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EASTER SUNDAY

the
Resurrection
of the
Lord



PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY APRIL 16TH HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 PM Prince of Peace Parish
At *St. Teresa Church*

SUNDAY APRIL 17TH EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00 AM Prince of Peace Parish
At *St. Teresa Church*

10:00 AM Prince of Peace Parish
At *Church of the Nativity*

12:00 PM Prince of Peace Parish
At *Church of the Nativity*

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER APRIL 18TH

8:30 AM **NO MASS**
At *St. Teresa Church*

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER APRIL 19TH

8:30 AM **NO MASS**
At *Church of the Nativity*

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER APRIL 21ST

8:30 AM **NO MASS**
At *St. Teresa Church*

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER APRIL 22ND

8:30 AM Deceased of
The Dineen & Fanning Families
At *St. Teresa Church*

SATURDAY APRIL 23RD DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

4:00 PM Deceased of The
Knauf & Perkinson Families
by The Perkinson Family
At *St. Teresa Church*

SUNDAY APRIL 24TH DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00 AM Alice DeLuca
by Mary Anne Rockwell
At *Church of the Nativity*

10:00 AM Alice DeLuca
by Bob & Barbara Mare
At *St. Teresa Church*

12:00 PM Charles & Walter Vingo
by Connie & Marcy Vingo
At *St. Teresa Church*



the Shepherd's Desk

by

Rev. James T. Gregory

I would like to extend to all the families and friends in Prince of Peace Parish my blessings in wishing you a Happy Easter. It is my hope that this Easter Sunday marks a positive return from COVID's exile and a positive turn in founding a post-pandemic parish. I also extend the warmest welcome to all who are visiting us this holiest of weekends. I am so delighted that you have responded to the invitation of the Risen Christ to celebrate with us. I hope you will be able to join us for the entire Easter season.

I say Easter season because Easter is not a one-time event. It is a series of events that happened to Jesus and in the experience of the earliest disciples as they encountered the Risen Christ. Because of Jesus, Easter happens to us through the Paschal Mystery. We not only celebrate Easter over the course of a season, we live out Easter over the course of our life in our journey of faith. It gives direction to the mission that is the Church.

Monk and mystic, Thomas Keating, tells us that our journey of faith is not some career path that we follow to success. Rather it is a series of humiliations that lead to something more profound. This series of humiliations is an Easter cycle that is continually repeated in our life.

Spiritual writer, Ronald Rolheiser, describes the Easter cycle in this way. Good Friday happens when there is loss of life, when we lose some part of our life that we will never get back and that we will never be the same because of the loss. Easter Sunday happens when we get new life because of the life we lost. This new life does not restore the old or what was lost, but brings about something new that changes us. Ascension Thursday happens when we are finally able to let go, to stop trying to cling to what we lost and let the past bless us. Pentecost happens when we get new spirit to live the life we have already begun.

Similar to the seasons of the year, the experience of Easter is a series of cycles in life that entail dying, rising, ascension, and having the spirit come to us. It may not be regular as the meteorological seasons, but it is just as real.

At every Mass, after we have proclaimed the mystery of faith (We proclaim your Death, O Lord), I say in the Eucharistic Prayer, "Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming...." This is the summary of the Paschal Mystery and what we celebrate in the Easter Season. It is not just a summary of what we celebrate. It is also a summary of the cycle in Christian life as a living sacrifice to gather people as disciples into the passionate love and life of God. It is the process through which Christ's mission is continually lived out in the Church. It is our alleluia agenda.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

"Alleluia!" Christ is Risen! "Alleluia!" With these simple words we proclaim to all the world that death does not have the final word. With these simple words we proclaim our belief in the promise of Jesus Christ that everyone who lives and believes in Him will have eternal life.

Jesus came to deliver this message of hope. It is a message of his self-sacrificing love for us that even conquers death. It is a message that is received and welcomed by some, and rejected by others until the end of time.

Easter is a day of triumph, of great joy and hope, even though we continue to witness the horrific effects of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the tragedy being inflicted on so many innocent people of all ages, not to mention the many sorrows and sins that are still part of life in this world. But none of these things will ever have the last word. Easter is the definitive message that God has the last word that life will triumph over death, that sorrow and anguish will inevitably give way vindication and joy!

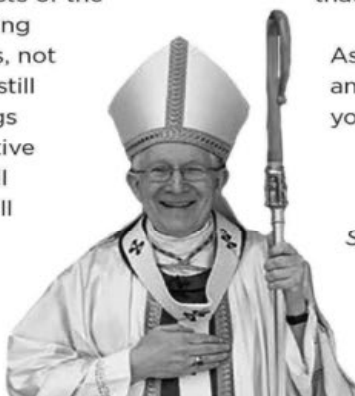
We possess an unshakeable hope because of Jesus Christ. During this Easter Season, as we celebrate the glory of His death and resurrection, let us remember that it

offers us hope, and it gives us comfort. It is in response to divine love that we rejoice as brothers and sisters today, no longer scattered and divided by sin, but united as one Body in Christ. As together we renew our baptismal promises and receive the Holy Eucharist, we become living signs of the redemption of the world, as one Body we proclaim the Easter Gospel for the salvation of the world.

Today and every day people across our Archdiocese give of their time, talent and treasure to help others and bring them hope. This gift of self is evident within our Church and throughout the wider community. Thank you for all that you do to build up God's Kingdom.

As we celebrate Easter you are in my prayers, and I ask God's choicest blessings upon you and your loved ones. He is Risen, Alleluia!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



+ Leonard P. Blair

**Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford**



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



4/18-24	Classes	K-8	Confirmation Retreat @ Trinita Saturday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Eucharist Sacrament Prep Class Family Mass 10:00 AM Sunday at St. Teresa
4/25-5/1	Classes FAMILY EVENT	K-8	First Eucharist Retreat Saturday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM in Seidel Hall
5/2-5/8			First Eucharist Saturday at 11:00 AM in St. Teresa Church

FIRST EUCHARIST PREP

On Sunday, April 24th at our 10:00AM Family Mass for our First Eucharist families, the children will receive crosses as a reminder that they are followers of Jesus and that in the Eucharist they will once again be claimed for Jesus. Please continue to pray for these children and their families as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist on May 7th.



**PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH
NURSE/HEALTH MINISTRY**
Tuesday April 19th @ 11:30 AM
St. Teresa Hall
RSVP to Pat Barre
Meet Our Ministry Members
&

Join Our Team – All Are Welcome!

Our mission is to serve God and our community by promoting optimal health and wellness with attention to body mind and spirit.

We provide two Lunch & Learn programs per year, blood pressure screenings, first aid, and health information at our Parish picnic. We monitor our AEDS and provide training updates, and coordinate our Emergency Response Team.

If you are a nurse or person interested in promoting health and wellness and wish to join our ministry please contact: Pat Barre – 203-263-4586 or patriciajbarre@gmail.com.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

GOOD SHEPHERDS

The Good Shepherds meet January - November on every other Thursday from 9:30 A.M. - 11:30A.M., at the Church of the Nativity, in classroom #6. All are welcome to come. Any questions may be directed to Cathie Murdock - truklady99@aol.com.

We will be meeting in person on April 28th.



Prince of Peace Clothing Bank

Located in the lower level of the Church of the Nativity building in the rear on the dates and times indicated below.

WE WILL BE OPEN EACH MONTH FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.

Masks should be worn if not vaccinated or if you feel more comfortable. Gloves will be available for those who would like to wear them.

CURRENTLY ACCEPTING AT THIS TIME:

- Recently washed/gently used Spring and summer clothing for all.
- Please NO DRY CLEAN ONLY.
- Gently used washable Spring and Summer jackets/coats. This includes hoodies which are always in demand.
- Mens' jeans plus sweatshirts and sweat pants for all sizes and genders.

We also have an urgent need for socks: Boys' sizes 6 - 14, Girls' sizes 6-14, Mens' and Womens' sizes S, M, L and XL

New packaged underwear is in constant need, all sizes boys', girls' and adults'.

AND

Gently used recently washed towels and/or sheets/sheet sets are needed. The twin and full size sheets will be donated to St Vincent DePaul shelter in Waterbury.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

WE WILL BE OPEN:

- Fri, Apr 22, 3 to 5 pm, Sat, Apr 23, 10 to 12 pm
- Fri, May 13, 3 to 5 pm, Sat, May 14, 10 to 12 pm
- Fri, May 27, 3 to 5 pm, Sat, May 28, 10 to 12

APRIL 17, 2022


**MEN'S CLUB
SCHOLARSHIP**

Attention High School Seniors

Any High School Senior who is a member of Prince of Peace Parish and attends Mass on a regular basis is eligible for a Men's Club Scholarship. Scholarship applications are now available at the parish office. The deadline for submission of the applications is May 6th.



FELLOWSHIP / COFFEE & GOODIES

Come join your fellow parishioners for friendly conversation while enjoying coffee, tea, hot chocolate and array of assorted goodies

EVERY SUNDAY

FOLLOWING THE 8 AM MASS

**@ Church of the Nativity
in Fr. Shellman Hall**

EARTH DAY-APRIL 22

Creator God, we thank you for all of creation. We ask your forgiveness where we have failed to be just stewards. And we now ask for your guidance in restoring the face of the earth. May we learn to live in harmony, safety and just sharing of resources among all so that we achieve the kingdom of God.

Peace be to this community. Peace be to this land. Peace be to all people. Amen.

OUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY

TO BE POSTED NEXT WEEK


Thank You!

HAPPY EASTER



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