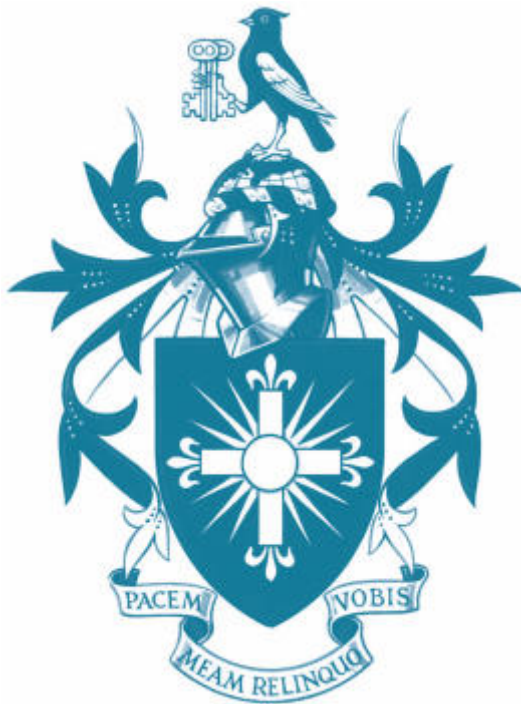


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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sundays

5:30 PM Saturday (anticipated); 8:00 AM, 11 AM (High Mass) 8:30 PM

Weekdays

8:00 AM (Monday through Friday)

12:10 PM (Monday through Saturday)

Messe en français, mardi 13h10 (septembre – juin)

Holy Days of Obligation

8:00 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM

Novenas and Devotions - Immediately after the 12:10 PM Mass

Monday: Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary for peace in the world

Wednesday: Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Thursday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Friday: **Exposition of The Most Blessed Sacrament from
12:35 to 2:00 PM**
Sacred Heart Novena

(during Lent: Stations of the Cross replace Exposition, Novena and Benediction)

CONFESSIONS - SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday from 11:55-12:05 PM and from 5:00 PM to 5:25 PM

Sunday from 10:30 AM to 10:55 AM and 8:15-8:25 p.m.

Monday through Friday from 11:55-12:05 PM

At other times please stop by the rectory

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are administered on Sundays at 12:15 PM. An instruction class is required for the parents and godparents. Please contact Fr. Murray for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. Murray at least six months in advance of your proposed date of marriage. Pre-Cana instruction is required for the engaged couple.

VISITATION OF THE SICK - COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact Fr. Murray for visitation of the sick at home or in the hospital.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - CCD

For the religious education of children in grades first through seven (including preparation for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) please contact Mrs. Elizabeth Rivera at the Parish Office.

Adults who would like to join the Catholic Church are asked to contact Fr. Joseph Chacko. Baptized Catholics who need to receive First Confession, First Communion and/or Confirmation are asked to contact Fr. Joseph Chacko.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to Holy Family! Please register in the Parish Office or on-line.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
APRIL 18TH, 2021



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The **Gospel** is from St. Luke 24:35-48. Our Lord's glorious resurrection is the crowning miracle of his sojourn on earth among men. During his public life he had claimed to be God. Had that claim been untrue God the Father could not have raised him from the dead. By his death he made atonement for the sins of the world — "he nailed them to the tree of the cross"; by his resurrection he opened the gates of death for all men and made them heirs to the eternal life.

Without the Resurrection there would be no Christianity, no Christian Church. In the story that precedes today's Gospel, two of Christ's disciples were depressed by his death and were returning home giving up all interest in the dead Master. The Apostles were no better since Good Friday. They had remained behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They had no hope left. They too would have left Jerusalem were it not for the story by Mary Magdalene that Christ's body had been taken from the tomb. When the risen Christ appeared to the ten Apostles they thought he was a ghost.

When they understood His Resurrection they became changed men and after Pentecost day they fearlessly proclaimed that Christ had risen and was now glorified by the Father. Thousands of Jews in Jerusalem came to believe in Christ, and that he was the Messiah and the Son of God, as he claimed to be. The four Evangelists testify to the resurrection and the exceptional witness of St. Paul can have only one explanation — he saw the risen Christ on the road to Damascus.

Christianity is inexplicable without it, and Christianity has existed for over two thousand years. Let us consider, "If Christ has not risen," says St. Paul (1 Cor. 15:17), "vain is your faith, for you are still in your sins." But "Christ has risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." Our faith then is not in vain, for the foundation of our faith is the Word of God who cannot deceive or be deceived, and his resurrection is the guarantee of our resurrection. He is the "first fruits; we shall all rise again, in glory for eternity if we are faithful during our time on earth.

With St. Paul then, we may well sing out today: "O death where is thy victory, O death where is thy sting?...thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15 : 55-57). Easter is a time of rejoicing for every true Christian; for praising and thanking God. Our eternal happiness has been won for us by Christ with God in Heaven.

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M. catholicculture.org

Sunday, April 18 th – <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	
8:00 p.m. (Saturday)	Teresa and Boleslaw Skutela (L)
8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rauch +
11:00 a.m.	Noelle McIvor +
8:30 p.m.	Sung Yun Kim +
Monday, April 19 th – <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention
12:10 p.m.	Teresa and Boleslaw Skutela (L)
Tuesday, April 20 th – <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention
12:10 p.m.	Gregory Boratgis +
Wednesday, April 21 st – <i>Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor</i>	
8:00 a.m.	David J. Bernier +
12:10 p.m.	Gregory Boratgis +
Thursday, April 22 nd – <i>Easter Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention
12:10 p.m.	Irene Newton +
Friday, April 23 rd – <i>Saint George, Martyr, Saint Aldabert, Bishop and Martyr</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention
12:10 p.m.	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday, April 24 th – <i>Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr</i>	
12:10 p.m.	Celebrant's Intention
5:30 p.m.	Victor Perez +

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

April 18th, 2021 (Year B, Cycle I). May be found:
<http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/inspiration.asp>

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 11:55–12:05 p.m. and 5:00–5:25 p.m.

Sundays from 10:30–10:55 a.m. and 8:10– 8:25 p.m.

Monday through Friday from 11:55–12:05 p.m.

“The primary sacrament of the New Evangelization is the Sacrament of Penance.”

His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Christmas - December 25th: 12 midnight, 8 am, 11 am *

Mary, Mother of God - January 1st: 5:30 pm (anticipated), 8 am, 11 am * (*If Christmas and January 1st fall on a Sunday, there is also an 8:30 PM Mass.)

Ascension Thursday, Assumption of Mary - August 15th,

All Saints - November 1st, Immaculate Conception – December

8th, 5:30 p.m. (anticipated), 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 pm*

(*Please note: if January 1st, August 15th or November 1st fall on a Saturday or a Monday, they are not Holy Days of Obligation, as decreed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.)

LECTORS, USHERS NEEDED: If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents, please contact the rectory.

LEGION OF MARY: For more information on the Legion of Mary: contact Rose Gaddi: 267-546-8204. Meetings are on Thurs- days from 1:00pm-2:00pm. Suspended until further notice.

SPANISH MARIAN PRAYER GROUP. Tuesdays 6:00–8:00 PM in the rectory. For more information: Laura Hagan: 516-492-7158. Suspended until further notice.

IN YOUR PRAYERS please remember: Melody Colligan, Carlos Cuerta, Rachel Dawson, Gene Doyle, Paul Estipona and Family, Deborah Feudo, Dorothy Gerber, Gregory Henry, Ronald Henry, Sr., Jacqueline Lugo, Ken Majuk, Audrey Marshall, Bea Maviglia, Joanne Perry, Frank Sajeski, Sebastian Sancho, Margie Skeels, Mateo Tobia, Alfredo Thomas, Virginia Vassallo, Dr. Tony Vivera, Nivene Young and Cathy Vukovich, who are ill or disabled.



Dear Parishioners,

Today's bulletin includes, as an insert, a letter from me about the *2021 Cardinal's Appeal*. Please read this letter. I hope you will make a donation the *Appeal*. In addition to supporting the good works of the Archdiocese of New York by your gift, you are also supporting our parish as we will receive a 60% rebate of all the money donated from this point on, as we have already reached our parish goal of \$41,500. We ask that you make your donation or pledge before the end of this month.

The elevator project is closer to completion. The installation of the mechanical work has been completed. Some more work must be done before it will be operational. The elevator will have a security camera in the cab that will be monitored in the rectory office. We will also have an electronic card access system to the use the elevator. This will prevent unauthorized persons from entering the elevator and accessing the church basement hall. The elevator will be connected to our fire alarm safety system and will have an emergency telephone in the cab. Thanks to all who donated to this project. We are still in need of more donations to cover the cost of this very needed improvement to our church building. Please speak to Fr. Murray if you would like to make a donation. An anonymous benefactor has pledged to match all gifts for the elevator up to \$100,000.

God Bless you!

Fr. Gerald E. Murray, Pastor

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS:

April 2021: Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

He wanted to share His joy with His apostles "that My joy may be in you". Joy was the password of the first Christians. Saint Paul—how often he repeated himself: "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, rejoice" (Phil 4:4). Joy is not simply a matter of temperament in the service of God and souls. It is always hard—all the more reason why we should try to acquire it and make it grow in our hearts (LS,68). --- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

WELCOME! We invite all parishioners to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself after Mass and register at the Rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS. Offering a Mass for someone is a powerful intercessory prayer and a priceless gift. A Mass can be offered for anyone, living or deceased, on any occasion, such as a birthday, an anniversary, in time of illness or even for a special intention. When you offer a Mass intention, you can request a Mass card appropriate to the occasion, which you can send as a gift or have as keepsake. Every week, Mass intentions are included in the church bulletin. To arrange for a Mass, call or stop by the rectory.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN FORMATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS. The growth of nature will be matched in our midst by the spiritual growth of those who will be baptized, make First Holy Communion, be received into the Church, and be confirmed. Please pray for all of them, and for all those who are accompanying them as catechists and sponsors.

JESUS GIVES the answer. He said to his disciples then and he says it to us now: Go forth! Proclaim! The joy of the Gospel is something to be experienced, something to be known and lived only through giving it away, through giving ourselves away. Pope Francis (23 September 2015)

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