

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday Of The
Resurrection Of The Lord

8:00 AM 10:00 AM

Gathering: Christ The Lord Is Risen Today BB 163

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

Sing a joyful song to the Lord! Alleluia! Let the heavens and earth rejoice!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sprinkling Rite: God, you have moved upon the

waters, you have sung in the rush of wind and flame; and in your love, you have called us sons and daughters, make us people of the

water and your name.

Preparation Ye Sons And Daughters BB 170

Mass Parts Storrington Mass

Communion I Am The Bread Of Life BB 326

Ubi Caritas BB 325

Recessional: Hail Thee, Festival Day BB 737

RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS Attention Parents

Please be sure to accompany your young children when they need to use the restroom during Mass. This is for their safety and your peace of mind!



Out of respect for the Lord and in consideration of fellow parishioners, please remember to silence or turn of your cell phones during Mass. Thank you!

№ PARISH TITHING №

Our Parish needs to take in \$9700.00 each week in order to make ends meet. This amount represents an adjusted budget offertory of \$8500.00 per week plus the combination of budgeted Property and Fuel second collections (\$4800.00 per month divided into 4 weeks or \$1200.00 weekly). Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the Parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
APRIL 10, 2022
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN



Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses *Parish Giving* to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at http://stlukenh.org, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

April 17 Easter and Needs of the Parish

April 24 Fuel

May 1 Catholic Charities
May 8 Property Management

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/ \$100	\$3,000/ <i>\$60</i>
\$75,000	\$3,750/\$75	\$2,250/\$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/\$60	\$1,800/\$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/ <i>\$50</i>	\$1,500/\$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/\$40	\$1,200/\$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/\$30	\$900/\$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/\$25	\$750/\$15
\$15,000	\$750/\$15	\$450/\$9

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase				
Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase	
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00	
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00	
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00	
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00	
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00	
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00	
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00	
\$15.00	\$18.70	\$19.50	\$21.00	
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00	
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00	

№ PARISH NEWS

COVID UPDATE

By mandate of the Bishop of Manchester on June 6, all restrictions and procedures put in place during the pandemic are no longer in effect.

The choice to wear or to not wear a mask is left up to individuals and their discretion. Those persons who have not been vaccinated should be especially mindful of their own safety and the safety of others, especially those vulnerable to communicable disease.

A hand sanitizer station will remain at the main entrances of the church doors for the time being for parishioners' convenience.

Anyone who has been recently exposed to COVID 19 or any other communicable disease should not attend public services of any kind. Those sick should remain at home until such time as they are healthy.

Liturgy online or on TV...

Boston Catholic Television

catholictv.org

Sunday Mass from Notre Dame
catholictv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass
Salt & Light TV saltandlighttv.org
Eternal Word Television ewtn.com

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - NO MASS

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 18. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 19. There is NO daily Mass on Easter Monday, April 18, in Newton.

AMAZONSMILE FOUNDATION

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has been issued a **\$132.31 donation** from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2021.

AmazonSmile.com is the same market platform as Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of allowing customers to donate 0.5% of the price of items purchased to a charitable organization. Please register today to start shopping and donating at www.amazonsmile.com. For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

TAX TIME SUGGESTION

Did you know? If you are 72 or older and need to take a "required minimum distribution (RMD)" from an IRA retirement account, a direct distribution to a qualified charitable organization, such as Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, can save you money on your taxes. Such a donation will count toward your required minimum distribution but will be excluded from taxable income. Ask your tax preparer or IRA trustee for more details.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like an "end of year" financial statement of your contributions to the Parish for 2021, please call Jackie at the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 or by email at jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net. If you're new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. Registration forms can also be found on our website at http://stlukenh.org.

SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH

On the weekend of May 1, we will hold our Annual Appeal for Catholic Charities NH. Father Albert will speak about how your support allows Catholic Charities NH to continue to help hundreds of New Hampshire residents and families overcome hardship and create better paths forward. In a year unlike any other, every gift matters. To bring more positive, lasting change to your New Hampshire neighbors in need, visit www.cc-nh.org/everything. Catholic Charities NH thanks you in advance for your prayerful gifts!

PLEASE HELP US!

As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with youor return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave

WHILE AWAY THIS SPRING...

We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Spring even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Spring months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.

₩ WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 17

6:00 PM Easter Vespers & Benediction **Newton**

Monday, April 18
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, April 19

6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting Plaistow

Wednesday, April 20 Holy Angels Church Open All Day For Prayer

7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting Plaistow

Thursday, April 21

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration Newton

Saturday, April 23

8:00 AM Men of St. Joseph Prayer Group
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation Plaistow
Plaistow

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Our ministry aims to emulate St. Joseph and become better husbands, fathers, sons and brothers. There are no dues and the Men of St. Joseph do not participate in projects or other volunteer efforts as a group, but instead, gather together for sharing among men to help them be a better person, a better family man, and a better member of the Church. Join us next Saturday morning, April 23, 2022 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM in the parish hall on the Plaistow campus.

PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at csmith@stluketheeyangelist.net.



BLESSING OF MOTHERS

A special blessing of mothers will be given at all Masses on the weekend of **Mother's Day, May 8, 2022**.



St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/ or St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaistow and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners & friends to do the same.

▼ MASS INTENTIONS ▼

Saturday, April 16 ~ Great Vigil Of Easter

Gn 1:1—2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;

Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

8:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter

Plaistow

Sunday, April 17 ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

8:00 AM Jeannie Fullerton by Barbara and Jack Brotz

Newton

10:00 AM The Intentions of Eleanor Martin

by Ed and Sue Martin

Plaistow

Monday, April 18 ~ Monday within the Octave of Easter

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

No Mass

Tuesday, April 19 ~ Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

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

8:00 AM Dorothy Rose Riley by the Parish

Plaistow

Wednesday, April 20 ~ Wednesday w/i Octave of Easter

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

6:30 PM The Intentions of Jill Kulczyk

by Jack and Barbara Brotz

Plaistow

Thursday, April 21 ~ Thursday w/i the Octave of Easter

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

8:00 AM Julie Lynch by the Parish

Newton

Friday, April 22 ~ Friday within the Octave of Easter

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

No Mass

Saturday, April 23 ~ Saturday w/i the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15 (Day)

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;

Jn 20:19-31(Vigil)

4:00 PM Deceased Members of the Fogel Family and

Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse

Plaistow

Sunday, April 24 ~ Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

8:00 AM Angelina Antczak by the Burge Family

Newton

10:00 AM Jesselyn Driscoll by her family

Plaistow





MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

Did you know that ALL
Catholics are required to be
married in the Church as a
condition of the
validity of their marriage?

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert at the parish office for more information.

VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother icon at Mary Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of



Marcia Gallant

by Bill Tucker



The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of

Paul Antkowiak

by his family

The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of

Joshua Alberts by Jim Edwards



THE GOD MINUTE

Every morning a small group of priests, religious, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called "The God Minute." It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free. Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work, or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be!

www.thegodminute.org

The <u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</u> is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. Be a good agent of welcome and evangelization! If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, contact Cathy Smith in the Parish Office.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? The adult Confirmation process is an opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. If you would like to prepare for Confirmation, or if you have questions, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Students in Junior High or High School who have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to prepare to receive the sacrament, contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305, or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual, but it is a great source of grace for us as a parish family, as well.

We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord, **but** we need more people so there will be at least two people at each hour. We are also looking for people who would be able to substitute.

Newton – Thursday 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

▼ PARISH DIRECTORY ▼

 Parish Office
 603-382-8324

 Parish Prayer Line
 603-382-8324 x 314

 St. Vincent de Paul Society
 603-382-8324 x 315

 St. Luke's Food Pantry
 603-819-4949

 Preschool
 603-382-9783

 Presentation of Mary Convent
 603-382-2744

Fr. Albert Tremblay Cathy Smith Joyce Szczapa Jackie Tremblay Val Barczak Parish Council fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net <u>csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</u> jszczapa@stluketheevangelist,net jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net mvmbarczak@comcast.net parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

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▼ Community News **▼**



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your generosity towards the hungry of our area!

Non-perishable food or personal care items are always needed – donations can be dropped off at Church or are welcome at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Cash donations for food are always welcome – make checks payable to **St. Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry**. All donations to the Food Pantry go toward helping the needy of our communities. **Call the Pantry at 819-4949 for more information.**

Thanks to your generosity, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to help our friends and neighbors in need. Requests for help, especially



heat and utilities, have been on the rise lately. We've recently helped several families with rent and utility payments. Your continued support makes it possible for us to assist all who come to us for help.

We invite you to our next meeting **on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 PM** in the Holy Angels Church Hall. We welcome you to sit in on our meeting and determine if membership in this great group is for you.

We will be selling lilies following Easter Liturgies again this year following all Masses on Easter Sunday.

If you are interested in learning more about this great group of volunteers, contact our Secretary, Jim Edwards, at jimmy69180@hotmail.com or 603-642-5236. Meetings are both live and virtual.

If you seek assistance or need information about the Society, call (603) 382-8324, ext.315.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

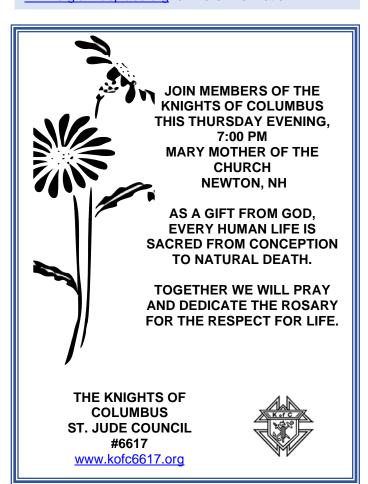
A Men's AA Step Meeting is held on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall (Holy Angels.) Masks are required. Bring your own coffee. For more information, call Joe at 617-921-9899.

OPEN TO ALL - SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY

Whether you're working toward a degree or you simply want to take a class or two, check out Saint John Seminary Catholic course offerings! All of our courses offer thought provoking material and clear instruction from professors who are highly regarded in their fields. Saint John's Seminary (sjs.edu) is a graduate school of theology and offers two fully accredited graduate degree programs in Catholic theology for laity, religious, and deacons in addition to forming future priests. These two degree programs are faithful to the Catholic intellectual tradition, are carefully crafted to provide an integrated and thorough study of Catholic theology, and allow for specialization in one of two themes: acquiring skills to minister within the Church, or honing one's skills to participate fully in the New Evangelization of the world.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Gianna's Place is looking for an organized Catholic woman to manage household responsibilities and ensure the safety of residents. Visit www.stgiannasplace.org for more information.





CHRIST IS RISEN! Χριστός ανστηί!

A warm welcome to visitors and travelers to our Parish

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

For Catholics: As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of

the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

<u>For our fellow Christians</u>: We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (JN 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily NOT admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

<u>For those not receiving Holy Communion</u>: All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

<u>For non-Christians</u>: We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

THE 50 DAYS OF EASTER A SENSE OF THE SEASON

First, we kept the forty days, with praying, giving alms. Then fasting and celebrated the three days of Christ's passion, dying and rising. Now we delight in the fifty days, with rejoicing, feasting and giving witness! The season of Easter is fifty days long. It is a time of unbridled joy, of exuberant rejoicing. The church tells us, "The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one 'great Sunday.' These above all others are days for the singing of the Alleluia." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, #22).

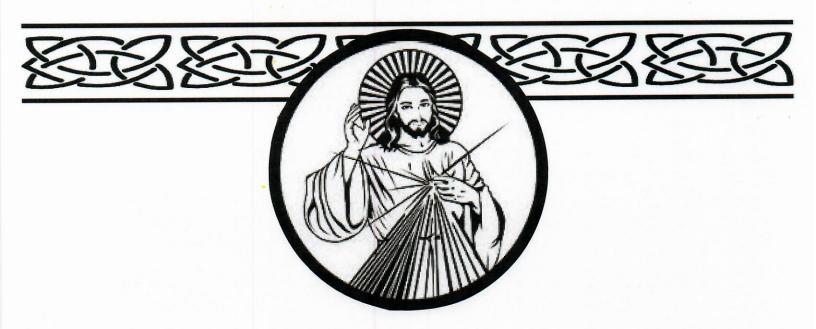
Why is Easter-time fifty days? The ancient cultures that gave us the Bible had great respect for numbers. They believed that numbers contained hints about God and the



meaning of life. The number seven was thought to contain fullness: There are seven days in the week, according to God's original way of ordering time, creating all that there is and resting. So if you multiply 7 times 7, you have "fullness times fullness."

But wait! 7x7 is 49! With God, there is always more—more than we can ever imagine. So our holy season of Easter is even more than "fullness times fullness." It's "fullness times fullness" and then some: 7x7+1. That's what love is like: more than we can ever imagine. That's what heaven is going to be like: more than we can ever imagine.

The fifty days are days for looking for the risen Lord among us, for hearing in each other's stories of rising from the big and small deaths, days when we experience something of Christ's triumphs. That's why we look to the newly baptized, robed in bright new clothes and oily with gladness: At Easter, they died and rose with Christ! Now they take their places with us. Together, like the apostles who were so full of the Spirit that people thought they were drunk, we rush about with good and giddy news: Death is not the last word! Life and love are forever! And slowly, painstakingly, we work together, together with Christ, to change this world into the world to come. **Christ is Risen!** Sing Alleluia!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

SUNDAY APRIL 24th - MARY MOTHER CHURCH, NEWTON NH BEGINNING AT 3:00 pm

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the first Sunday after Easter. The Divine Mercy message is simple, "It is that God loves us — all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy."

The Knights of Columbus, Council #6617 will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with a special Hour of Mercy, in the courtyard before the Statue of our Blessed Lady (weather permitting) at the Mary Mother Church in Newton NH beginning at 3 p.m. Veneration before the Divine Mercy image will begin at 2:30. The hour-long devotion presided over by members of the Knights and will include scripture readings, Divine Mercy Chaplet sung by Sue Ronan concluding with the litany to the Divine Mercy.

All are invited to join.

In the event of inclimate weather the service will be moved inside the church.







The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: John 20:1-9 and John 20:19-31

Easter celebrates Jesus' Resurrection. This is the very heart of the Christian faith: that God raised Jesus, who was crucified, from the dead. The promise of Jesus is that all who believe in him will be raised up to new life with God. Jesus' appearances after his Resurrection show that life with him is love, forgiveness, service to others, and giving one's life for one's friends.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child learned how Easter celebrates God's life-giving power over death. Talk about all the ways your family celebrates the feast—colored eggs, special treats, meals, and going to Mass. Make a large banner with the word Alleluia, and display the banner in your home throughout the season.

Promise (Grades K–1): This week the class learned the story of Jesus' rising from the dead. The class learned, too, that Jesus is present in their Christian community. Ask your child to tell the family about the Apostle Thomas and how he came to believe that Jesus is risen. During the week, use the greeting "Peace be with you" with your family. It will remind you of how Jesus greeted his friends after he rose from the dead.

Good News (Grades 2–3): In class this week, your child took part in a play that tells the story of the events on the first Easter Sunday. As a family, act out the events in the booklet. You can pass the text around to read the parts. Talk as a family about how important it is to have faith in the Resurrection of Jesus. Plan some special decoration for your home, maybe an empty tomb, that shows your family's faith in the Risen Jesus.

Venture (Grades 4–6): This week, your youngster's class learned to identify the signs of new life around them. The class also learned about some of the symbols of Easter. Ask your child to share what some of these symbols mean and why they help us remember Jesus' Resurrection: light, colored eggs, water, seeds, the lamb, the lily, and the butterfly. Share as a family how important Jesus' promise of new life is for each of you.

Visions (Grades 7–9): In class, the young people connected the new life of spring with the new life that accompanies the Resurrection of Christ. They also talked about the experience of the death of a loved one and how the promise of new life helps everyone understand that life is changed, not taken away. Talk about the loved ones you have lost and how you miss them and look forward to being with them again in heaven thanks to the promise Jesus made. Ask your youngster to share with the family what he or she learned about Mary Magdalene.

Pray Together

Make a family Easter candle. It is true that you can purchase Easter candles, but it might be a good experience to decorate a plain white candle with the signs and symbols of Easter. Each evening during the first week of the Easter feast, light the candle and spend a few moments in family prayer. Then renew your baptismal promises by making the Sign of the Cross together.



Archdiocese of Boston Eucharistic Congress

Saturday, June 18, 2022 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM TSONGAS CENTER, LOWELL, MA

Cardinal Sean O'Malley invites all the Catholic faithful in the Archdiocese of Boston and surrounding dioceses to join him in closing the Year of the Eucharist with a day-long **Eucharistic Congress**, **Jesus is Here**.

A core tenet of the Catholic faith is that the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ is made truly present in the Eucharist. But belief in the True Presence has waned in recent years, even among Catholics. And that's a concern—because as Cardinal Sean teaches, "It is in the Eucharist where we find our true identity." **Jesus is Here** is an opportunity for us to deepen our understanding of the mystery of Jesus' presence with us—by listening to powerful talks on the Eucharist, by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass, and by adoring Him in a time of adoration and worship.

Schedule

7:30am	Doors Open, Exhibitors Available
8:30am	Welcome, Music, & Celebration of Mass
10:15am	Break & Visit Exhibitors
10:45am	Session 1 – Featuring Dcn. Harold Burke-Sivers & Bishop Daniel Flores
12:15pm	Lunch Break & Visit Exhibitors
1:30pm	Session 2 - Featuring Bishop Robert Barron
2:30pm	Break & Visit Exhibitors
3:00pm	Session 3 – Featuring Jackie and Bobby Angel
4:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration & Procession through Lowell
6:00pm	Eucharistic Congress Concludes

^{*}Confessions will be available at the following times: 7:30-8:30am, 10:15am-1:30pm, 2:30-3:30pm.

Cost and Registration

The earlier you register, the less your ticket cost will be, so don't wait to buy tickets! Ticket prices are as follows:

- OCTOBER 22 MARCH 31 = \$39
- APRIL 1 MAY 22 = \$49

Ticket sales will close at the end of the day on **Sunday**, **May 22**nd. Be sure to purchase your tickets by then!

The optional box lunch costs an additional \$14 and must be purchased at the time you purchase tickets. Individuals can register guests such as friends or family members and may purchase up to 9 total tickets.

To Register:

www.bostoncatholic.org/jesus-is-here



Bringing Home the Word +

Easter Sunday (C)
April 17, 2022

Finding Treasure on Easter

By Fr. Mark Haydu

A key to our faith is the testimony of the apostles who witnessed Jesus resurrected from the dead. For this reason, the Easter scriptural passages carefully record who saw him, when, and under what circumstances.

Particularly powerful is the testimony of Mary Magdalene. She was at the foot

Sunday Readings

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. of the cross with Mary and John. She saw Jesus' passion and death in all its brutal reality: carrying the cross, the nailing, spearing, his last agonizing words, lowering his body from the cross, cleaning his corpse, and anointing it according to Jewish customs. She would have wrapped him in linen and then stood outside the tomb as soldiers sealed it shut. She, more than anyone, could testify that he was most definitely dead.

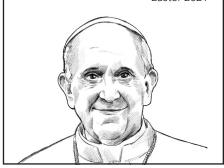
Imagine her surprise when, early Sunday morning, she found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. After Peter and John came to confirm that it was as she said, Mary Magdalene stayed at the tomb. Having been forgiven much, she loved much. Saint Gregory the Great comments that the woman who stayed behind to seek Christ was the only one to see him, for perseverance is essential to any good deed.

Often, we need to persevere in pursuing Jesus. He doesn't reveal himself to mere curiosity seekers. Rather, he rewards those who seek him with sincerity and who have accepted him deeply. Jesus would find the person who was seeking him. He called her by name because he knew her as no one else. She had found her lost treasure and held on to it with all her loving strength. +

A Word from Pope Francis

The Easter message speaks concisely of the event that gives us the hope that does not disappoint: "Jesus who was crucified has risen." It speaks to us not about angels or ghosts, but about a man, a man of flesh and bone, with a face and a name: Jesus, [who] rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Urbi Et Orbi message, Easter 2021



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- How has the resurrection changed my life?
- What can I do to ensure I fully rejoice in the gift of life?

A Wild, Uncontrolled Symbol of Easter

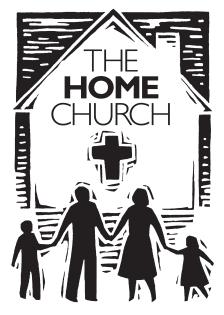
By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski CSsR

Lilies are the perfect flowers for Easter. For many, their strong fragrance and striking appearance are synonymous with the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord.

But did you know that lilies tend to grow too tall? That can be a problem. Their height from year to year is not consistent or predictable. And if they shoot too high, they become difficult to maintain and arrange. Their compact bulb-root system and their large, heavy white blooms make them prone to fall over

The remedy is simple. A chemical treatment is introduced while feeding the lily bulbs. During the growing process, the chemical keeps the stem from elongating. The intervention is necessary for height control. The amount of chemical used determines the flower's height. More or less is used to get the desired effect. If you are going to grow lilies, before you begin I suggest you check with someone who has done it .

The perfect symbol of the resurrection, the bright white bloom that bursts forth from the dark, barren bulb is unnatural. It's chemically treated. The chemical treatment of lilies and other plants is commonly known and accepted. Drive down a country road in the late spring past rows of sprouting corn and soybeans and read the signs that pop up. Many advertise pesticides and herbicides. Take a walk through a farmers market in the summer and



notice the perfect shape, color, and fragrance of the produce: all treated.

I'll never forget the first time I smelled roasting coffee beans. It was on a farm in Dominica. I thought to myself, Coffee doesn't smell like that. It smelled burnt. On the same farm I saw oranges growing. They were green, not orange. I thought, Oranges don't look like that. I sat down to lunch and ate chicken. I remember thinking, This can't be chicken. Chicken doesn't taste like this. I then found out that a lot of our food in the United States is treated and altered. We make food look, smell, and taste like we imagine it should. That's the case unless it's organic. Did you ever notice that organic fruit and vegetables

often don't look like you expect? They may seem ugly because they grow uncontrolled and untreated. They are allowed to be themselves, to be real.

A real, wild, uncontrolled, and untreated lily really is an apt symbol for Easter. It isn't exactly ugly, but it is too tall and will keel over. Its lanky, spindly gawkiness reminds us that life is beyond our control. Life can be both ugly and beautiful. Even though we try to chemically treat and alter ourselves and our world, one day we will topple over. +

The lily is the perfect flower to display when celebrating the resurrection of Christ, and not just because it is beautiful.



Lord, your resurrection pierces the darkness of doubt and fear.

May the power of your resurrection help me to deepen my love for you and all people.

—Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 18-23

Monday, Octave of Easter: Acts 2:14, 22–23 / Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday, Octave of Easter: Acts 2:36–41 / Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday, Octave of Easter: Acts 3:1–10 / Lk 24:13–35 Thursday, Octave of Easter: Acts 3:11–26 / Lk 24:35–48

Friday, Octave of Easter: Acts 4:1–12 / Jn 21:1–14

Saturday, Octave of Easter: Acts 4:13–21 / Mk 16:9–15



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