

EASTER SUNDAY

the
Resurrection
of the
Lord

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, YALESVILLE, CT

APRIL 4, 2021

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Parish Mission:

We, the Parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Church, affirm our love for and devotion to Jesus Christ.

By inviting all to participate, we seek to foster a sense of family. Through Jesus' love and example, we serve those in need with our time, talents, and resources.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: The Parish welcomes you and encourages your participation in its liturgy and social activities as a parishioner. All Parishioners are asked to be registered with the parish by completing a census form and to use the envelope collection system or to give on-line. Registration is the only way of certifying anyone as a member of our Parish Family.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months in advance with the parish clergy.



This week the Sanctuary Candle Intention is for:

Banghart & Sue Peluse Family
Requested by: Rob & Eileen Post

(Please call the office, until further notice, if you wish to dedicate the sanctuary candle for someone)

PRAYER INTENTION— April

Universal intention - 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.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY— *Vigil Mass*

7:30 pm All Parishioners , Living & Deceased

SUNDAY

8:30 am All Parishioners,
10:30 am Living & Deceased

MONDAY—*Monday within the Octave of Easter*

No Mass

TUESDAY—*Tuesday within the Octave of Easter*

NOON Alexander Medina; Req. by: Francesca Iuliano

WEDNESDAY—*Wednesday within the Octave of Easter*

NOON Fr. Robert Landback; Req. by: Parishioners

SATURDAY— *Vigil Mass*

4:00 pm Fay, Sjovall, Tulipani Families; Req. by: Family

SUNDAY

8:30 am John Franklin Shulga; Req.by: Family
10:30 am Margaret "Peg" Slocum; Req. by: Family

Readings for the Week of April 4, 2021

Sunday: 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
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Remember in Your Prayers- Those affected by this pandemic in any way...and the following:

Felix G.	Special Healing Intention	Special Intention
Daniel Kelly	Donald Gervais Jr.	James T. Cullen
Arlene Succi	Carl Rodenhizer	Lee Sullivan
Amy Doyle	Gerda Leveille	Concetta Polito & Family
Henry Breindel	Amy A.	Helen Dudek
Corinne Sommo	Kimberly Cerasale	Donna Massores
Edward Fenton	Gail Sudal	Andrew Cappola
Erin Brady	Andrew I.	Brian & Doris Morris
Edward Borrelli	Dorothy Lipton	Ed Cunniff
Louise Raccio	Leo Perry	Daniel Amato
Aurele Poulin	Lynn Maroney	Jessica Cleveland
Amy Rutolo	Erin Giammattei	Dennis Deloughery
Marilyn Dering	C & J	George Grillo
Richard Ludington	F. & D. Kelly	Rosemary Neubig
Tracy Sommo Blum	Stephen & Donna Yatcko	Lou Bell
Anne Singer-Miller	Readey Family	& All Our Homebound

POINTS TO PONDER & NEWS



“Christ is Risen!” The world turns on this fundamental truth that changes everything and that explains who we are and where we are headed: “Christ, yesterday, today and forever!” On Easter Sunday the Church exults in the joyful proclamation that He is truly risen from the dead. God gave His Son to be the sacrifice that takes away our sins, and has raised Him up as the victor over sin and death, so together we cry out: **Alleluia!**

The first words of the Risen Lord to his terrified and downcast disciples were: “Peace be with you.” (Luke 24:36). Their first thought was that the ghost of the one they had abandoned at his Passion had returned for retribution. Far from it! On the Cross Jesus had said of all those involved: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34). Christ died for the forgiveness of sins, including yours and mine, because “God so loved the world.”

Over the past year we have dealt with a worldwide pandemic. Many have felt isolated, helpless, and at times have fallen into discouragement and even despair, but today on this Easter Sunday we have cause to **Rejoice** for Christ is Risen from the dead...He has conquered every illness and even death itself. In a world filled with doubts and darkness, where bitter division appears to be getting the best of us, where, out of indifference to faith and worship, so many people are faced with inner spiritual and moral destitution, we have a duty to proclaim from the rooftops: **“Christ is Risen.”** He alone is the answer to the deepest longings of the human heart. He is the only Way, the only Truth and the only Life. As he told us: “No one comes to the Father except through me.”

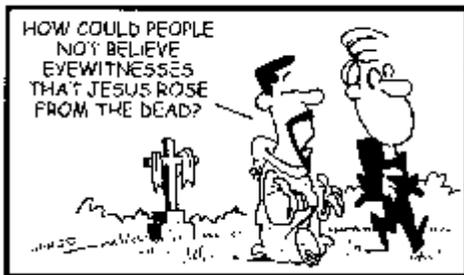
Our mission in 2021 and always is to make the Gospel credible to others by loving God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves, inspired by the countless acts of selfless service we have witnessed this past year from our health workers, neighbors, families, friends and clergy. In times like these people of faith and character really shine. If we take to heart the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter and partake of the Holy Eucharist worthily, then we will do the same.

The Easter candle is lit as a symbol of the Risen Christ. Our light has dawned inextinguishable and hope is restored. Just as it was for the disciples, today we too are reborn as we celebrate **“Christ has Risen!!”**

May the Risen Lord be with you always and grant you the peace and joy that only He can give.

Yours in Christ,
Archbishop Blair

EASTER



What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, APRIL 5TH —FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH

8 am—noon, Church is open for Private Prayer @ OLoF

**We cannot give up
in the face of evil.
God is Love and he has
defeated evil through
Christ's death and
resurrection.**

—Pope Francis—



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
By Bud Ozar



That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John “did not know” what to do. In family life there are confusing moments when “we don’t know” what to do. Like the apostles we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.



Jesus Christ is ris'n today Alleluia!

The Resurrection of Jesus
John 20:1-9

In John's account of the first Easter morning, Mary Magdalene discovered the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. She spoke with the angels who informed her that Jesus was risen, and raced back to the apostles and told them what she knew.

Electrified by the news, John and Peter ran to the tomb. John was younger and arrived first but waited for Peter, the Head of the apostles.

When they entered the tomb, John noticed the arrangement of the cloths in which Jesus was buried. Instantly, John "saw and believed." Perhaps something in the way the cloths were folded and arranged seemed familiar, spoke of Jesus' habits, and convinced John that Jesus was alive again. **The Resurrection proved that Jesus was really who he said he was. Jesus rose from the dead so we would know that our faith in him is justified.**

What can a parent do? John's love for Jesus helped him to see who Jesus truly is. Help children to know and love Jesus. A close relationship with our Lord will reveal Jesus to youngsters.



Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, during this month a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil.

Together, for the next nine days, let's pray that the vulnerable are protected from abuse, and that survivors of abuse may be accompanied on their paths to healing.

Novena for Protection and Healing from Abuse

Some time during the Easter season you may have gone on an Easter Egg Hunt. Do you know where the Easter Egg come from? For Catholics, Easter is most important –yes even more important than Christmas! **On Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus to new life. Jesus died on the cross for us and three days later came back to life! What a miracle!**



Jesus said, "Those who believe in me will live a new life." Today we use eggs as a symbol of that new life Jesus gave us. We paint them to celebrate the joy of Jesus' resurrection!

As good stewards, we never forget that Jesus died on the cross and rose again to share with us the great gift of eternal life. We celebrate with joyful hope the gift of new life every day, and especially at Easter.



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Make Easter joy last all year



The joy of Easter morning is meant to come more than once a year. "Sunday recalls the day of Christ's Resurrection. It is Easter which returns week by week, celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death" (Dies Domini, Pope John Paul II). Spread Easter joy by making every Sunday, "little Easter."

Darkness comes before the dawn. Atoning for sin isn't comfortable but it is essential to experiencing the joy of Easter. Make Fridays penitential days in your home. Share meatless meals, fast from television or video games, or perform a family act of charity.

Rejoice in second chances. Jesus knew that while our intentions may be good, our resolve isn't perfect so he created the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take your family to Confession at least monthly. When children see that you seek God's forgiveness, they will learn that it's there for them, too.

Experience the Mass.

It's not meant to be observed. Preview the readings together before Mass. Sing out loud. Pray responses with feeling. Celebrate the Resurrection with joy.





From Father's Desk

Alleluia! Easter marks out the greatest change in human history. The action of God in His Son Jesus Christ means that we have a future in which the tomb is not the end. Christians are joined to the death and Resurrection of Christ; together we are adopted and now are sons and daughters of God, destined for eternal life.

The liturgy reminds us that we are coheirs with Christ; we now share in the inheritance of eternal life. Our identity is secure; God is our Father who looks to save us in Jesus. In an ever-changing world it is good to know and live in the stability of God's love especially as we receive a pledge of future glory in the Holy Eucharist.

This year we are called to welcome one another as brothers and sisters, coheirs, neighbors and parishioners together from the communities of Our Lady of Fatima and Most Holy Trinity churches. Let us listen during the Easter season to the various readings which recount the faith of the early Church and let us pray for the Holy Spirit to help us bond together in the joy of the Resurrection, manifesting the light and love of Christ to all whom we might find still sitting in darkness.

Happy Easter!

Father Mendoza



Thank you to the families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet given, please prayerfully consider doing so. Go to <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/> to learn more.

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