

Easter celebrations around the world vary greatly, featuring traditions like kite flying in Bermuda and the Caribbean, Easter witches in Sweden, giant omelets in France, and water fights in Poland, among many others.

Here's a closer look at some of these diverse Easter traditions:

Food & Drink:

Hot Cross Buns:

These spiced buns, marked with a cross, are a popular treat in the UK, Australia, and New Zealand, often eaten on Good Friday.

Giant Omelets:

In the French town of Bessieres, a tradition involves creating the world's largest omelet using around 15,000 eggs, a tradition that began after Napoleon's army enjoyed omelets in the area.

Pastel de Choclo (Corn Pudding):

A traditional Easter dish in Chile, this sweet and savory corn pudding is a staple during the holiday season.

Religious & Cultural Practices:

Kite Flying:

In Bermuda and other Caribbean islands, kite flying is a significant Easter tradition, symbolizing Christ's ascension into heaven.

Easter Witches:

In Sweden, children dress up as witches on Maundy Thursday, a tradition rooted in pre-Christian beliefs about witches flying to a mountain to meet with the devil.

Påskekrim (Easter Crime):

In Norway, families read and watch crime thrillers during the Easter holiday, a unique tradition that has become a cultural phenomenon.

Water Fights:

In Poland, on Easter Monday, boys traditionally pour water on others, believing it brings blessings of youth, health, and fertility.

Clay Pot Throwing:

On the Greek island of Corfu, a unique tradition involves throwing clay pots from windows on Holy Saturday, symbolizing the divine striking down enemies and hoping for a good harvest.

Easter Bonnets:

In the US, wearing Easter bonnets, or fancy hats, is a popular tradition, often paired with new Easter clothes, symbolizing renewal.

Via Crucis (Way of the Cross):

In Mexico, a popular religious ceremony depicts the moments leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Easter Bilbies:

In Australia, the Easter Bilby is a symbol of the holiday, with chocolate bilbies replacing the traditional Easter bunny to help raise awareness for the endangered species.

However you and your family celebrate, enjoy it and celebrate it with happiness and love! Happy Easter from CLC!

Facts from Fairy

As we continue in the Lenten Season and prepare for Easter please pray for peace and support for the people suffering in the conflicts around the world. We are truly blessed to live in the United States.

Thank-you to the councils for sending in your 2024 audits and volunteer hour reports. This information is compiled and sent to the American Fraternal Alliance.

Join Hands Day is May 3, 2025. The CLC Board hopes everyone can take part and brighten someone's day. As we have seen recently there has been a lot of destruction because of the tornadoes and fires. Councils and members can donate to the areas devastated by sending donations to the Red Cross. Please check their website for more information and updates on how to donate. Please keep the people that have been affected by the storms and fires in your prayers as they continue to rebuild their homes and lives. As we donate funds and time it is important that we report our hours and donations to the American Fraternal Alliance to keep CLC tax exempt. Please report your volunteer hours and donations at www.theclc.org.

The Board met in March. It has been a challenging year and the Board will continue to do what is best for CLC members and the organization.

The auction at St. Peter Catholic Elementary school in Upper Sandusky was held recently. CLC members are happy to support the school with cookie donations and attendance. It is a good time to socialize and spend time to support our young students. It was a huge success. Thank-you to everyone that donated and attended the event.

I have been made aware of an Ohio Scholarship donation income tax credit for all Ohio income tax payers. For more information ask your tax advisor or go to https://tax.ohio.gov/individual/file-now/ohio-tax-credits-and-their-required-documentation

Because of most councils not meeting in the summer months and no in person Annual meeting there will be no August Index.

Happy Easter to all members and your families. I hope everyone will be able to have family time and a chance to relax and enjoy the Easter season. We are fortunate to be able to celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection.

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Saying Good-bye

Betty A. Burgei was born on February 24, 1935, died March 11, 2025. Betty was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, Altar Rosary Society, and Catholic Ladies of Columbia. She was editor of the 'CLC Index' publication for 15 years and helped manage J-B Radiator for decades. She enjoyed traveling, reading, crossword puzzles and watching sporting events. Betty & her husband of Oscar wintered in Florida for many years.

Please remember Betty's family and friends in your prayers.

Members share in the spiritual benefits of being enrolled in a perpetual membership with the Sisters of Notre Dame. If you need a special prayer, individual requests can be sent directly to Sister Deb by sending an email to clcprayerrequests@gmail.com. Local councils have annual Masses for their living and deceased members. If requested, CLC council members will offer prayers at a member's funeral services.