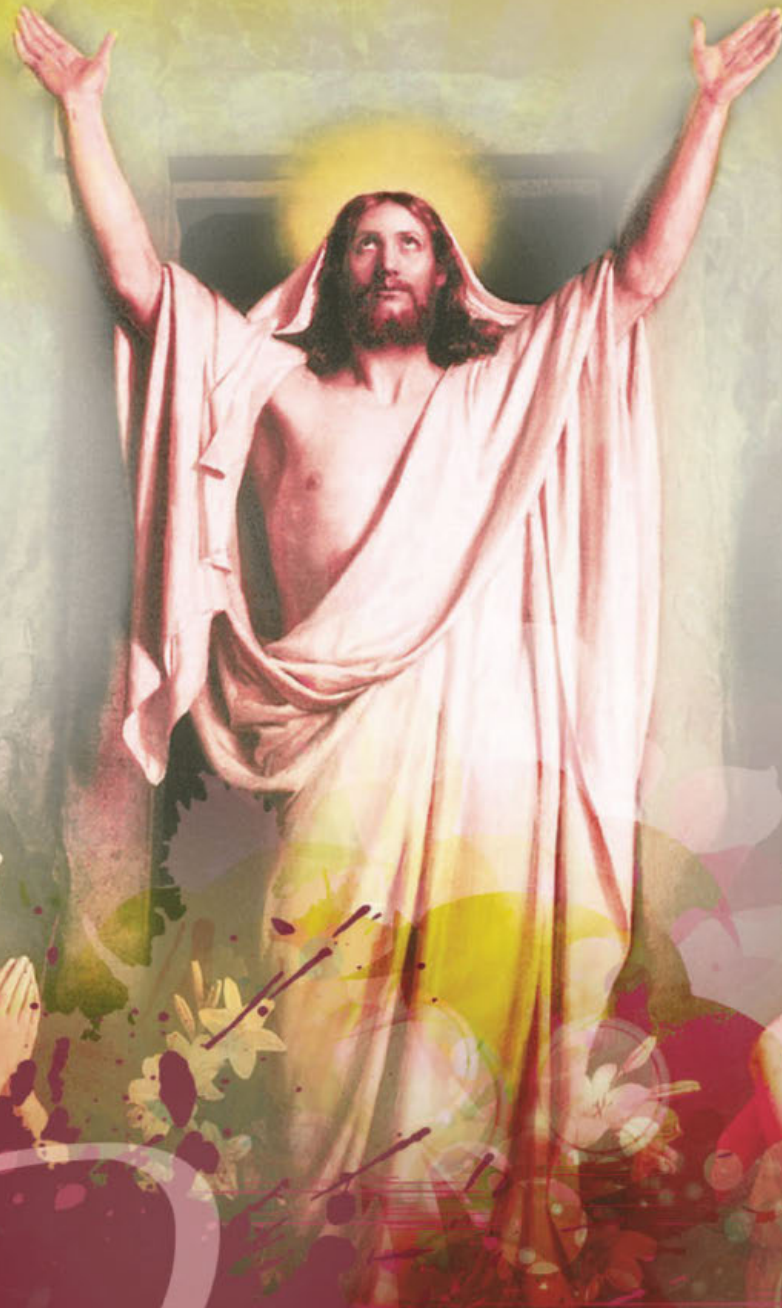


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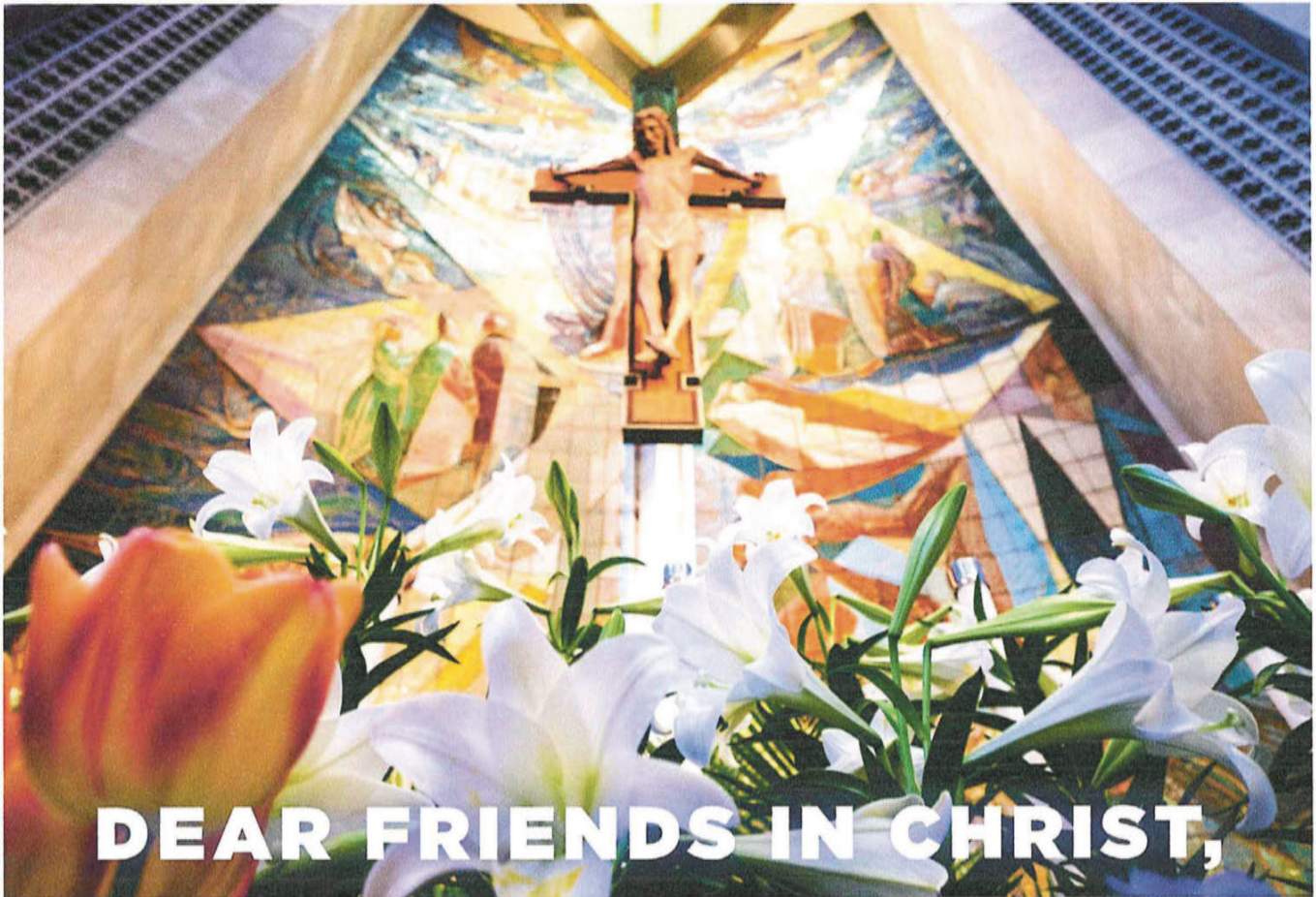


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Jesus came to deliver this message of hope. It is a message of his self-sacrificing love for us that even conquers death. It is a message that is received and welcomed by some, and rejected by others until the end of time.

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!

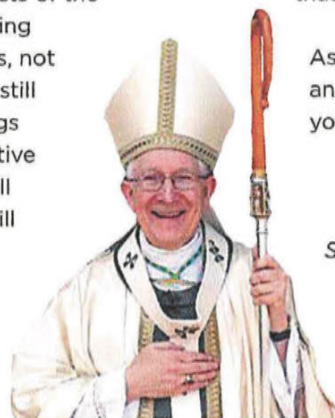
We possess an unshakeable hope because of Jesus Christ. During this Easter Season, as we celebrate the glory of His death and resurrection, let us remember that it

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!

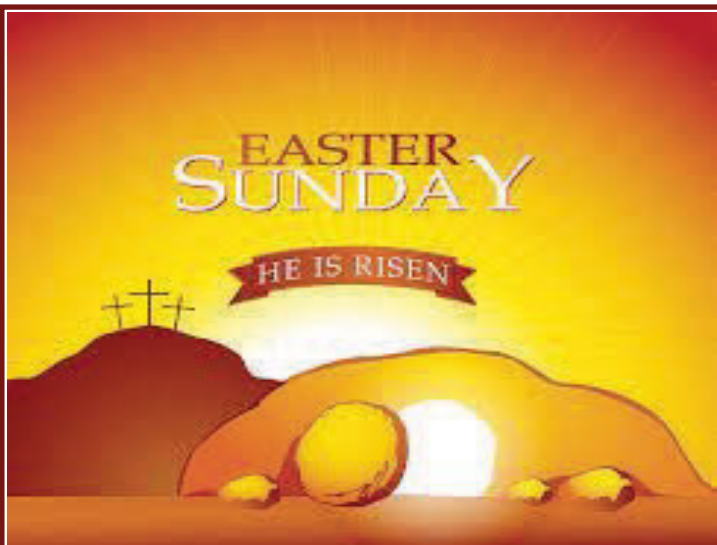
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Leonard P. Blair

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





EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Leave It in the Tomb

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

“I see you hiding in that tomb,” he says. “I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice.”

He says it a little more elegantly, I’ll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you’d better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, “Great idea, Paul — but I’m pretty comfy here.” Because sometimes, it’s just easier to stay in the tomb. It’s easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there’s anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It’s a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn’t rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty. Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

EASTER GREETINGS FROM YOUR PASTOR



Christ is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! Today marks the singular event in all of history that changed the lives of human beings forever. This day Christians throughout the entire world celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We rejoice with the Church and in Christ that the promise has been kept and that sin and death have lost their power. During the forty days of Lent we were asked to prepare ourselves for the great gift of Easter through prayer, penance and charitable works. The Church invited us to walk the journey of faith with our Lord and to see the face of Christ in others. To look upon others as Jesus saw them and to treat others as Jesus did. As Christians we were asked to provide shelter for the homeless, to give food to the hungry, to pray for the dead and to reach out in compassion to those in need, to clothe the naked, to support the young mothers preparing to give birth to their children, to bring joy to those imprisoned and in half-way homes as they attempt to rebuild their lives and to give a warm welcome to the stranger who has now become a friend. Since the beginning of Lent, the parishioners of this wonderful parish have worked tirelessly to deepen their awareness of the needs of the less fortunate here in our community. You have traveled the road to Emmaus and you have found the Lord. Thank you for all that you do and for all that you are. As your pastor, I would like for you to know how very pleased I am to be here and how very proud I am to be the spiritual leader of such a vibrant Faith Community. Please be assured that you and your families will be remembered in my prayers and at all the Masses here at St. Basil the Great on Easter Sunday. Archbishop Cronin, Deacon Croce and all the staff here at St. Basil the Great join me in wishing all of you a very Blessed Easter. May the Lord in His goodness bless you all with Easter Joy and the sense of hope which it brings both now and in the years to come.

Monsignor Thomas Ginty





The St. Basil the Great parish committee endorses the following programs to rejuvenate our parish family and position our Parish for the future. We hope it

will inspire both current and future parishioners, especially our youth to increase their service to God and our Parish. They offer us great opportunity to preserve and grow the catholic community of Wolcott.

Technology: We need to move the Parish forward with the use of current and future technology developments, especially the use of video transmission of Parish events. In addition to live streaming Mass we see great benefit to also use technology to live stream of weddings, funerals, on-line classes and guest speakers.

Adult Education: Programs, lectures and chat rooms to enhance the knowledge of all Parishioners will benefit the Parish immensely in the future. This would include a RCIA program to assist adults who want to join the Catholic faith and our Parish. It offers fallen away Catholics the opportunity to come back to the Church and our Parish.

Youth Outreach and Ministry: Develop church and community service programs to increase youth involvement.

Capital Improvements: Construct two lavatories that will be more handicaps accessible.

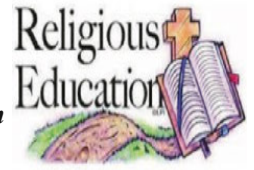
Parish Outreach: This will include developing programs and activities to meet the needs of our parishioners. Initially this would include building a new prayer circle to incorporate the statues of St Basil the Great, St. Maria Goretti, St Pius X, and Father McGivney. This will offer parishioners a quiet place to sit and pray.

We need the help of all parishioners, especially the parents of our youth to help us achieve the Forward with Faith funding goal. Currently we are at 70% of our goal. With your prayers and support we will continue to make transformative investments in our community and build upon the long term vibrancy of our parish.



“Life is a Gift from God” is the theme of our Pro-Life Committee’s Poster and Essay Contest for students in Faith Formation Classes. If your child wishes to participate but did not receive information at class, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 203-879-9030 or email faithformation@st-basilparish.org. Special thanks to the participating students who are sharing words and artwork showing the importance of respecting all human life given to us by God, our Creator. The submission date is extended until April 24th for all students.

Faith Formation Schedule



There are a few Final Class Session remaining, as follows:

Grade 9: Students meet Sunday in the Hall, **Apr. 24, 8:30 - 9:25am, followed by the 9:30am Mass.** Please Note that the Confirmation Retreat takes place on Saturday, May 21st, beginning at 10am concluding with the 4pm Mass.

Grade 3: Please note change in class time for our Grade 3 Final Class and Parent Meeting. Students and Parents meet Sunday, **Apr. 24 immediately following the 9:30am Mass.** Children will learn their final lessons while parents meet in the Hall for a Sacrament Preparation Meeting.

Other Important Dates:

Practice Dates: Wednesday, Apr. 20 and May 4, 5-6pm. Please meet in the Hall for line up no later than 5pm.

First Holy Communion Ceremony: Saturday, May 7 at 11am. Please meet in the Hall at 10:30am.

Grade 4: Students meet Sunday, **Apr. 24 immediately following the 9:30am Mass.**

“Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than gold.” Proverbs 8:10



Happy Easter!

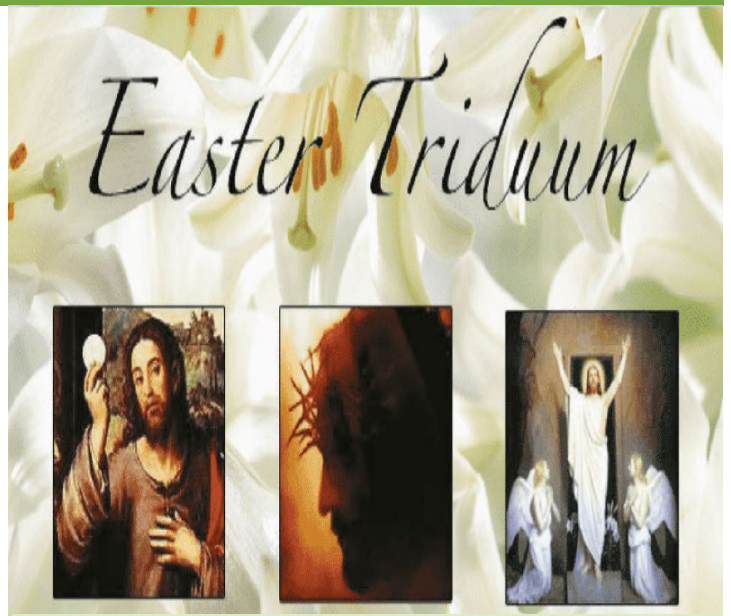
Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda and commit to share our Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world. Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at St. Basil the Great Parish by April 17th. or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give





Mass INTENTIONS

- Mon Apr 18 8:00 am Roger Descoteaux
Request of Norman Descoteaux
- Tue Apr 19 8:00 am Roger Giroux
- Sat April 23 8:00 pm Thomas Gianni, Sr.
Request of Family
- Sun April 24 9:30 am Theresa Dobish
Request of Bill Brobish



Easter Sunday

Today we celebrate with great joy the promise kept, *"The Lord is risen- Alleluia!"*

Regular Sunday schedule with Mass at 9:30 a.m. here at St. Basil the Great Parish.

THE ANNUAL EASTER COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN AT ALL MASS THIS WEEKEND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO YOUR PARISH!



We keep in our prayers the following parishioners, as well as those who are home-bound, in the hospital and care facilities. May God bless them with His love and keep them safe in His care.

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MON April 18

Rosary after 8 a.m. Mass

TUE April 19

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after 8 a.m. Mass

TUE April 19

RCIA meets at 7 pm in the Hall

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Easter Sunday

This Easter, in churches all over the world, people will be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. Those who have come from another Christian denomination have already begun their journey with Jesus Christ. But for those who are baptized at the Easter Vigil, a new reality has come to pass. Each newly baptized man, woman, and child have become new creations in Jesus Christ. They have died and risen with the one who rose on the third day and whose empty tomb we celebrate every Easter. Easter Sunday morning, they awake after many months of RCIA and all have the same question before them: "Now what?"

When one finds themselves having journeyed through various thresholds of conversion and now they bear the name of Christian, the time comes to chart the course of life as a disciple. Stewardship is that course of life. How one lives out their life from now on is the life of stewardship. The less one understands true stewardship and the value of their gifts and talents to the Body of Christ, the harder the journey.

Those of us who were baptized many years ago can easily fall into a false sense of comfort. We forget that sense of excitement those coming into the Church experience at the Easter Vigil. However, the story of that empty tomb reminds us of the power behind our baptism. Today, we, too, are called to discipleship and a stewardship way of life. Jesus continues to provide the answer to our, "Now what?"



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St. Anselm of Canterbury left his home in Italy to travel as a young man and ended up at the monastery in Bec, France, which was known for the teachings of its leader, Lanfranc. Anselm rose quickly to become abbot of the community and his writings are now compared in importance to those of St. Augustine.

In 1093 Anselm was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by William II Rufus, the son and successor of William the Conqueror. However, at the time there was a controversy in Europe over whether kings or the pope had the power to invest bishops. Anselm, who believed only the pope should have the right to invest an ecclesiastical authority, spent much of his time as Archbishop exiled in Rome.

St. Anselm's teaching and works of theology are his most important contribution to the Catholic faith. He is considered of the fathers of scholastic theology and his chief achievement in philosophy was the ontological argument for the existence of God. His work *Cur Deus homo?* taught that atonement for sins could only be achieved through Christ. He was canonized in 1494 and named a Doctor of the Church in 1720



Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

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