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## APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

Alleluia! The exclamation rings out across the land, and we who are disciples of Jesus Christ pause to reflect on the reality that he rose from the grave and, in turn, conquered death. In today's colleges and universities, in pulpits of every denomination, and in books and journals, there are those who say it is unimportant whether or not he really rose from the dead. They say that the facts do not impact the moral of the story. Of course, two thousand years of Christianity give evidence that they are incorrect. What the faithful of many generations have experienced and given testimony to is not something built on an idea. It is not a philosophy or a self-help psychology.

The church is a direct result of real events in the course of human history. Without those real events, we simply follow a man who showed us a different way to live. Instead, we follow a God who emptied himself into a human form, suffered the pain of torture and death at the hands of those he had created, and then shattered the chains of death so that we in our human form may follow suit. Today, humanity is redeemed. Alleluia!

### Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, we come before you on this Easter Sunday with full and grateful hearts for the gift of the Paschal Mystery that you showed us in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ. Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love. Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you. You are God for all. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.

### **Question:**

Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

### **Answer:**

You will notice that the priest will continue to wear white vestments for many weeks after Easter Sunday. While we will celebrate Christ's resurrection in early April, the Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an "advocate" or "counselor" when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await "power from on high" — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection, but the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!

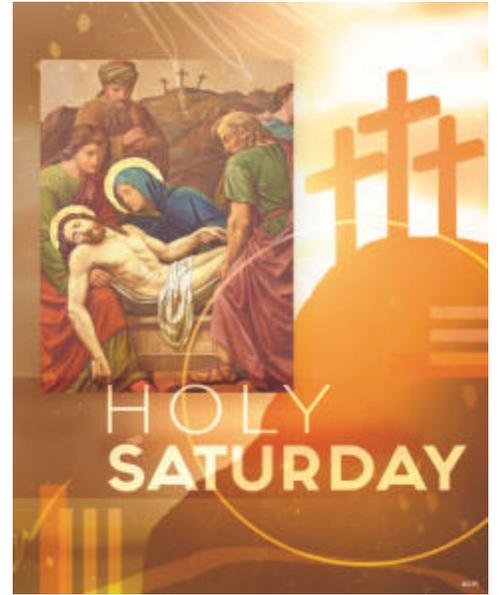
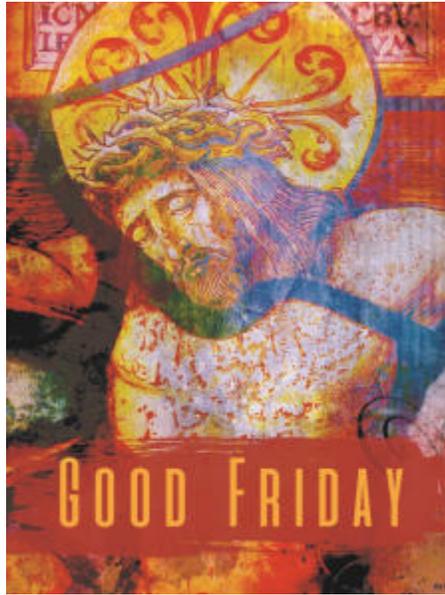
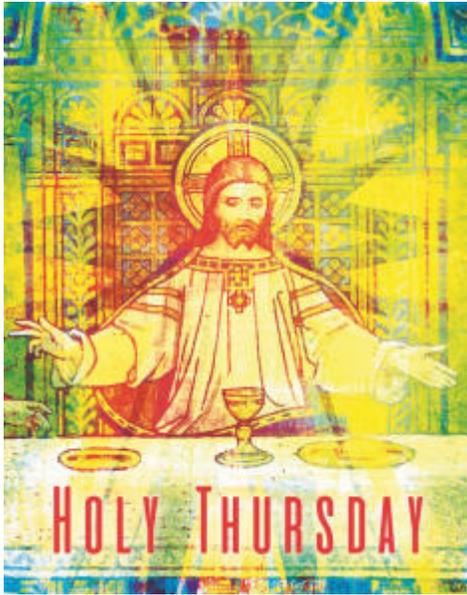
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Enclosed in this mailing is your Easter gift! Please enjoy this historical fiction biblical novel *Three Days: The Search For The Boy Messiah*. Our newsletter will provide you with all the latest information and happenings. As always, please know that we are so grateful for your continued generosity and unwavering support. Our parish staff and I wish you and your family a blessed Easter.

Alleluia!  
Father John



# E A S T E R T R I D U U M



**Holy Thursday:**

**April 1**  
**7:00 PM Mass**  
**8:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
**Adoration**  
**of the**  
**Blessed**  
**Sacrament**  
**(For those already**  
**in church.)**



**Good Friday Services:**

**April 2**  
**3:00 PM and 7:00 PM**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

**Holy Saturday:**

**April 3**  
**10:00 AM Basket Blessing**



**7:00 PM Vigil Mass**

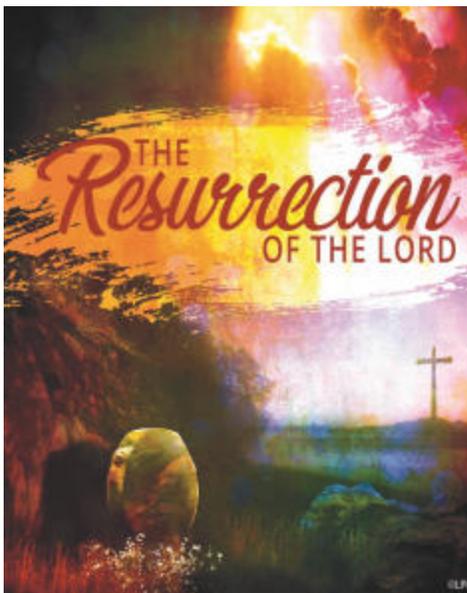
**Easter Sunday:**

**April 4 Masses**

**8:00 AM**  
**10:30 AM**  
**12:30 PM**

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR ALL MASSES AND ALL OTHER EVENTS**

**at: [holyghostparish.org](http://holyghostparish.org)**  
**OR BY CALLING FRAN at:**  
**630-766-4508**



**IN CAR SERVICE OPTION**

We are so blessed that our Masses have been full to capacity in recent weeks. In response to this, we have instituted an In-Car Service option. This is how it works... Parishioners may listen to Mass in their car, in the south parking lot, on **99.1 FM radio**.

When Mass is dismissed, continue listening and Father will invite you to safely come in to receive Communion. Upon entering the church, give your name to check-in, temperatures will be taken, hand sanitation is required and masks must be worn at all times except when taking Communion.

You will be directed to proceed into church, receive Communion and then exit the church directly after receiving. If you are simply more comfortable with attending Mass in your car, please use this option.

Please register for IN CAR SERVICE at [holyghostparish.org](http://holyghostparish.org) or by calling Fran at 630-766-4508.

# In Remembrance

DEARLY DEPARTED  
MARY FOGLIA PRADAL  
GEORGE COOK

DATE OF DEATH  
02/17/2021  
02/28/2021

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.



***Confessions:***  
**By appointment:**  
**630-860-2975**

# SAVE THE DATE

**ON MAY 22, 2021  
DEACON SAM CONFORTI  
WILL BE ORDAINED  
TO THE PRIESTHOOD.**

HIS ORDINATION  
WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED  
AT 11AM.

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AVAILABLE.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO  
KEEP DEACON SAM  
IN YOUR PRAYERS.

THANK YOU.



**JOIN US TO  
PRAY  
THE ROSARY  
MONDAY  
THROUGH  
THURSDAY  
AT 9 AM**



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OR BY CALLING FRANNIE  
AT 630-766-4508.**



## PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

**For 800 years, the Holy Land Franciscans have served in the land made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. With your support, the Holy Land Franciscans will continue to nourish Christians in the Holy Land with presence, care and service.**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, The Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

Please know that when you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday)

## Shining the Light of Christ

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2020 CMAA goal of \$57,000. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA.

If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. Our pastor recently mailed a pledge envelope to everyone in our parish. Please either return it, or the pledge card you received from the diocese, in the mail. You may also make a secure gift online at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org) or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.



At the Easter Vigil Mass our RCIA members will receive their First Holy Communion. Please pray that through the grace of this sacrament they may more closely follow Jesus. We congratulate them and send them our best wishes on this special day.



These same members along with our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. with Bishop R. Daniel Conlon presiding. To these young men and women, we promise our prayers and congratulate them as they complete their Sacraments of Initiation and become full members of the Catholic Church.

Our First Communion class will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 24 at 11:00 a.m. What an exciting day for them and for their families! May the Real Presence of Jesus beckon them back week after week to receive Him in Holy Communion.



REGISTRATION for the 2021-2022 year of FAITH FORMATION will begin in April. Our classes will be meeting face-to-face next year from 9:00-10:15 a.m. on Sundays. Please consider registering your child/ren early to assist us in our preparation for their instruction.

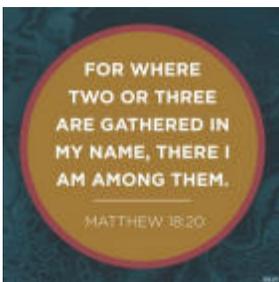
## DISCIPLES FORMING DISCIPLES

**Outdoor Stations of the Cross:** Please be sure to check out our beautiful outdoor Stations of the Cross on the north side of the school. Station #1 is located between doors 3 and 4 west of the school entrance and the stations end just east of the church entrance by the portico. Station 15 (Resurrection) will be installed weather permitting. You can walk the stations at any time, pray them in your car and even pray them from home using the script found on My Parish App or our parish website. Also, you can listen to the recorded guided version which is also posted on the parish website.



**ChristLife: Discovering Christ:** Four groups of Discovering Christ began the first week of Lent. Please keep all of these participants in prayer as they journey with Christ.

**Bible Basics with Dr. Joan Gorski:** We have had well over 300 people view these sessions presented on the Bible that are on our parish website. If you haven't completed the series, please do so before Easter as the series will be coming down off the website.



**Spiritual Direction:** Lent is a perfect time to journey with a spiritual companion. Typically, one meets with their spiritual companion once a month. Call Susan at 630-860-3691 to arrange an introductory session with Mary or Susan.

**Parish Mission with Steve Angrisano:** Mark your calendars to save Sunday, May 2 and Monday, May 3 to be energized by Steve Angrisano. This mission was originally planned for last January but we rescheduled it because of the COVID numbers. Join us!



Catch Steve daily Monday through Friday on My Parish App or the parish website to pray the Divine Mercy Novena with him.

Susan Tutaj  
Coordinator of Discipleship  
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630-860-3691

“Love is never defeated.”

— St. John Paul II —

# HOLY GHOST PARISH MISSION

**Sunday, May 2nd, 2021**

**4pm: Encountering God in your Life**

**Monday, May 3rd, 2021**

**7pm: Living the Faith/Go Make Disciples!!**

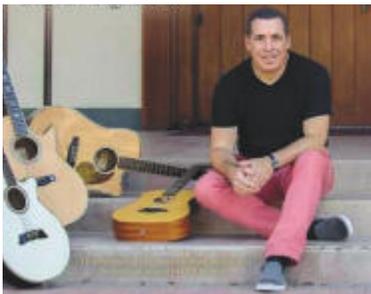
## Steve Angrisano



Steve Angrisano is one of the most effective and versatile ministry leaders in the church today.

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Steve is a committed witness to the life and love of Jesus Christ. He is comfortable to be with... even when he challenges your thinking. You will enjoy your time with him.



Grandparents, bring your grandchildren; parents be sure to bring your teens. Bring the whole family!

When the church fills up, be sure to sign up for the parking lot, where you can listen to him on 99.1 FM.

A free will offering will be collected to offset the cost of our Parish Mission.

Mark your calendars!

More information on registration coming soon.

Questions? Contact Susan Tutaj @630-860-3691

# Council of Catholic Women

Ann Marie Scurto has been elected the 2021 Woman of the Year by the Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women. Ann Marie will be honored at a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Saturday, April 24, 2021 along with her counterparts from throughout the six deaneries of the diocese.

Ann Marie has devoted countless volunteer hours to the Holy Ghost Parish community. She served as Vice-President of the CCW from 2018-2020.

Ann Marie has done shopping for breakfast foods for PADS, the program that helps the unfortunate people who are homeless. She often helps with receptions, particularly for Confirmation. As Vice-president of the CCW, Ann Marie assumed leadership responsibility for coordinating many events and guest speakers, as well as the installation luncheon and Donut Sundays. Ann Marie helped with Bake Sales and the Oktoberfest. She served on the By-laws Revisions committee. Ann Marie is always willing to help at CCW sponsored functions. She never hesitates to give of her time regardless of whether the task is simple or challenging.

Ann Marie is a woman of prayer. She is a Lector as well as a leader of the Thursday evening rosary. She has participated in the Soup and Scripture group for years. Ann Marie always says, "Where am I needed most to help out?"

Ann Marie has often helped in many ways over the years that may seem small, but have all added up to generous donations of time and talent. Ann Marie has done many tasks behind the scenes, not in the spotlight, but humbly for many years. She does it all for the love of the Lord.

The Council of Catholic Women is honored to name Ann Marie Scurto as our 2021 Woman of the Year!



## SCRIP

Since we continue to be unable to congregate in the narthex, we will accept drop off orders, along with payment, in a box located on the Welcome Center on Saturdays and Sundays before and after Mass, and in the entryway weekdays during morning office hours (Monday through Thursday 8AM – Noon). Orders must be prepared beforehand and ready to drop in the box. Scrip forms can be found on the parish website: <http://www.holyghostparish.org/scrip>.

Did you know you can order and pay online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)?

The website recently started accepting credit cards for even easier ordering! There are many options for e-gift cards, or you can order physical cards to have delivered with the next program order. Physical and online orders received by Sunday at noon will be available for **pickup** in the church office on the following **Thursday** between the hours of **11 AM and 1 PM**. If you are unable to make it to the scheduled pickup time, arrangements may be made by contacting Carolyn Niehoff at: [carolyn@holyghostparish.org](mailto:carolyn@holyghostparish.org).

## **Mass Intention Information** **\$10 stipend per Mass Intention.**

Mass Intention requests, in compliance with the Decree on Mass Stipends, began on January 1, 2016: There will be one intention for a Mass. Mass will be offered for all parishioners in the parish on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, and Holy Days of Obligation.

No other intentions will be taken for the Masses on these days.

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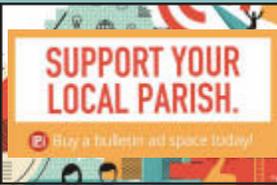
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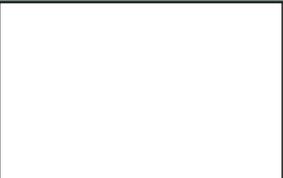
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