

Easter Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 21, 2019

New Life: New Life abounds! Fresh signs of resurrection surround us. The work of Lent is done: hatchets are buried, fences are mended, grudges forgotten. Christ is risen! New life abounds!

We prefer the world of fantasy to the world of reality, which is why Easter, unlike Christmas, never made it big as a secular holiday. Here we have an adult Jesus who is more threatening figure than a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And his message speaks to activity that is disturbing, challenging, and unnerving. Add to that the cross with its suffering and the tomb and the idea of leaving the tomb. It's all a bit much for a society that prefers making eggnog to making sacrifices, receiving presents to receiving challenges, singing carols to carrying a cross. Unlike Christmas, Easter can be offensive and frightening and all too revealing of our deficiencies in following Jesus.

1. What would you say are the most disturbing aspects of the cross and resurrection of Jesus?
2. What could be other reasons for Easter's lukewarm popularity?
3. Are there Easter traditions you hold dear? How do they speak to the message of Easter?

PARISH NEWS

Saturday Mass: April Masses will be held at St. Joseph's.

(SJP & SMP) Parish website: stjoseph-stmichaelparishes.org

Rosary: Anyone wishing to lead the Rosary before mass please contact Karen Schmader 814-221-9583

Rosary Quote: The most holy rosary is an abundant mine through which Christians, praying and meditating with attention and devotion, become enriched with great merits. St. Anthony Mary Claret

Bible Study will be held every Monday at 7pm in the Preschool Library. Contact Patti Bauer at 744-8076.

The Lucinda Area Spring Sportsman's Raffle will be held at St. Joseph Parish Social Hall on Sunday, April 28th from noon until 4pm. There will be large and small print raffles, 50/50 raffles and side raffles conducted throughout the afternoon. A meal is available from noon until 3pm (no takeouts). You must present your ticket for the meal and side raffles to participate. Tickets are available at your local businesses or call Jim Kaltenbach at 226-4868. This fundraiser benefits The Antler Club of Lucinda and St. Joseph School.

Quilt Sneak Preview will be held in St. Joseph Hall at 7pm on Tuesday April 30th. Each band is asked to bring its quilt to the hall that evening so we can take pictures to put on the Parish website. There will be a link to the pictures from the 4th of July website. Please sew a Rosary Society quilt tag in one of the corners of the quilt. Tags are available in the quilt cart in the Rosary Society hall closet. Also, no one can bring the quilt to the hall on April 30th, please contact Linda McCloskey 226-6075 to pick up the quilt. Thanks for all the work on the quilts! Everyone is welcome to come to the hall on the 30th to see the new quilts, share other craft projects, and enjoy some fellowship!

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Office: Contact the office at St. Joseph with any questions or concerns you may have from either Parish. (814)226-7288. Thank you!



May you and your family be blessed as you celebrate the true meaning of Easter, from the reflection of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday and the promise of eternal life. Best wishes to you this Easter, as this is a wonderful time to celebrate all Christ has done for us. Have a Blessed Easter!

Fr. Joe

Starting April 29th weekday mass schedule will change to the following: Monday - No Mass, Tuesday SJP at 8:30am, Wednesday SJP at 7:45am, Thursday SMP at 8:00am, Friday SMP at 8:00am. Mass intentions that were made for Monday at SJP will move to Wednesday and masses that were made for Wednesday at SMP will move to Thursday.

St. Joseph Rosary Society would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the Trout Unlimited Dinner. Without you all of this would not be possible!

St. Joseph Parish is looking for someone to clean the church and rectory. It will be approximately 8 hours a week. For more details, please call 814-226-7288.

St. Joseph Parish in in need of money counters. Anyone wishing to fill the position please call the office.

Liturgy Schedule April 27-28

4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Al Lander
Euch Min: Doc & Marge Bauer, Anne Ochs
Altar Server: Madison Schill, Ryan Means
Ushers: Chip Wolbert, Greg Ochs, Colin Lander, Ed Baumcratz

7:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Donna Jones
Euch Min: Lori Callihan, Pete Judy, Deacon Mike
Altar Server: Bethany Seitz, Gwen Griebel
Ushers: Wayne Wolbert, Pete Judy, Dick Schill, Bill Schmader

10:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Sacristan: Jody Guth
Lector: Jody Guth
Euch Min: Jane Schmader, Jody Guth, Deacon Mike
Altar Server: Owen Kerle
Ushers: Matt Gilara, Andrew Gilara, Tim Gilara, Bill Eisenman
Rosary: Ron Ackerman
R.S. Cleaner: Louise Fiscus

Mass Schedule April 22-28

Monday, April 22nd

7:45 a.m. - (SJP) No Mass

Tuesday, April 23rd

8:30 a.m. - (SJP) No Mass

Wednesday, April 24th

8:00 a.m. - (SMP) No Mass

Friday, April 26th

3:00 p.m. - (SJP) No Mass

Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 27th

Confession at St. Joseph, 3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. - (SJP) First Communicants

Sunday, April 28th

7:30 a.m. - (SJP) Parish Family

10:00 a.m. - (SMP) First Communicants

Collection Counters April 28th

SJP: Ken Lander, Annette & Robert Wielock
SMP: Mary Dechant, Andrew Gilara, Nicholas Banner

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of

SJP: Bine Lutz by Marian Lutz
SMP: Ralph Lander by Tim & Kate Nale & Family

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Parish Family, All Special Intentions

Service People on Active Duty

Sluggler Wagner, Bill & Steve Phillips, Adam Lutz, Diane Ochs, Jayleigh Ochs, Brendan George, Punkie Griebel, Jim Pfaff, Melissa Johnson, Cathy Reed, and a special intention

All victims of disasters and violence

If you'd like to add someone, call the office or drop a note in the collection basket.

School News (814) 226-8018

—You can register your children now for the '19-'20 school year.
Call the school for more information. (814) 226-8018.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Joseph's

DATE: April 6th & 7th

Sunday Collection: \$2,312

Loose Collection: \$1,173

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Michael's

DATE: April 6th & 7th

Sunday Collection: \$3,704

Loose Collection \$346

CSA: St. Joseph assessment to Diocese: \$30,699

Parishioners Pledged: \$34,422

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$18,957

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$11,742

Monies towards Church Doors: \$0

CSA: St. Michael assessment to Diocese: \$34,150

Parishioners Pledged: \$33,650

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$27,635

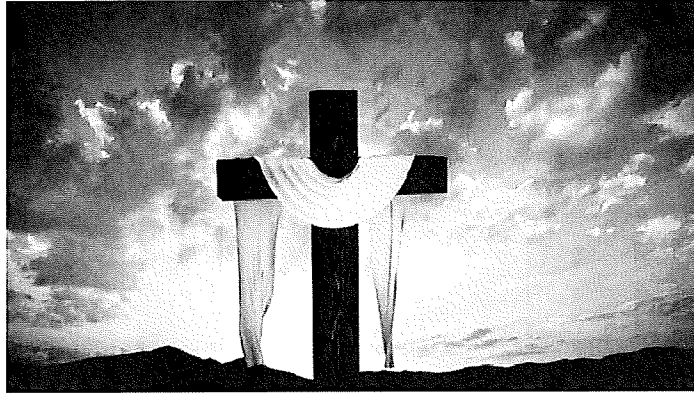
Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$6,515

Monies towards Roof: \$0

Monies leftover from steeple towards roof: \$85,508

Due to early bulletin schedule numbers will be in next week's bulletin for April 14th

Be Fearless, Be Joyful, And Be Renewed: Living the Spirit of Easter



The Easter season—beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing for 50 days—is an opportunity for us to cultivate a spirit that defines who we are as Christians. So what does living the spirit of the Easter season mean in practical terms? Here are three concrete suggestions.

Live with Joy

Joy is a deep-down gladness that cannot be taken away, even in the midst of sorrow. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus teach us that suffering is transformed through faith in the Risen Christ. With this faith, we are able to hold on to an enduring sense of joy even in the midst of the sadness we experience from the loss of a loved one, a failure to achieve an important goal, or a setback during recovery from an illness.

Live without Fear

The Resurrection teaches us that God can overcome anything, even death. When the Risen Christ appears to the women at the tomb and later to his disciples, his first words are “Do not be afraid!” (Mt 28:5,10) These words speak to our hearts, helping us cope with the fear from the loss of a job, a serious illness, or a crumbling relationship. Our faith allows us to trust that God can overcome our most serious problems.

Live with New Eyes

Easter means to live with a sense of newness. Just as the return of spring lifts our spirits and makes us feel like the whole world is new, the Resurrection of Jesus makes “all things new.” (Rev. 21:5) The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal that enables us to show up at work with a positive attitude, to renew relationships that have been taken for granted, and to express appreciation and affection to those closest to us. It means to see the world through new eyes—God’s eyes.

We can use these 50 days to cultivate an Easter spirit that enables us to be truly Christian: embracing joy, living without fear, and seeing the world again—as if for the first time.

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LET ME CONTROL YOUR MIND. The mind is the most restless, unruly part of mankind. Long after you have learned the discipline of holding your tongue, your thoughts defy your will and set themselves up against Me. Man is the pinnacle of My creation, and the human mind is wondrously complex. I risked all by granting you freedom to think for yourself. This is godlike privilege, forever setting you apart from animals and robots. I *made you in My image*, Precariously close to deity.

Though My blood has fully redeemed you, your mind is the last bastion of rebellion. Open yourself to My radiant Presence, letting My Light permeate your thinking. *When My Spirit is controlling your mind, you are filled with Life and Peace.*

FROM JESUS CALLING; Enjoying Peace in His Presence
by; Sarah Young

CHILD Protection And Creating Safe Environments, Child Abuse

Prevention: 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 <http://www.eriecld.org/childprotection/>

Revelation and the "Rapture": A Catholic Response - Join Father Monty Sayers for an engaging two-part series on the Book of Revelation and a timely examination of the "Rapture". Sessions are May 9th and 16th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Immaculate Conception Parish's Our Lady of Clarion Center. In lectionary cycle C, the second Sunday reading during the Easter season is taken from the Book of Revelation. A six-week reading guide for the Book of Revelation is available at www.iclarion.com. For more information call 226-8433 ext. 102

The 4th Annual Craft, Vendor, and Garden Show will be held from 9am to 4pm Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the St. Mary's social hall in Crown. Admission is free. More than 40 tables will showcase handcrafted items ranging from embroidery to woodcrafts. Other offerings include home décor items, laser engraving, pet treats, pottery, tote bags, crocheted items, chocolates, jewelry, etc. Plants, trees, herbs and other garden products will also be available. The event also includes many home-based vendors and businesses. Food will be available for purchase. There will also be Chinese Auction, used book and puzzle sale, a bake sale, and a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds benefit St. Mary/St. Ann Religious education program.

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 28, 2019

(Lec. 45)

- I. Acts 5:12-16
- II. Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
- III. John 20:19-31

Liturgy of the Word

In the first reading, the Apostles performed many signs and wonders, and many came to believe.

In Revelation, John, imprisoned, had a vision of Jesus in heaven and was commanded to write all that he saw.

In the Gospel, the resurrected Jesus reveals himself to Thomas, who only then came to believe. Jesus said, *Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.*

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