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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022



*Our Lady, Queen of Peace,
pray for us!*

‘Father Forgive’

Following the bombing of the mediaeval Cathedral in 1940, Provost Howard had these words inscribed on the wall behind the Altar of the ruined building.

“Father Forgive” is used as the response in the ***Coventry Litany of Reconciliation***, which is prayed in the new Cathedral every weekday at noon and is used throughout the world by the Community of the Cross of Nails.

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

*The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
Father, forgive.*

*The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
Father, forgive.*

*The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
Father, forgive.*

*Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others, **Father, forgive.***

*Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
Father, forgive.*

*The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,
Father, forgive.*

*The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
Father, forgive.*

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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We prayed the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation during the Holy Week Service, 2022.

Resurrection: Reflecting on Holy Week: Season of Eternal Promise

Like the four seasons, change demand something from us, especially in recent years when we have had to acclimate to unseasonable weather. Just when we thought we could hibernate your sweaters, a cold snap won't let you or a surprisingly warm winter day has you dreaming of your summer vacation. Weather is like a box of chocolates: you never know what you're going to get!

Our Liturgical Seasons, unlike the weather, are predictable in their timing and just as unpredictable in their demands. Six weeks have passed since you accepted the sign of the ashy cross on your forehead. "...if all our world is ashes, then must our lives be true..." The blest ashes indicated a change in the sacred seasons and sent you into the Desert of Decision. There you were invited to examine your "idolatries" for 40 days, with Christ at your side. How you journeyed, prayed, or fasted, or gave generously of your time, talent, and treasure, is in your rear-view spiritual mirror now. Lent 2022 is an unrepeatable season of the heart.

The Week We Call Holy began in glorious sunlight with a Palm Sunday's celebration and the invitation to "*ever glory in The Cross of Christ...and the pow'r of his saving love...*" Fr. Joe's homilized on *laminins*, the body's extracellular protein matrix of crosses, its physiological "rebar or body glue." Another proof you are "fearfully, wonderfully made" (Ps. 139) This new learning gives deeper meaning to The Cross as we journey through *this* Holy Week.

Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper made a radical shift from the expected gospel and focused on John's Basin and Towel Servant-leadership. Christ made Table Fellowship an essential for his follower's ministry. Serving others makes your faith and your relationship with Christ visible. "*I watch what I do to see what I believe.*" (S. Helen Prejean, CSJ) Washing others' feet is expressed in a variety of ways and most concretely through inclusive, loving acceptance and compassion.

Jesus journeyed from Gethsemane to Golgotha where he hung in agony, until he loved us to death. The meaning of The Cross is the bearable burden of the believer. Good Friday makes this real and true. The crucifix above the tabernacle is a reminder that The Cross, placed on your forehead at Baptism, is one you will carry throughout your faithjourney. *How you bare your Cross reveals how you are bearing your Cross.* John's Passion and the Vereration of The Cross are meant to embed the mystery of The Cross in your soul. "*Behold, behold the wood of the Cross on which is hung our salvation. O, come, let us adore.*"

On Holy Saturday all of Creation waits a New Season, a Season of New Life that slowly unfolds in silence and darkness that is Paschal Mystery. As Christ rages against sin and death, humanity hopes for the healing and wholeness promised from first season of Creation. It is so hard to wait and to hope in what is unseen. The Light of the World keeps his promise. Like Mary Magdalene, Martha Neaves saw and believed.

Easter Sunday the strife is o'er, Christ's battle is done! No grave can hold Jesus, who rises gloriously. The Season of Promise in Life Eternal begins. The Alleluias, buried on Ash Wednesday, resound throughout the cosmos. The Cross becomes glorified in grace. "*Let us ever glory in the Cross of Christ and the triumph of God's great love.*" We continue our Easter Season for 50 Days until the celebration of Pentecost. *Alleluia!*

Happy Easter, Church! ¡Feliz Pascua, Iglesia!

After Jesus' death and burial, Mary Magdalene went back to the tomb where she collapses in tears. Like Thomas who needed faith to overcome his doubts, and Peter who needed forgiveness for his betrayals, Jesus knew exactly what Mary Magdalene needed. She need to hear his voice and hear Jesus call her by name. When she hears, "Mary", she responds, "Rabboni" which means *teacher*.

Other than Jesus' mother, Mary Magdalene is *the first* to see Jesus and *the first* to proclaim his Resurrection. *The first* one is not a man ~ like Peter or the beloved disciple. It's Mary Magdalene, indicating the honor Christ showed her for being among The Women Who Stayed. Certainly John 20 gives the primacy to Christ's encounter with Mary Magdalene. Obviously, this is the starting place on discussing women's place in Church and ministries.

Mary Magdalene's encounter with Christ is based on historical stories and what scripture scholars call the Criterion of Embarrassment. In scripture, woman's testimony is thought to be nonsense. Mary Magdalene's words had weight because of the witness of her faith and faithfulness to Christ.

In 1969, the Church named her, *Apostle to the Apostles*. This extraordinary title rolled back centuries of labeling her as the adulteress mentioned in the gospels. In 2016, Pope Francis elevated her optional memorial to a Church Feast Day, like all the other Apostles.

One scholar said, "...between the time Mary Magdalene's encounter with Christ and the time she announced the good news to the disciples, *Mary Magdalene was the Church.*" Only to her had been revealed the fulness of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus." She alone carried the good news to the Upper Room to the First Followers, who gathered together in fear after the crucifixion.

Another scholar speaks of a mistranslation of the one we call Mary Magdalene, She is not called Mary of Magdala. "Magdalen is actually a title. It means "tower". So there are two translations of her name, "Mary of Migdal, which is a Jewish town near Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee...she's always called Mary Magdalene, Mary the Tower." Her title speaks volumes of her faith, strength, courage, and character.

Martha Neaves, our newest member, took Mary Magdalene as her Confirmation name. Martha's journey to the Catholic Church began through her study and teaching of Art History and the tremendous influence Catholic art has had on her life.

For Martha, Christ's called began as a visual one. By experiencing God's plan throughout salvation history, Martha felt called to explore the Catholic Faith. All of us are beneficiaries of her faith, strength, courage, and character.

Welcome to the Church,
Welcome to St. Stephen, Martha!

Alleluia!

Janis

*The Magdalene's Blessing
For Easter Day*

You hardly imagined standing here, everything you ever loved suddenly returned to you, looking you in the eye and calling your name.

And now you do not know how to abide this hole in the center of your chest, where a door slams shut and swings open at the same time, turning on the hinge of your aching and hopeful heart. I tell you, this is not a banishment from the garden.

This is an invitation, a choice, a threshold, a gate.

This is your life calling to you from a place you could never have dreamed, but now that you have glimpsed its edge, you cannot imagine choosing any other way.

So let the tears come as anointing, as consecration, and then let them go.

Let this blessing gather itself around you.

Let it give you what you will need for this journey.

You will not remember the words—they do not matter.

All you need to remember is how it sounded when you stood in the place of death and heard the living call your name.

~Jan Richardson









"Rabboni"

by Gutzon Borglum*
This 6'5" bronze sculpture is in Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, DC.

Notice Mary Magdalene's sense of urgency as she runs from the tomb back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples, "He is risen!"

*Borglum is best known for his work on Mt. Rushmore.



A P R I L	
	18 RCIA Give Blood Elkin Rescue, 1:30-6:00p 
	19 Communion Service, 12:15p
	20 SSJ Christian Growth Group, CLT 
	21 Wise Ones: Cracker Barrel, Jonesville, 1p Hosts: Lana & Bob H
	23 SSJ Governance Group Zoom 9:00a-3:00p
	24 2nd Sunday Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday BAPTISM: Reyna Hernandez-Reyes
	25 RCIA
	26 Communion Service, 12:15p

PROCLAIMERS of the WORD		
Easter Sunday 4/17	Karen G	Janis McQ
2 nd Sun of Easter 4/24	Peggy R	Ronnie K

Daily Readings - <https://bible.usccb.org/>

A P R I L	
17	St. S parishioners; +John Cahill (6 th Anniv)
24	+ Yaira DeJesus (daughter of Sonia & Sixto)

Easter Flowers	
Donor	In Honor/Memory
Ronnie Krakovsky	Irene & Joe Krakovsky
S. Janis	The McQuade Clan Sisters of St. Joseph
Jane & Rob Worley	The Worley Family

If you wish to donate Easter flowers,
please use the envelopes provided.
Print the names of your loved ones and
the back and give the envelope to S. Janis.

Thank you!



EARTH DAY
APRIL 22, 2022

Our planet home
has one life, as we do.

How do and will you
Cherish this precious place
God has entrusted to us?

Parish Celebrations

19 Mario Crispin
21 Joanna Salvatore



27 Luis Rodriguez
30 Vanessa Lopez



21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez
27 Julie & Patrick Colglazier

Reflecting and Acting on the Word

How has the Resurrection changed
the seasons of your heart?

Pope Francis ~ Walking the Word

On Palm Sunday, Pope Francis called for
an Easter truce between Russia and Ukraine.
"Let the weapons be put down!

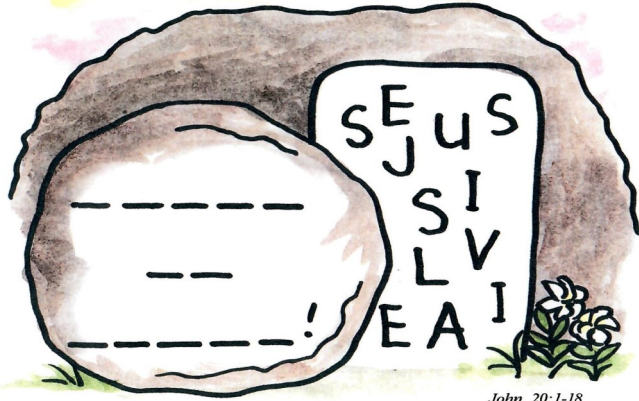
Let the Easter truce begin.

*The purpose of the truce is not
to reload weapons and resume fighting...*

...it is to reach peace through real negotiations."

The Kids' Bulletin

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John 20:1-18

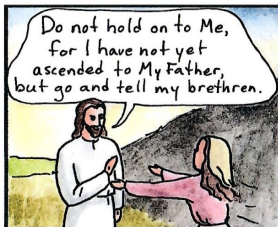
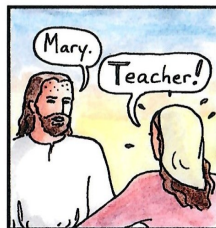
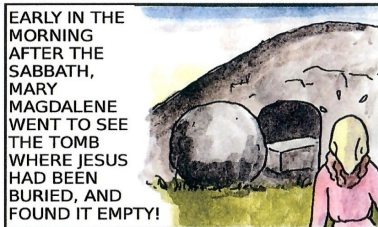


What are we celebrating on Easter?
Unscramble the letters
to fill in the blanks!

Alleluia!



Mary Magdalene Meets the Risen Jesus



IMAGINE HOW MARY FELT EARLY ON EASTER MORNING- HER BEST FRIEND, JESUS, HAD JUST DIED. NOW IMAGINE HOW HAPPY SHE WAS TO FIND HIM RISEN FROM THE DEAD! WE SHOULD BE SAD WHEN WE REMEMBER THAT JESUS DIED BECAUSE OF OUR SINS BUT REJOICE THAT HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD! HAPPY EASTER!

Easter Word-Find

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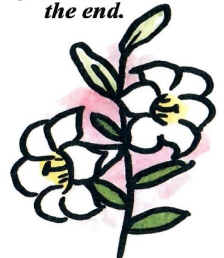
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O D U S T O N E M A R Y
O I B U R I A L O W M S
K S C R I P T U R E A W
I C A R T O M B N E G S
N I R E A I P O I P D S
G P E C D F E D N I A E
C L O T H S T Y G N L M
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