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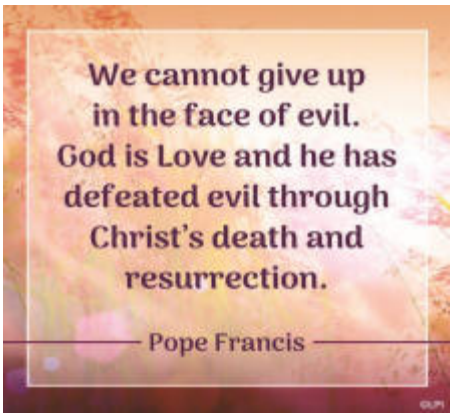

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Mass Times

Weekend: Saturday 5PM
Sunday 8:00AM & 10:45AM
Weekday Mass
Tues., Wed , Thurs, Friday: 7:30AM
Holy Day **See Bulletin**

Every: Fri 8:00a –8:30a
Sat 3:30p-4:30p

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Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday 4/6 7:30am
John Dotzel † Harveys
Wednesday 4/7 7:30am
Mary Parks † Family
Thursday 4/8 7:30am
Deacon Frank Zammuto † SVDP
Friday 4/9 7:30am
Special Int for Richard & Julie Hopkins

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday 4/10 5pm
Elizabeth Pierson † Harvey's
Sunday 4/11
8am Karen Anderson Plum † Petit's
10:45am For the People

But we will give ourselves continually to **prayer** and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

Please Pray for those who need our Prayers

For those who are Sick:
Matt Henkle
Kathy Marinelli
Bill Hogan
Makenna Budd Connors
Barb Zimmerman

For those who have died :

All those on our Prayer List
All those who have asked for Prayers

For all teachers, aids, and support staff

For all the essential Workers
For all those unable to see there loved ones

* *For all those who are homebound, and In a nursing home, and unable to attend Mass*

**For all those who are having surgery*

**Please pray for our First Responders; Police, Fire and Paramedics and all our Civil Servants. All those serving to Protect us Doctors & Nurses all those on our prayer list and all those serving in the Military or our priest, and all priests.*

Easter 2021

"Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, the Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness." *Exsultet, Easter Proclamation*

The prayer of the Exsultet, which is the first proclamation of the Resurrection that begins the Great Vigil of Easter, is sung in the darkness of the church lit only by the light of the Easter candle. This sung prayer reminds us that the joy of the Resurrection calls us and all creation to exult in the joy of God. It is in this joy; that fills all creation, that I extend to you and your loved ones a Blessed and Happy Easter. The power of the Resurrection gives each of us, who are God's sons and daughters, the strength to live our lives of faith and to continue being living witnesses of Christ's presence in the world.

On behalf of myself, Deacon Tom Petit and the staff of Saint Mary parish, I wish each of you a wonderful Easter Sunday and blessed Easter Season. May the renewal of our baptismal promises always remind us to not only be grateful to God but to truly be a light of faith to others. I implore you to please pray for Peace in the Holy Land and throughout the World.

Peace always,
Fr. Rich

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A HAPPY ENDING ISN'T THE WHOLE STORY

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

DO WE NEED TO FAST FOR ONE HOUR BEFORE MASS, OR ONE HOUR BEFORE COMMUNION?

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.

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Jonah Pearson
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<u>Adult Choir</u>– See Mary Pearson
<u>Knights of Columbus</u> Tuesday 4/6 7:30pm Zoom
<u>SVdP Society</u> April 15 , 8:30am Here & Zoom
Youth Group 6-8pm Sundays After Easter

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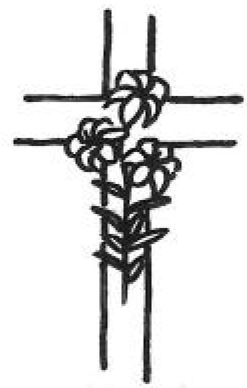

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Early on the FIRST day of the WEEK, when it was still DARK, MARY and Mary MAGDALEN and some other women went to bring spices to Jesus' TOMB. They wondered who would roll away the STONE. But when they got there, they saw it was already moved, and the tomb was EMPTY!
They ran and told the disciples. SIMON PETER and the other DISCIPLE, whom Jesus LOVED, ran to the tomb and found it as the women had said. The LINEN CLOTHS were lying there, and the NAPKIN that had been on Jesus' head was folded up.
Then they began to BELIEVE, because they hadn't known the SCRIPTURE that said that Jesus must RISE from the DEAD.

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