

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 17, 2022



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*** Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

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Easter: the Resurrection of the Lord

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live.

Readings for the week of April 17, 2022

Sunday: Acts 10:34-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2,5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Rv 1:9-11-19/Jn 20:19-31

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606 or Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., April 18th - Private Intention
Tues., April 19th - Deceased Members of the Vargo Family (Family)
Wed., April 20th - Lena Suizzo (Pam & Chris Pohl)
Thurs., April 21st - Francis & Monica Bieniasz (Family)
Fri., April 22nd - Helen Fromknecht (Honey girl & Tammy)
Sat., April 23rd, 4:00PM - For the People of St. Stanislaus
Sun., April 24th, 9:00AM - Gerald "Stu" Stuczynski (Class of 1969)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **JOSEPH MACIOCH**, as gifted his Family.

**CHRIST IS RISEN
HE IS RISEN INDEED**

REPORT: FINAL FISH DINNER FOR THE SEASON

We had yet another tremendously successful fish dinner to close out the season. Special thanks to all of our hard-working volunteers and to those who donated bake sale items. The results of this dinner are reported below. An accounting of all of our dinners for the season will be published in a later bulletin.

Dinner Sales: \$6,701.00
Frozen Pierogi: \$640.00
Instants, 50/50: \$136.00

Total: \$7,777.00

HOW IS THE EASTER DATE DETERMINED EVERY YEAR?

First off, it's important to know that though the exact date of Easter changes each year, there's a definite period in which the day occurs, and that's March 22 through April 25 (in the Gregorian calendar, not the Julian calendar). Easter always occurs on the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon (the first full moon that occurs after the vernal equinox, which signifies the beginning of spring in the northern hemisphere), according to The Old Farmer's Almanac. In 2022, the vernal equinox falls on March 20, 2022, making the first full moon after that date April 16 and the following Sunday—April 17—Easter 2022.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

Easter has come. Hopefully you've enjoyed some Easter eggs and candy. Perhaps an Easter egg, with its hard shell but soft inside can remind you that in marriage you must crack open your defenses to uncover each other's vulnerability. Safeguard this treasure.

WEEKLY OFFERING (APRIL 10, 2022)



Due to early holiday deadlines, this information was not available at the time of publication.

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out. "I see you hiding in that tomb," he says. "I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice." He says it a little more elegantly, I'll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you'd better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth. I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, "Great idea, Paul — but I'm pretty comfy here." Because sometimes, it's just easier to stay in the tomb. It's easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome. Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there's anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It's a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn't rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty. Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

RECTORY RESTORATIONS

Many thanks to the Holy Name Society for funding the restoration of the former Parish Office that was once located in the rectory.



Parishioners are always welcome to come by "the peoples house" and see the work being done to repair and maintain our beautiful house.

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **LEON AKUS** as gifted by Jack & Sandy Kempisty.



4/21 - Steve Rimpa
4/22 - Clair Allen

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., April 18th— Msgr. Richard Stack
Tues., April 19th - Bob Buseck (Ed Czulewicz)
Wed., April 20th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families
Thurs., April 21st - Walter & Delphine Gorniak (Theresa & Skip)
Fri., April 22nd - John Figurski (Bill & Corinne Dyakon)
Sat., April 23rd, 5:15PM - Leon Akus (Jack & Sandy Kempisty)
Sun., April 24th, 10:30AM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)

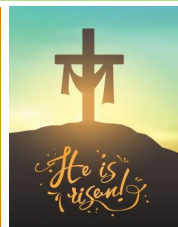
We know it's true, but this Easter Sunday, let's ask ourselves if we live as if it's true. Do we live as witnesses to the glorious reality of the Resurrection? A witness, of course, is one with first-hand knowledge. Our readings today focus not only on the Resurrection itself, but also on those who were witnesses to it. In the Gospel, St. John describes the very first witnesses to the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene, John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved"), and Peter. Each had an individual "experience" of the empty tomb. Each went up close to see for themselves what Jesus' love had accomplished. How can we as Christian stewards all these years later see for ourselves and so become His witnesses? We "see for ourselves" when we prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us. We "see for ourselves" each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist. We "see for ourselves" when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation. We "see for ourselves" when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Savior. This Easter, resolve to live as if the saving power of the Resurrection is true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen!

HOLY TRINITY USHERS

Ushers will meet Tuesday, April 26th in the Gathering Place at 7:00PM. Men and women are welcome to be a part of this ministry. They will finalize plans for the upcoming Pre-Election Social the Sunday before the election.

DID YOU KNOW...

the Easter basket originated in the 7th century in Poland and contained healthy foods that families would have blessed by a priest on Holy Saturday before breaking their Lenten fast on Easter morning? Today, Easter baskets are a far cry from their original purpose - filled with less healthy candy grabbed as an afterthought in the checkout line.



140 DAYS UNTIL ZABAWA!
August 26, 27, 28

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR APRIL 10, 2022



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Palm Sunday!

E E I L O T K L J D B F B X P W O
X T S Z A C H Q G Y R C T J V N F
E H I W F L B W I Z A M O U N T P
S T A P Q O Y I Z V N Y D G D V S
X L W F H A R V S H C Z W O P M T
E Q G K T K Y I E M H Z N L T F B
Z Q M C H S X L O F E M J I C L J
C H C R O W D L T C S Y S V K O L
O A L A T H T A X X G G O E X L A
L W N C B V O G X V H Z N S A F B
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E K R A P A L M S T S L P Y Q P G
A Z A O I F U Y P M N I J B E M N
V J W D O N K E Y A Y D K H X O Z
W A F S Q K L U W R U Z P O U N V

Jesus	Palms	Crowd	Village
Prophet	Blessing	Son	Hosanna
Branches	Cloaks	Colt	Donkey
Olives	Mount		

HOSANNA
IN THE
HIGHEST
MATTHEW 21:9



"If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above."

- Colossians 3:1

News for Our Partnership

**The Parish Offices will be closed on
Monday, April 18th**

OUR RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS

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 April 30 & May 1. Please use the special envelope provided, or any envelope and mark on it "Good Shepherd Collection."

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

We would like to acknowledge and celebrate any of our young people who have received sacraments this past year, and any student whose celebrations were muted due to the pandemic. The celebration will take place at the 10:30AM Mass on Trinity Sunday, June 12th, at Holy Trinity. The celebration will continue with a brunch served in the Social Hall. Please call Holy Trinity's Parish Office to make a reservation. All parishioners from our three parishes are welcome to attend. If your child is part of the celebration, please let Mary Ann know when you place your reservation.

ERIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM SUMMER CAMP

Students are invited to join us at this year's summer camp. They will enjoy daily activities, weekly themes, and field trips – all in a safe, caring environment. Daily breakfast and lunch are provided. Camp is offered at 4 convenient locations. Visit www.eriecatholic.org for more information.

**"The very first Easter taught us this:
That life never ends
and love never dies."**



BINGO

All CASH prizes!!!

*** Instants * 50/50 Game**

- Sunday, May 1, 2022
- Polish Falcons Club, 431 E 3rd St.
- 1:00pm, Doors Open at Noon
- \$25 Admission (1pk), \$5 each add'l pk.
- Kitchen Food Available
- Holiday Auction
- Door Prizes
- Call 814-456-5300 to reserve your seat!

Walk Ins Welcome

All proceeds benefit Holy Trinity PCEP program

NEXT BINGO: AUGUST 13 - ZABAWA KICKOFF!

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Be Vigilant- Child Abuse Prevention Month should lead to heightened awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment for all within the Church and for our communities. It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children and communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture of prevention. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. When we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. For particular questions you may call: Cindy Zemcik, Coordinator for the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.

"Easter is why we don't give up"

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

4/17) [Open Date]; 4/18) Pearl Wisniewski; 4/19) Bill Dyakon & Fr. Jason Glover; 4/20) Ed Korytowski;
4/21) Darlene Vlahos & Dorothy Mielnik; 4/22) Kathy Wisniewski; 4/23) Heidi Jankowski & Gina Lintelman;
4/24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski & Diane Valahovic

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

4/17) Msgr. James Sanner; 4/18) Msgr. Bob Malene; 4/19) Fr. Bob Susa; 4/20) Fr. John Walsh; 4/21) Fr. Jason Glover;
4/22) Msgr. Tom McSweeney; 4/23) Fr. Andy Boyd; 4/24) Fr. Tom Curry, O.S.B.

Sunday, Apr 17, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12
"They put [Jesus] to death by hanging him on a tree."

The tree of life blossoms again

A teaching from the Law of Moses says it all: "Cursed be the one who hangs from a tree" (Deut. 21:23). The body of such a person was to be buried the same day, or the land would be defiled. Religious leaders sought a verdict of crucifixion from the Romans for precisely this reason: to quell talk that Jesus was God's chosen. It's also why Jesus' disciples rushed to gain permission to take him down from the cross that same day. Like every kingdom paradox, of course, the "cursed tree" becomes a tree of life for those who believe. Celebrate this hope today!

Monday, Apr 18, 2022

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15

"Mary Magdalene and the other Mary...
ran to announce the news to his disciples."

How do you solve a mystery named Mary?

There are so many women named Mary mentioned in the New Testament that we're not even certain how many there were—could be six to nine—because the same women might be identified different ways. The various Marys get mentioned 54 times in 49 verses, so it's hard to sort them all out. Not only does it reveal to readers that Mary was a popular name then, but also that Jesus had a lot of women followers who were very close to him—women who were key figures in the key moments of his life and ministry, his death, and his Resurrection. Which Mary was which might confuse us today, but their various important roles in his life are clearly deserving of honor.

Tuesday, Apr 19, 2022

Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

"Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?'"

Grant us peace

Today is the anniversary of Benedict XVI becoming pope in 2005. As a theologian, Benedict wrote extensively of faith and politics in pluralistic societies. One of his prayers pleads: "God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the Earth." This is a good prayer to have on hand, particularly on a day that marks the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

Wednesday, Apr 20, 2022

Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

"Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."

Look up!

The disciples on the road to Emmaus were grieving Jesus but failed to recognize him when he approached them. In our daily rush to and fro, it is easy to overlook what is happening all around: the dance of creation, day in and day out. As Earth Day approaches, take a moment from the busyness to contemplate with awe the beauty great and small. Keep these words of Saint Augustine in mind about the book of God's creation: "Look above you! Look below you! Read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead, He set before your eyes the things that He had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that?"

Thursday, Apr 21, 2022

Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

"He stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"

Journey into the unknown

The worldwide church is now about halfway through a process with a rather unwieldy name: "Synod on Synodality." The idea is for the church at all levels to "listen and dialogue." The word synod means "to travel together," and this synod is refreshing, as a bottom-up approach in a church accustomed to top-down leadership. By its nature, there is no clarity about where it leads, but the process itself is the main point. Let's pray the church's Synod Prayer for Unity, that the process "lead us closer to [God's] Son and so to one another."

Friday, Apr 22, 2022

Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

"Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish."

Embrace the Resurrection: Plant a garden

The Easter season gives us ample time and resources to delve into the Paschal Mystery. Scripture, liturgies, and feast days all help us embrace the Resurrection as part of our own story. That's not always easy to comprehend. Fortunately, there are glimpses of Resurrection everywhere! So much of Easter is represented through nature—lilies, tulips, lambs, bunnies—indeed the whole season of spring helps us bodily embrace the Resurrection. This Easter season, consider planting a garden or fostering a kitten (April is National Garden Month as well as Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month, and today happens to be Earth Day as well!). Embrace the Resurrection in the world all around you.

Saturday, Apr 23, 2022

Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

"When Jesus had risen... he appeared first to Mary Magdalene."

Every day an Easter

Easter isn't just a day, it is a season, an ongoing feast. The Octave of Easter (Easter Sunday and the seven days that follow) has been, since the earliest centuries of Christian history, a time of extended celebration. The joy of Easter Sunday is prolonged for a full eight days, an octave of rejoicing. Every day of the Octave is treated as another Easter, a tradition preserved in our liturgy, with readings and rituals that mirror what occurs on Easter Sunday. Rise up! It's still Easter!

We proclaim Christ's victory

Rejoice, all heavenly choirs of angels, and sing for joy; sound the trumpet of victory for our marvellous king.

Rejoice, all the earth, shining with the radiance of Christ our eternal king; celebrate the dawn that banishes the darkness.

Rejoice, mother church, clothed with the brightness of Christ, and let this house resound with the voices of many people.