



Alleluia!

He is risen!

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

April 1, 2018 — The Resurrection of the Lord



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 31 (Holy Saturday)

7:00pm ✠ Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

Sunday, April 1

7:30am **Int.** Mary Fielding Family and
✠ James M. Kennedy
9:00am ✠ William & Michelina Williams and Jean Ann Stock
10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
✠ Joseph Doyle
12:00pm ✠ H. & M. Heynen and Rita Consolo
5:00pm ✠ Michael Bienes and Rose Doran

Monday, April 2

7:30am ✠ Rev. Gerald McGrath
8:45am ✠ Juan Maturell and
Int. Thanksgiving to God & the Blessed Mother

Tuesday, April 3

7:00am **Int.** Francis R. & Judy Lyons
8:45am ✠ Beatriz Arango and John Rau

Wednesday, April 4

7:00am ✠ Fr. Charles Newburn
8:45am ✠ Brian G. Scott and **Int.** Diane Rau

Thursday, April 5

7:00am **Int.** Francis Devine (Birthday)
8:45am ✠ Michael Bienes and
Bishop William G. Curlin

Friday, April 6

7:00am **Int.** Francis R. & Judy Lyons
8:45am ✠ Butler/Haran Family and Mary Almendro

Saturday, April 7

8:45am ✠ Dorothy Baldwin and **Int.** Marc Cillo
5:00pm ✠ Betsy Russo and Paul Debreuil

Sunday, April 8

7:30am ✠ Dorothy Marie Baldwin and
Int. George E. Galluzzo
9:00am ✠ Susan Kanelidis and Donna Yohanen
10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
✠ Peterson/Fagan Families
12:00pm ✠ Esther Sanchez and Agnus Julia Saglime
5:00pm ✠ Angela Vittello and Minerva Bloom

April 7 & 8	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Bowles	Charles Russo	Mary Ellen Spinogatti Daniel Toomey Susan Toomey
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Kelly	Kitty Rotella	Maureen Buffington Paulette Kardos
Sun. 9:00am	Msgr. Sheahan	David Crane	Susan Crane Janalyn Reeder Jane Czubay
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Bowles	Dave Corey	Cesar Coral Veronica Coral Bertha Martos
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Kelly	Thomas Gavigan	Pete Manfredi Danielle Manfredi
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Mary Schack	Ed Grenet Christine Grenet

Baptism: Registered parishioners please contact the Parish office at least one month in advance. Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of the month after the 12pm Mass.

Marriage: Arrangements are made for previously registered and participating parishioners with six months of preparation.

Homebound: Please contact the Rectory to register for home visits for those unable to attend Mass.

Women's Guild: Monthly meetings are held Oct - May, 2nd Wed. at 9:30am. Boutique workshops are Wed. at 9:30am

Men's Club: Meetings on the 4th Tuesday, Sept - May. Breakfast is hosted after First Friday 8:45am Mass.

Divine Will Group meets Wednesday evenings from 6- 9pm and Saturday from 2-4pm in the Parish Hall. Monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the 3rd Sunday, 1-3pm.

Our Novena and Benediction Service and Rosary:

Please join us Monday-Saturday at 8:20am for the Rosary and on Mondays for our Novena and Benediction service immediately following the 8:45am Mass.



Our compliments on the parish participation during the services of Holy Week. What a beautiful way to show praise to our Lord, our Savior!



Easter Flowers

Thank you to all who provided the beautiful floral decoration today in honor of the Feast of the Resurrection. Your remembrances will be kept on the altar during the Easter season.

FIRST FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH

Adoration: 9:15am until 5pm
Men's Club breakfast: 9:15am
Confessions: Thursday, April 5th,
From 4—5pm.



“We are an Easter People!”

On this joyous occasion, we happily celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus, from the dead. Undoubtedly rising from the dead is a most unique event, but to forecast one’s own death and then to pinpoint a three-day time frame in which to rise again is beyond human comprehension. Historically this sequence of events took place in detail with the verification by many witnesses as we observe in the Gospels.

What makes this feast even more enjoyable for us Christians is that it is the high point of the final effort of Jesus on our behalf. You cannot consider Resurrection from the dead without considering the whole reason for the suffering, crucifixion and death to compensate for the sinfulness of mankind. In rising, Jesus gives us a chance at eternal life. Without His unlimited efforts, we could have been doomed to oblivion upon completion of our earthly existence. Now, happily because of such efforts, we too can rise to a new life.

The new life with the Lord in eternity is what we prepare for from the beginning. God, in His love, wishes to share His joy with us for all eternity. However, gifted with free will, we must willingly choose it. If there were no free will by which to make the choice, we would not be worthy of the reward. Thus we work out our salvation on a daily basis by living lives of goodness for the Almighty. Love given by God is expected to be freely returned and the result is a perpetuation of that love hereafter.

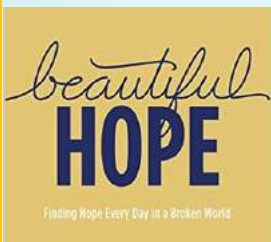
As we now celebrate the Easter joy, we ought to be fully aware that this memorial is a milestone in our lives, a reassurance that God's love is still offered to us to sustain us in the many challenges which come our way.

Along with the great joy of Easter, we have great hope that upon completion of a satisfactory existence here on earth, we will share the joy of God's presence for eternity. We have the right formula for life; with God's help may it bring us to eventual resurrection to eternal happiness. Happy Easter!

Blessings,

BOOK GIFT—SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

“We believe our future can be bigger than our past.”



Our gift to you on this powerful day is the book, *Beautiful Hope*.

We live in a culture that produces hopelessness with astounding consistency. But we are not alone—God walks with us and his presence fills us with hope.

“Man can live forty days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air, but only one second without hope.”

~Unknown

Please take one book per family as our gift.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.



Today we thank you for your continued support of our parish and invite your special giving as an Easter gift to the Lord. As Scripture

says: “What return can we give to the Lord for all he has given us.” Thank you for your thoughtfulness. There is only one collection for Easter.

Happy Easter to all! We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song! St. John’s parish community welcomes its many guests and visitors as we worship together. Coming from all parts of the world, it is heartening that, irrespective of culture, language, educational or economic level, we pray together and celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ, our Savior.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is a time in which we prayerfully reflect on the unlimited mercy of God being offered to each one of us. On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th, at 3pm a special Holy Hour to commemorate the Divine Mercy devotion will be held. All are invited to participate.

