

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

SHARE THE GLORY OF EASTER

Dear Parishioners,

“Resurrexit sicut dixit” - “He has risen as He said.” These words were spoken by the angel to the faithful women at the empty tomb of Jesus on that first Easter morning. Actually, what the angel said was: “Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for He has risen as He said, Come and see the place where He lay.” (Matthew 21: 5-6) Those remarkable words of hope spoken to the women nearly 2,000 years ago are spoken again to us today.

I'm sure many of us today share in what the faithful women were feeling when they went to the tomb of Jesus: fear, confusion, anxiety. The message of Easter is an Eternal message: suffering leads to glory, the cross leads to the empty tomb, death leads to life. The world around us continues to change. Yet one thing remains constant: God's love for us made manifest in the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. In the Resurrection, Christ destroyed the worst of what the world has to offer us. The battle may still continue, but ultimately we know that the powers of sin, darkness, and death have been defeated. God is victorious!

Easter isn't going to bring an immediate end to all that afflicts us in the world today, but it should help us to face the challenges confronting us with a new sense of Hope. “Be not afraid” the angel said. Why? Because Christ has Risen! Inspired by that central mystery of Faith, we can confront any challenge this world places before us with a sense of peace in our hearts, with hope, and with the strength that is ours as the recipients of God's love.

There was more to the message of the angel to the women at the tomb. He also said, “Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him.’”

The message of the Resurrection of Christ wasn't a personal gift offered to them; it was a message to be shared. So it must be with us. As we draw strength in the knowledge of the Resurrection, let us seek to share the glorious news with all those around us: the tomb is empty, He is not there, He has risen as He said!

You are all in my prayers; please remember to pray for me.

In the Peace, Hope and Love of the Risen Lord.

Fr. Caruso

*For God so loved the world that he
gave his one and only Son,
that whoever
believes in him shall not
perish but have
eternal life.*

John 3:16 (NIV)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Religious Education Program's 2023-2024 school year is rapidly coming to a close. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr. Dan, the teachers, church staff and all the parents for their cooperation and assistance in making this a very successful school year.

The following calendar of events will complete our year:

- Sunday April 7: Return to classes for all grades
- Sunday April 14: Classes for grades K-8
Last class for FFI and FFII
Confirmation practice with sponsors in church at 3:00 pm
- Tuesday April 16: Confirmation, 6:30 pm in church
- Sunday April 21: Class for grades K-8
- Sunday April 28: Class for grades K-8
- Saturday May 4: First communion in church 10:00am
- Sunday May 5: Last day of classes for grades K-8
May Crowning at 11:30 mass by
First Communion Class in church

From all of us at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter's Religious Education Program, have a safe and fun summer.
Mary Beth Meade, DRE

This Week We Remember...

Monday: April 1

Maria Giamartino/Rocco Gerace

Tuesday: April 2

9:00 am

Pasquale Sisera/Joanne Licitra

12:00 pm

Rosemary Lane & Family/Estate

Wednesday: April 3

9:00 am

Lillian Mayo/Mary Conzelmann

Thursday: April 4

9:00 am

Mary Rose Strano/Joanne Licitra & Paul
Paul Ferretti/Karen & Max

Friday: April 5 1st Friday

9:00 am

Francine Battaglia/John Perla

12:00 pm

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Saturday: April 6 Second Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm

Karen Magnarelli, Ann./Family
Gerald Birardi/Pagano Family
Guy P. Blasi, Sr./The Children
Benny & Terry Cimino/son, Joseph
Anthony Merluzzi/Debra Wade
Henry & Esther Pagano/David DeLucia
Frances Petrulla, Ann./Family
Ernesto Trinca/daughter, Rose
Joseph Santoro 1st Ann./Children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren

5:30 pm at St. John's/Holy Trinity

Marianna Sanzone/The Costantino Family

Sunday: April 7

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 am

Marie Felice/The Colaneri Family

9:00 am at St. John's/Holy Trinity

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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Sunday: April 7 Second Sunday of Easter

11:30 am

Vito Toia/Betty & Family
Anthony Visciglio, Jr/Frank Ventre & AnneMarie Scaninach
Barbara Pacheck, Ann./Anna Pacheck
Anthony Caracci, Ann./Family
Emily Alibrandi & Theodore Alibrandi/Family
Nicolangelo Pallotta/Colavita Family
Edward & Michael Swanka/Grace & MaryAnne
Salvatore & Mariantonia Sisera/daughter-in-law, Gilda
Gus Mancuso, Ann./Rosemarie & Family
Carmen Emmi, Sr./Rosemarie & Family

5:00 pm

Frank Scarfino III/Family
MaryAnne Scarfino/Family
Delores DiBello/Family

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

OLP/St. Peter Collection:

March 31, 2024 \$4,719.00

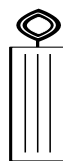
SJ/HT Collection:

March 31, 2024 \$1,906.00



Bread and Wine
For Masses Celebrated During The Week
In Loving Memory Of

Ben & Celia Pisano
Requested By
Anita & Family



Padre Pio

Devotional Candle Burning
Anthony Merluzzi
Requested By
Debra Wade

Origins of Easter Symbols: Lilies



The magnificent Easter Lily, with its sheer white petals, symbolizes life, purity, innocence, joy and peace. The beautiful white flowers of the lily were connected with these traits well before Jesus Christ. Many ancient allegories connect the flower with motherhood.

In early paintings, the Angel Gabriel is seen handing a bouquet of white lilies to the Virgin Mary. In other paintings, the saints are bringing vessels full of lilies to Mary and the baby Jesus. It is said that beautiful white lilies sprang up in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus wept in the last hours before he was betrayed by Judas. The lilies sprang up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow.

The lilies from Christ's time were not the Easter lily that we know today, which is native to the southern islands of Japan and now cultivated in areas such as California and Oregon. The lilies in Jesus' area were wild lilies of the valleys and fields. Still, our Easter lily serves as a reminder of the lilies mentioned frequently throughout the Bible. Easter lilies grace homes and churches each spring as a symbol of new life.

Bishop Grimes is holding a VIRTUAL auction on April 4-6. Everyone is invited to visit our auction website and bid on trips, electronics, baskets, gift cards and more! Every dollar you spend at the online auction is converted into scholarship funds for students in need.

Visit <https://www.bishopgrimes.org/development/auction.cfm> or email akenien@syrdioocese.org for more information.

VOCATIONS

"The Lord is truly risen!" Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection as a priest, religious sister or brother? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram [@vocationssyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationssyracuse).



Many Thanks To All that Purchased Candy!!!

Thank you so much to everyone that donated to our recent Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale!! It was very successful and appreciated!

We hope you enjoy your purchases!!

Happy Easter

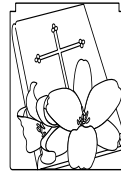


LITURGICAL MINISTERS Weekend of April 6-7



4:00 pm OLP/St. P.	J. Antonacci
7:30 am OLP/St.P.	J.Magnarelli
11:30 am OLP/St.P.	G. Lostumbo
5:00 pm OLP/St.P	Fr. Caruso

LET US PRAY



Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish and all those in hospitals, nursing homes and the home bound.

Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Marilyn Ferretti, Ruth Fabrizi, Francis Galimi, Ellen Gangemi, Katie Stamm Gordon, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Dory Jones, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Moro, Rosemary Nastri, Joe Nicoletti, The Pavia Children, Rebecca Roman, Emily Rosenthal, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Roseanne Scrimale, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, Julie Smith, John Sobon, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler



The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, April 1st.



BASKET BONANZA 2 WEEKS AWAY

We hope you have purchased your tickets for Basket Bonanza coming up in just 2 weeks. This is a wonderful event that we know you will enjoy. The date is Saturday, April 13th and will be held starting at 5:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Also if you were planning on donating a basket or auction item for this great event we hope you will do so soon as we are already beginning to put the program which lists the items together. The baskets and auction items that have already come in are wonderful...you are going to be so impressed!!! We are so very grateful for your support in whatever ways you are able to give it.

Tickets are \$10.00 which includes admission, 2 free tickets to use as chances of your choice, dinner, incredible desserts and loads of fun!!!

The last opportunity to purchase tickets after masses will be next week (the weekend of April 6 and 7th), however they can also be purchased at the parish and school offices all week. Or give us a call at the Parish Office 315 422 7163 and we can get them out to you. Cash, Checks and Credit Cards are always accepted.



The St. Therese Society would like to thank all those who baked, bought, sold or otherwise participated in our Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale . Your efforts were very much appreciated.

HOLY NAME 50/50 RAFFLE Call for your ticket!!

Tickets are still available for you to purchase and they are only \$50.00 each.

The drawing will be on **May 8, 2024 (think spring!)**. You may want to give a ticket (or two) as a gift!

Please Larry Cimino, 315-430-5645 or Joey Cimino at 315-430-0338

We thank you for your support.

Golf League begins on Tuesday May 5, 2024 @ WaNoa Golf Course. We are still looking for golfers. If you are interested, call Jamie Lanza after 2:00 @ 315 256-4540 to sign up.

SOCIETY OF ST. THERESE

Next meeting for the Society of St. Therese will be Thursday, April 25, 2024 @ 1:00pm.

