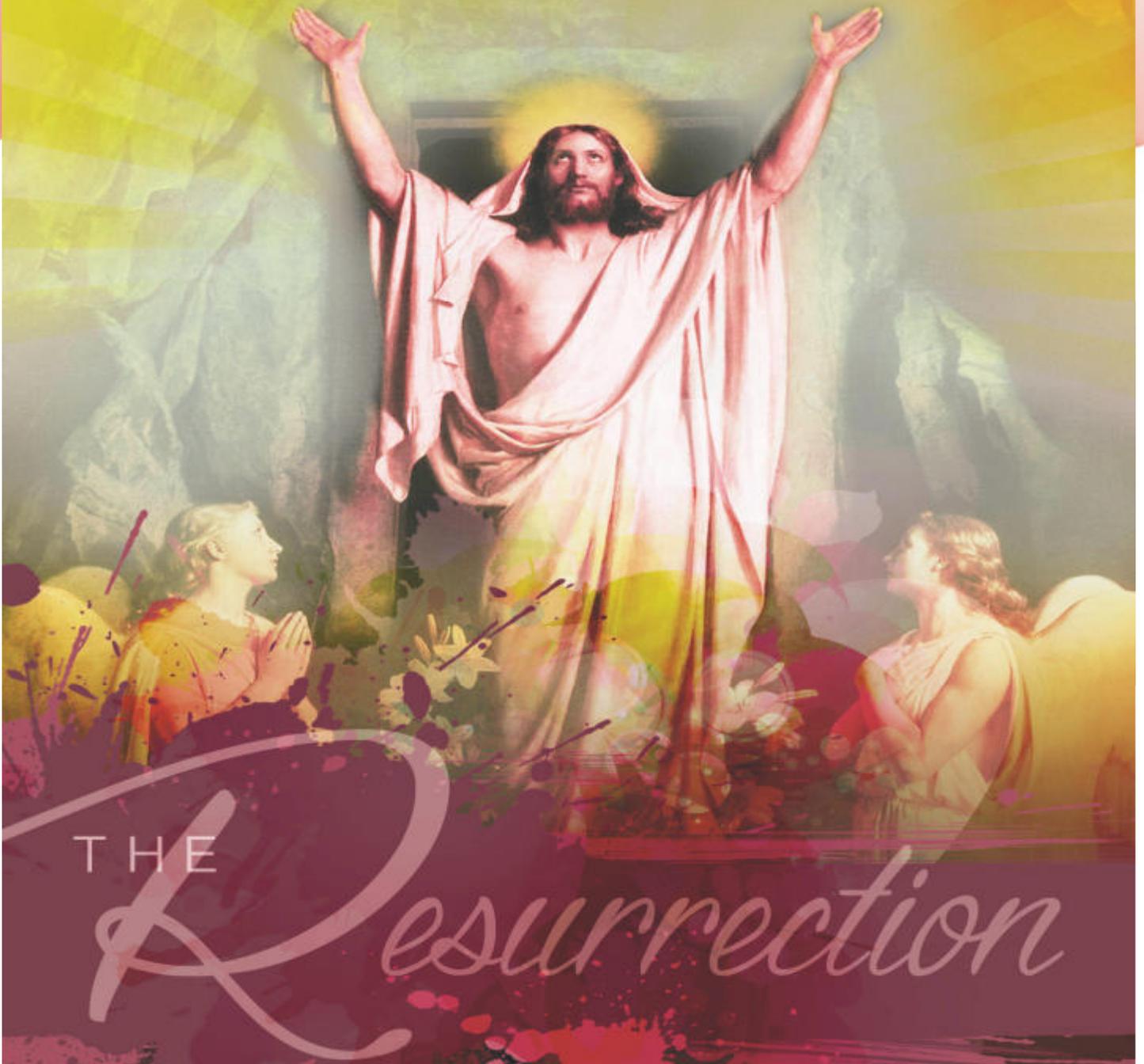
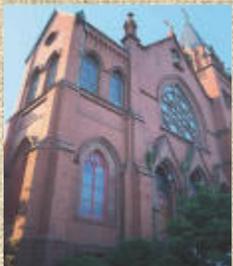


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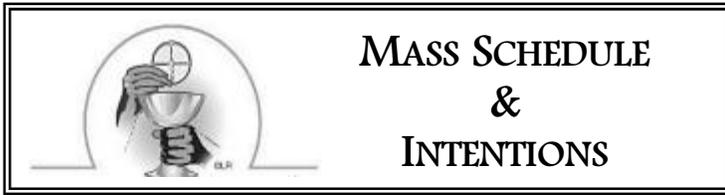
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## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Saturday: April 3rd

#### HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL

8:00 p.m. - FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

### Sunday: April 4th

#### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

9:30 a.m. - FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE  
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISHIONERS

### Monday: April 5th

10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass - Arlene Rimkus

### Saturday: April 10th

4:00 p.m. - Enrique & Emmi Galarza †  
(Doria Velazquez)

### Sunday: April 11th - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

9:30 a.m. - Clifford Brodeur †  
(Ann & John Dandonoli)



Lord, grant eternal rest to the  
soul of our dearly departed,

**MARY "ARLENE" RIMKUS**

May the angels carry her  
to God's holy throne.

May she receive eternal rest.

## LOOKING AHEAD . . .

### VIRTUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Archdiocesan Women's Conference (originally scheduled for November 7, 2020) continues, in a virtual format, with monthly workshops and prayer experiences thru May 2021, on the first Wednesday of every month. Attendees must register in advance.

DATES: April 7<sup>th</sup> ♦ May 5<sup>th</sup> TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Visit [www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org) to register for these free monthly events!



This week's Sanctuary Candle is offered in  
memory of

**Ray & Noreen Hockert**

~Requested by Beth Cameron

*Through the prayers of Mary, virgin and  
mother, I place in your care those I come  
to remember...*



### VOCATION REFLECTION



Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday: He is Risen! Alleluia! Are you being called to proclaim the Good News as a priest? Come and see.

Contact Father Fr. Michael Casey, Dir. of Vocations at (860)761-7456, via e-mail at [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit us on the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).

### 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2021 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.

All funds contributed to the Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at

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Dear friends,

We all remember Easter last year, or perhaps it should be more accurately stated no Easter last year. We felt a certain sense of emptiness inside. For many it was the first time in their lives, not being in church on Easter. I was reminded of the emptiness of the tomb but many may not have experienced what is to follow, mainly resurrection and new life. Emptiness without resurrection is debilitating, emptiness with resurrection is joy, hope, confident expectation and future.

You will notice this week that the statues are veiled in purple. Purple is the penitential color. During this last week of Lent, hopefully after a beneficial 40 days of penance, fasting, generosity and/or acts of charity, we anticipate more deeply the resurrection that we are to experience, the resurrection we are created for. Heaven and the joy of heaven can begin to be experienced on earth but only after living sacrificial love, a love that empties oneself of all those things that keeps us from a deeper union with God. The purple veil is symbolic of these final days of Lent, of our own longing for God. The human heart desires the veil between heaven and earth to be lifted so that we can more clearly see God in this world and one day face to face in heaven. The resurrection opens the gates of heaven and each day we strive as best we can in virtue, prayer and holiness of life to see God more clearly.

This past week I began to think about the many things we did this Holy Week, so different from last year; Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by the Visitation of 7 churches, opportunity for confessions on Good Friday and Holy Saturday (at the Basilica), Good Friday Solemn Liturgy and Stations of the Cross Friday evening, Easter Vigil Mass Saturday followed by our Easter morning mass. There was also a sunrise mass at 6:15 on Holy Land

There has been a great deal of death in 2020 due to COVID; physical death, economic death, intellectual death on the part of students, death by loneliness and in many cases death of faith. This year we can hopefully have a new resurrection and new life. God can work through everything, everything! With God's grace the many deaths of COVID will lead into a deeper resurrection of faith and love.

Have a blessed Easter season.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Sullivan*

### **The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2021**

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. From time to time, the Holy Father may add a second prayer intention related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. The second prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation. The Holy Father has entrusted these intentions in a particular way to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer.

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