That Glorious Easter Morn

by Maria Loren

The sky embraced the beautiful sun
That glorious Easter morn.
Birds were singing in the trees
To an earth that was reborn.

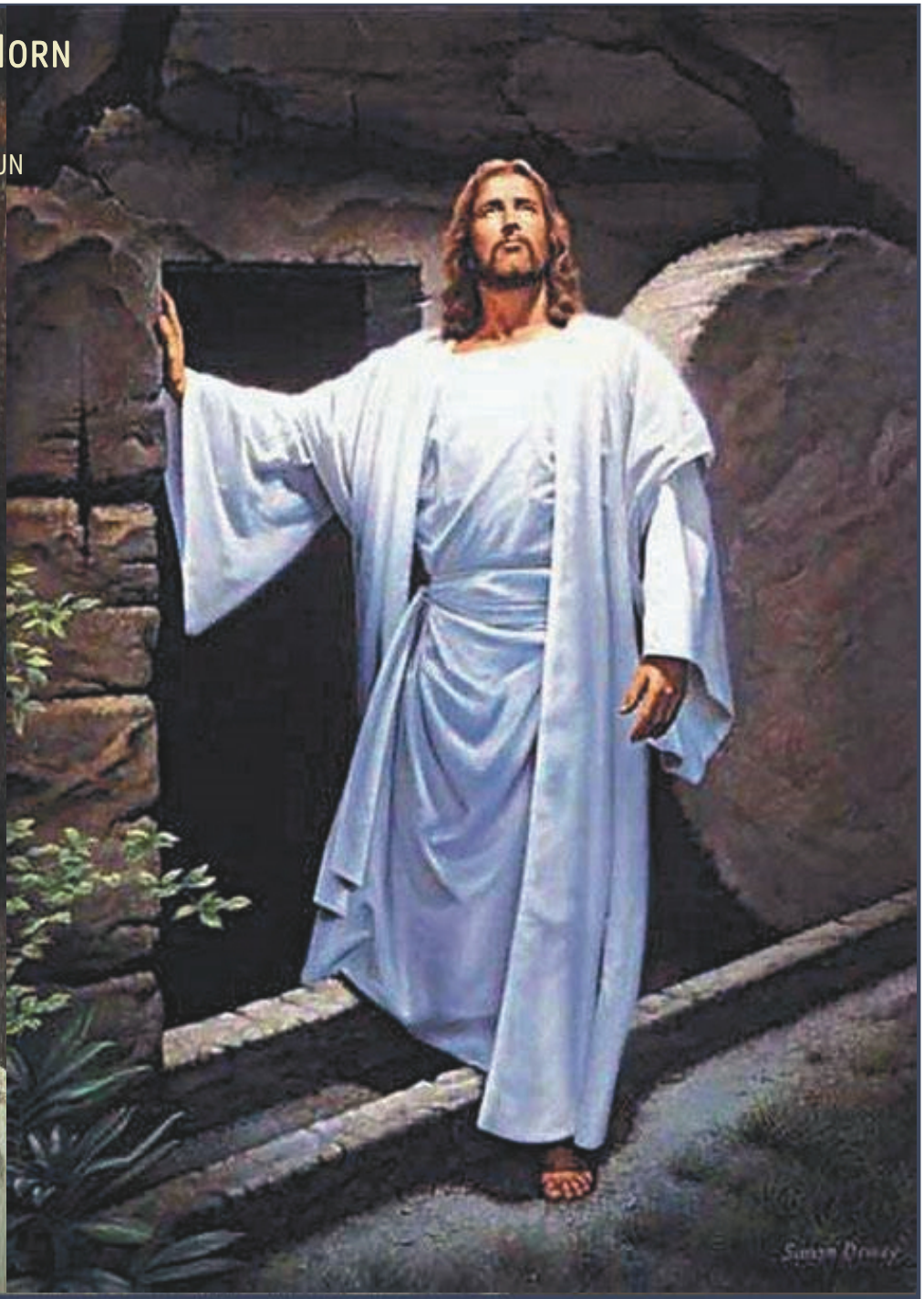
White doves soaring in the sky
Sending their message of love:
"Sing — for He is risen....
Come and rejoice with us!"

No greater love was ever shown
To a world so much in need.
He gave His life to save us all
And set the sinners free.

Dear gentle Savior walk with us
This beautiful Easter day.
Live forever in our hearts
And lead us in your way.

Plant your Easter garden
With paths to walk with you.
The flowers will forever bloom
With love that's ever true.

When you arise on Easter morn
Embrace this beautiful time.
Our Savior's heart is faithful
And lives in yours and mine.



EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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MASS INTENTIONS

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SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD; Holy Saturday
8:00pm Easter Vigil; - Anthony, Mae & Sebastian Amato, Angela & Manuel Garcia and Rosina, Salvatore & Frank Avitable r/b Amato family
- Dr. Jessie Serreras r/b wife & children

SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH; EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
7:30am Salvatore LoPinto r/b Carole & Joe D'Amico
9:30am †Raldy L. Goco r/b Crizette Castillo
11:30am Anita Russo, Lucille Orlando, Sarah & Charles Pacella r/b Sandy
5:00pm Francesca Sergi r/b Joe Russo

MONDAY, APRIL 5TH
7:00am For the souls enrolled in St. Michael's Pious Union
12:00pm Salvatore & Nino Maggiore r/b Maria Maggiore

TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH
7:00am †Marcy Alvarado r/b family
12:00pm Fortunata Musacchia r/b Foresta family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH
7:00am Rose Marie Iappelli r/b Dr. & Mrs. Ciro Carafa
12:00pm †John Neebling r/b family
7:00pm Clemencia Padilla r/b Gloria

THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH
7:00am Joseph Antonio D'Amico r/b Joe & Carole D'Amico
12:00pm Violeta Del Rosario r/b Leori Quintos and family

FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH
7:00am For the parishioners
12:00pm Gregorio Bermudo r/b family

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH
7:00am Arriel Mascardo r/b family
12:00pm Mary & Dominic Coniglio r/b son, Philip

SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
7:30am Anthony 'TJ' Luna r/b Steve & Diane LoIacono
9:30am Carmela & Pietro Favia r/b Domenico & Rosalie LoPiccolo
11:30am Duke & Ginny Scimeca r/b Mari-Angela, Anthony & Dan
5:00pm Joseph L. Coppa r/b Camille Coppa, Sal & Claire Scarcella

STEWARDSHIP

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."
Colossians 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

SUN 4/4	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
MON 4/5	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
TUES 4/6	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
WED 4/7	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
THR 4/8	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
FRI 4/9	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
SAT 4/10	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
SUN 4/11	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

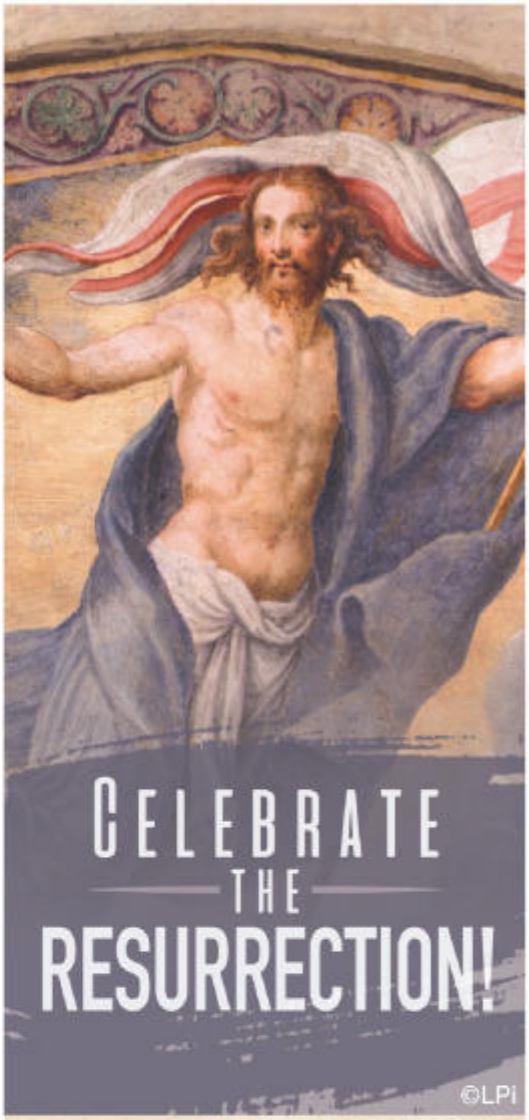
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 4, 2021

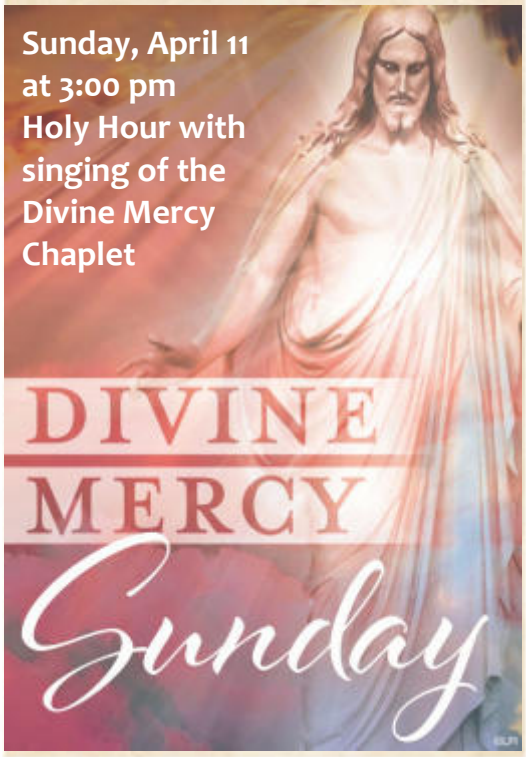
Sunday:	Easter Sunday
Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday:	Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday:	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

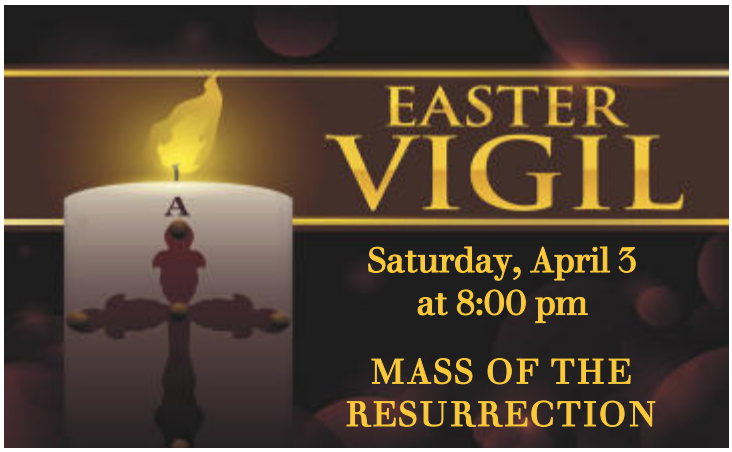
LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.







Reading I: Genesis 1:1-2:2

Responsorial: Psalm 104
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Reading II: Genesis 22:1-18

Responsorial: Psalm 16
You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Reading III: Exodus 14:15-15:1

Responsorial: Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

Reading IV: Isaiah 54:5-14

Responsorial: Psalm 30
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Reading V: Isaiah 55:1-11

Responsorial: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Reading VI: Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Responsorial: Psalm: 19
Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Reading VII: Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

Responsorial: Psalm 42:43
Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. OR

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Responsorial Psalm: 118

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 16:1-7

When the sabbath was over,Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'"

Reading I Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Responsorial Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Reading II Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Entrance: **Alleluia Love is Alive**

People of God see the morning is new
Rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb
Come and see come and see He is alive
A grave that is empty a promise fulfilled
God who was with us is here with us still
He is here He is here He is alive

Chorus: Alleluia love is alive
Conquered the grave and defeated the night
Alleluia love is alive
The Son has arisen for all
Your people sing alleluia

People of God let your fear fall away
Your chains have been broken abandon your shame
Lift your hearts lift your hearts He is alive
Here now is mercy embracing your soul
Here the fulfillment that once was foretold
It is true it is true He is alive

Offertory: **How Beautiful**

How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross

Chorus: How beautiful how beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ
How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise

Bridge: And as He laid down His life
We offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as He died
Willing to pay the price
Willing to pay the price

Recessional: **The Anthem**

By his stripes we are healed
By his nail pierced hands we're free
By his blood, we're washed clean
Now we have the victory.

The power of sin is broken,
Jesus overcame it all,
He has won our freedom,
Jesus has won it all,

Chorus: Hallelujah
You have won the victory
Hallelujah
You have won it all for me

Death could not hold you down
You are the risen king
Seated in majesty
You are the risen king

Bridge: Our god is risen, He is alive
He won the victory, He reigns on high

REMINDER: AFTER MASS, BRING THIS BULLETIN WITH YOU. DO NOT RETURN & DO NOT LEAVE IN PEW.

SCRAMBLED WORDS

St. Joseph's RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Each Easter egg contains a scrambled word. "Hatch" each egg by writing the correct word to match each clue.

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Where Jesus' body was buried:

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valCray

Hill where Jesus died:

_____

edsislor

Persons who arrested Jesus:

_____

scors

Where Jesus was hung to die:

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treEsa

Day we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection:

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Day of the week when Jesus rose from the dead:

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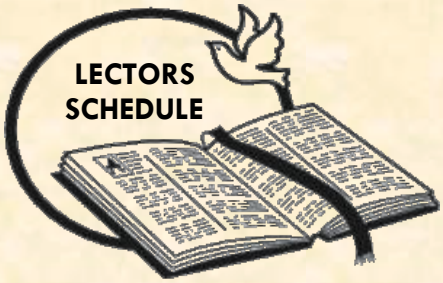

Saturday, April 3
8:00pm Maniago
Nollora
Pedone
Arañez

Sunday, April 4
7:30am Carafa & Vintaloro
9:30am Mirante & Pitocco
11:30am Ongteco & Nollora
5:00pm Tolentino & Maranon

Saturday, April 10
5:00pm Villegas & Arañez

Sunday, April 11
7:30am Maniago & Pedone
9:30am Pitocco & Riccobono
11:30am Nollora & Ruby
5:00pm Frairee & Kristel

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 4
1:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 5
All Parish Offices will be closed including Religious Ed and Food Pantry

Wednesday, April 7
6:30 PM Rosary Prayer
7:00 PM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Saturday, April 10
12:00 PM Baptism
4:00 PM Confession

Sunday, April 11
12:30 PM Confirmants Interview with the Priest
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour & singing of the Chaplet

The parish community of St. Joseph rejoices and welcomes
CADEN ENRIQUE BUENO
as he become a child of God through Sacrament of Baptism held in March 2021.

For The Sick
Anthony Daleo, Joann Daleo, Sandy Bevilagua, Elita Pedraza and all the sick in our parish

Question:

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

Answer:

You've probably noticed the priest continuing to where white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ's resurrection several weeks ago, 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 wi

th 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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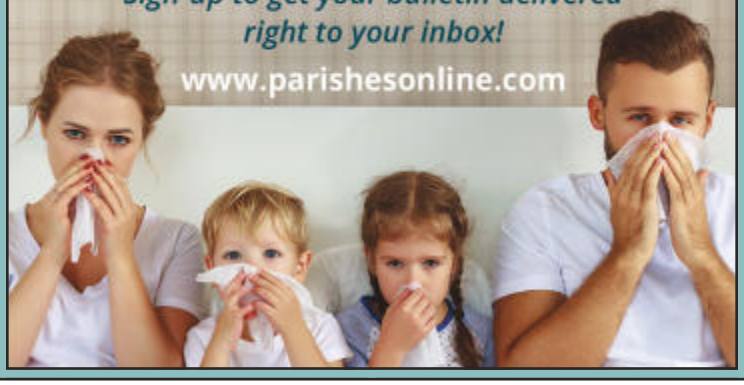

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