you do is wonderful.



**Eucharistic Ministers:** Please be sure to check before visiting for any changes or additions. Let us know of changes in the resident list at the nursing homes. Thank you.

**All Ministries:** Please remember to find a substitute if you cannot serve during the Mass scheduled.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 27-28, 2019**

St. Elizabeth	Sat. 8:30 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Carolee Learn Heather Costa	Patricia Green Marian Bush Margaret Vandermark
Lectors:	Ray Learn	Steve Eidson
Altar Servers:	Isabella Nick	Carter

Eucharistic Ministers- Homebound: Crystal Raymond  
 Sena Kean Visits: Marian Bush & Margaret Vandermark  
 Lakeview: Crystal Raymond

**St. Joseph's  
 For the month of April**


**SANCTUARY LIGHT** is In Loving Memory of  
 Raymond & Betty Allegretto, Steven Leonard

**INFANT OF PRAGUE** is In Loving Memory of  
 Rudy & Ella Batista

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

Apr. 21: What a coincidence that this year Easter (Apr. 21) and Earth Day (Apr. 22) are only one day apart. Easter reminds Christians of the resurrection - that the death of the body is not the end of the world. Earth Day reminds us all that we humans have a duty to protect our little part of the world - planet Earth. Hmmm.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments**

**Child Abuse Prevention Month-** It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God - our children. For information on what the Diocese of Erie is doing, and what you can do to become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe visit <https://www.eriescd.org/childprotection/>

**THINGS HAPPENING AROUND US**

**McCarthy's Emporium** at 124 North Union St., Olean, NY Carries a large selection of Baptism, First Communion gifts and cards. Also a small section of First Penance & RCIA gifts. Mention St. Elizabeth at time of purchase and St. Elizabeth will receive a 5% sacrament rebate at the end of the year.

**Save the date for relic visit to St. Peter Cathedral**

The Diocese of Erie is privileged to host a significant relic — the heart of St. John Vianney, patron of diocesan priests — June 6 at St. Peter Cathedral, W. 10<sup>th</sup> and Sassafras streets. Parishes and schools are encouraged to publicize this special event and consider organizing a pilgrimage. More information will be provided very soon. For information on the relic tour, please visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/events/vianney.html#/>.

**Interested in the diocesan pilgrimage to Rome?  
 Informational meeting planned for April 28**

In conjunction with Bishop Lawrence Persico's required *ad limina* visit to Rome, the Diocese of Erie is offering a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy Nov. 16-25, 2019. Led by Msgr. Edward Lohse and Father Nicholas Rouch, the trip will include stops in Assisi, Siena and San Giovanni Rotondo — home of St. Padre Pio — as well as several days in Rome. Also on the agenda: participation in the Sunday *Angelus* in St. Peter's Square with Pope Francis, if he is in residence, as well as a Mass with Bishop Persico. Visit [www.ErieRCD.org/pilgrimage2019.html](http://www.ErieRCD.org/pilgrimage2019.html) for details or call Marianna at Unitours at 1-800-777-7432. Join us for a no-obligation informational meeting at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie on Sunday, April 28 at 2 pm.