

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun April 12

Easter Sunday



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 13

Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

Tuesday, April 14

†Sr. Beverly Hmel I.H.M (*Tom & Marie Petro*)

Wednesday, April 15

†Ray Smith (*Muffy Malsatzki & Debbie*)

Thursday, April 16

†Theresa Coanshock (*Andy Mandichak*)

Friday, April 17

†Gisela Johanna Meng (*D.J. Bragonier*)

Saturday, April 18

†John & Joan Carnevale (*Family*)

Sunday, April 19 Second Sunday of Easter

Mass For the People

†Nick & Augusta Orsena (*Orsena Family*)



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of Marjorie Poske whom we honored this week with Christian Burial. May God give comfort to her family.

PASTOR'S CORNER

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER

On behalf of myself and Fr. Spishak, I would like to take a moment to wish everyone a very blessed and joyful Easter. While it rarely gets the social recognition it deserves, this is the highpoint of our Christian faith. This is the celebration of fifty days, amid Confirmation, First Communion and all those things spring brings. While this year it is quite different and full of uncertainty, let's try to remember and give thanks that we can truly call on God as our Father during this time.

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Break Open the Tomb

Lord of Easter's Promise, I live in faith of the Resurrection, but such is the nature of my faith that so much of me remains entombed. Break open the tomb. Where I've buried my compassion, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my humility, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my humanity, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my willingness to forgive, break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand. Help me to roll away this stone and find the miracle of new life. That I may live more fully in your saving grace. Amen

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-APRIL 4-5, 2020

Regular	\$ 8106.00	Good Friday	\$68.00
Capital Campaign	\$106.00	Easter	\$355.00
Candles	\$5.00	Christmas	\$10.00
Easter Flowers	\$80.00	CRS	\$15.00
Holy Thursday	\$63.00	Total	\$8808.00

Deacon Jim’s “A Moment with Our Lady”

Wishing that all his subjects would honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by carrying a Rosary, Alfonso IX (1188-1230), king of Leon and Galicia (Spain), decided to encourage them to wear a large Rosary conspicuously, like him, even if they did not pray with it.

One day the king fell seriously ill and was thought to be dead. He stood in spirit before the judgment seat of Christ, where demons accused him of all the crimes he had ever committed.

When the Divine Judge was about to sentence him to eternal suffering, the Holy Virgin interceded on his behalf. A scale was then brought forth—in one of its pans the sins of the king were placed. The Blessed Virgin placed the Rosary Alfonso had worn in her honor and the

Rosaries that others had recited, by the king’s example, in the other pan. This side of the scale weighed heavier than the sins of Alfonso.

The Virgin said to him: “As a reward for the little favor you did for me in wearing my Rosary, I extend your life a few years, by the grace of my Son. Make good use of it and live in doing penance!” Once he had recovered, the king became a fervent user of the Rosary, reciting it every day.

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona presents... England’s Treasures.

Join Fr. Brian Saylor April 21—May 2, 2021 on a tour of England. Visit Liverpool, the home of the Beatles, and spend three nights in the Georgian town of Bath with its 2000-year-old Roman spas.

Explore the monastic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey and the mystical, ancient Stonehenge. See the sights of London with a local guide and savor a traditional English roast. Cost: \$4,499 (Double) includes Round trip Air from Pittsburgh, taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers.

For information or a brochure please call/email Fr. Brian at 814-944-8509/bsaylor@dioceseaj.org or Collette 844-218-2148 (refer to Booking #987192).

Easter: We Encounter Resurrection

When the risen Jesus encounters his disciples on the road to Emmaus, it’s quite clear that their journeying away from Jerusalem is in fact a journeying away from hope. They have witnessed their friend, their hoped-for savior die; they have seen their community scattered; they have understood their trust in God to have been misplaced. What is left for them now?

Jesus, of course, turns them around—quite literally. The encounter with the risen Christ means a renewed encounter with hope; that God is not done yet; that darkness and suffering do not have the final word. Indeed, this story continues to unfold in our own time. We look out at a world wracked by hunger, poverty, war, injustice and we, too, feel like walking away. Where should we place our hope when the challenges seem insurmountable?

This is the story of resurrection. We encounter Christ daily in the faces of our neighbors, of those we meet in our work, our home, on our streets, those whom we have yet to meet face to face but with whom we are intricately tied as members of God’s one human family. We encounter Christ, too, within ourselves. And in these encounters, we have reason to hope. Because God is not done yet—and so long as we have strength to continue the work of building a culture of encounter, of responding to our Gospel call, neither are we.

Don’t forget to turn in your Lenten alms to CRS Rice Bowl!

Going Deeper

How are you called to join with others to “turn around” and challenge injustice that you see or experience?

How can you work with others to be a sign of Christ’s resurrection in your community?

Eric Clayton is CRS Rice Bowl Program Officer at Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

The Easter Vigil is the “Mother of All Vigils.” Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord’s resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are **50 days** of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: “If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith.” (1 Cor 15:14)

“What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps or of some other kind;...So also the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being,” the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49).”

The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

The word “Easter” comes from Old English, meaning simply the “East.” The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. **The Paschal Candle** is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time, and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

St. Rose of Lima’s St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for April 12: Easter Sunday:

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people!

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

April 12, 2020: Easter Sunday (JN 20:1-9)

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today’s gospel instructs us Jesus “had to rise from the dead.” The dying we experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.

ST. LEONARD’S HOME

Worried about a loved one? St. Leonard’s Personal Care Home in Hollidaysburg provides medication management, personal hygiene assistance, socialization, meals, housekeeping and a 24 hour staff in a home-like environment. We serve men and women 62+ for whom it is no longer safe to live alone. To tour our beautiful Victorian mansion or for more information, call Sr. Cynthia Meyer at 695-9581 during weekday business hours. We are a Catholic facility but accept all eligible applicants, and will assist with financial aid applications where applicable.