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Saint Peter and Saint Casimir Parish Westfield, MA

has been entrusted and is committed to proclaim and communicate the saving message of Jesus Christ. As a Roman Catholic Family, with the ***Eucharist*** as our center, we draw strength and dedicate ourselves to praise God through prayer, worship and service.

A collaborative participation in all aspects of Parish life is encouraged.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to share the Gospel of Christ with *all* God's people in the following way:

- * The religious education and formation of all parishioners *in the living tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith.*
- * *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)* for those who wish to join the Roman Catholic Church.
- * *The celebration of the Eucharist and sacraments*, proclamation of the Word of God, prayer and adoration.
- * The assessment, communication, and fulfillment of the spiritual and emotional needs of *all parishioners.*



Daily Mass Schedule

7:15 a.m., Monday through Thursday

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held every Saturday afternoon from 3:00-3:30 pm or by appointment.

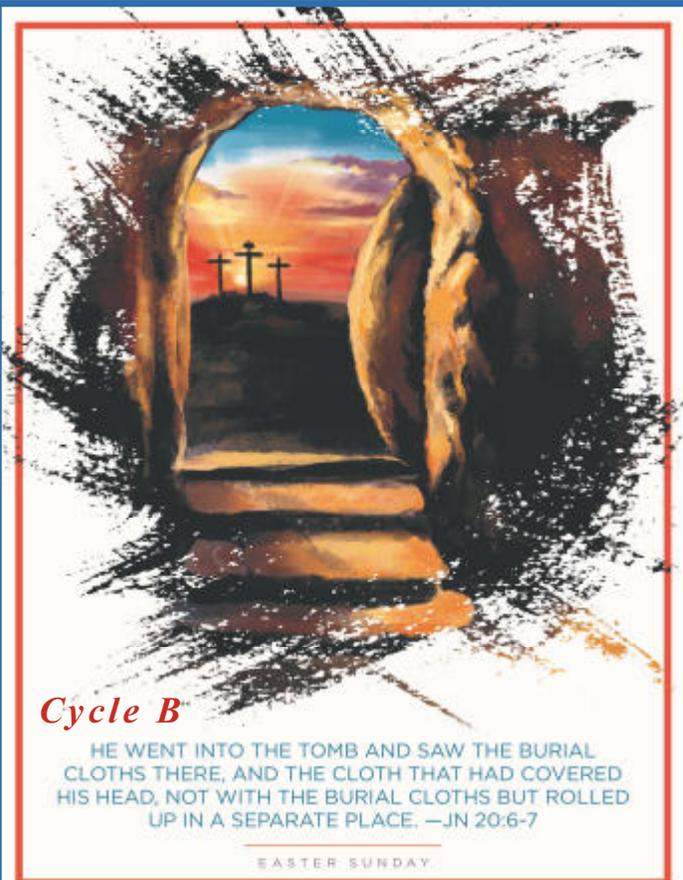
Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses 8:30 am and 10:30 a.m.

We Welcome New Parishioners

Please call the Parish Office at 568-5421 to obtain a census form and to register as a parishioner. In order to obtain a 'letter of good standing' to act as a sponsor for the sacraments you must be a registered parishioner.



WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

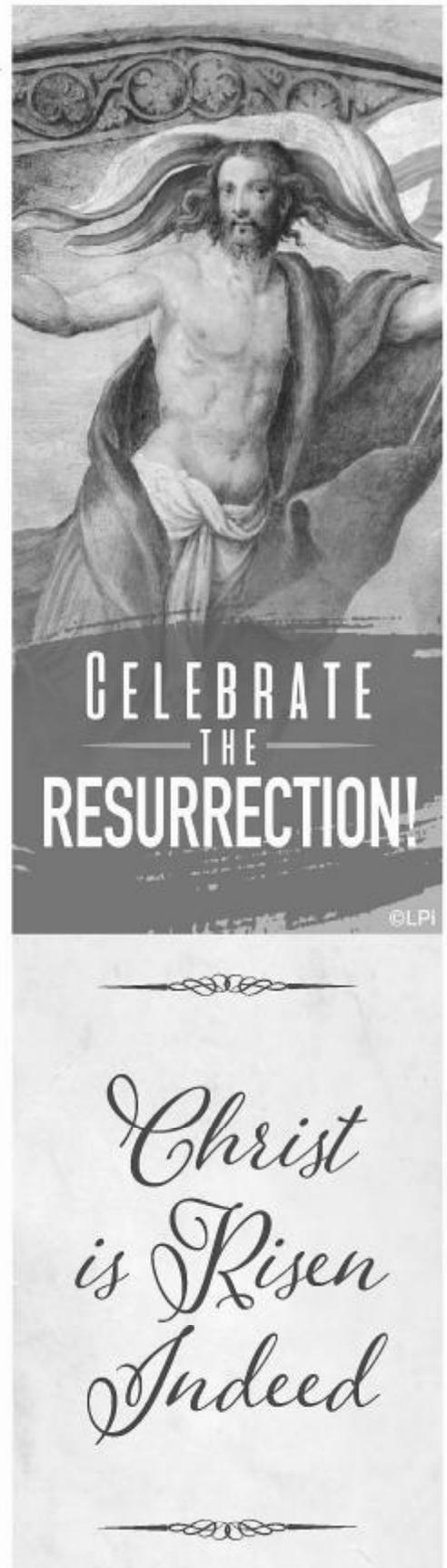
SUN 4/4	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
MON 4/5	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
TUES 4/6	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
WED 4/7	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk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





In this Easter season, now upon us, Christ risen from the dead fills us with immense joy and fervent hope. In our celebration of His resurrection, may we look forward with certain hope to a new and lasting life, not just after death, but even now.

My prayers and best wishes go out for all the individuals and families of this parish of Saint Peter and Saint Casimir. May the light of the Risen Christ be there for us all, to guide us and bring us safely home to his Father and ours.

Fr. Bill Wallis



Easter ~ Question: Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other celebrations are celebrated on the same day?

Answer: Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason. Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we don't

know Jesus' exact birthday, we celebrate the "light of the world" around the time of winter solstice, as dark, wintery days begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was crucified the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corresponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don't re-calculate the full moon every year. As astronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter would occur in future years. The Church has created a table of calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in advance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days following in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects our Christian faith now to what has come before — our Jewish roots and the real, historical reality of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

Sharing the Gospel

Mary Magdalene was surprised when she found the empty tomb of Jesus. She ran and told Peter and John that his body was gone. Peter and John ran to the tomb. They found no body, just strips of cloth. One piece was the cloth that covered the face of Jesus. Peter and John knew that Jesus was not in the grave, even though they did not understand what it meant to rise from the dead.

Altar Flowers ~ We did not have any direction from the diocese pertaining to whether or not flowers would be allowed for Christmas. As we had no answer in time to order fresh flowers, the Rosary Sodality decorated the church with artificial flowers. The memorial for your loved ones written on those envelopes was on the altar for the Christmas season. The funds collected from those envelopes were combined with the Easter flower funds received this spring and those envelopes are on the altar. With the Lord's help, we should be ok for Christmas!

Happy Easter! *Annette*



"Sowing the Seeds," this year's theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal, calls on each of us to spread the love of God, the gospel, and our faith. Through our contributions, together we shelter the homeless, respect life from conception to death, feed the hungry, comfort those who mourn, and educate others in our faith. May our seeds of faith fall on fertile ground- especially for those most in need. You can make your contribution to Annual Catholic Appeal: online at www.diospringfield.org/aca or by calling: 413-452-0650. All donations are tax deductible.

Next Weekends Lectors Schedule

	Sat. 4/10/21	Sun. 4/11/21	
	4:00 pm	8:30am	10:30 am
Lector	D. Horrigan	A. Crum	M. Wright
Host	F. Horrigan	E. Onofrey	M. Wright

2021 Public Square ROSARY RALLY FOR OUR POLICE AND FIRST RESPONDERS

Our police officers and first responders are facing many dangers and they need our prayers for their protection. That is why you are invited to join our 2021 Police and First Responders 2021 Rosary Rally. Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to call down God's mercy and help. Come and show our protectors that you appreciate them.

Who: EVERYONE, YOUNG and OLD, rain or shine
When: SATURDAY, April 17th at 12:00 noon
Where: Holy Trinity Church, 335 Elm St., Westfield, MA at the outdoor Shrine to Our Lady of La Salette
(Chairs will be provided. Call Alicia at 568-0123 for more information)

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND

Martha Bachleda, Peter Crepeau, Joseph Pignatare, Mary Barry, Robert Pierpont, Billy Antonucci, William Costello, Richard Johnson, Grace Pignatare, Michael Francis, Stella Fisher, Natalia Masaitis, Brie Merlot, Richard Briere, Patricia Matson, Irene Kmiecik, Therese Hentnick, Millie Lamb, Shirley Richardson, Marilyn C., Jim and Marilyn Pitoniak, Jim Dowd, Anna Jakus, Raymond Wright, John and Carol Howard, Jim and Mary Ann Slowick, Deacon Paul Briere, Jim and Marcia Rogers



**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament
all day...Tuesdays
8am to 5pm
Prayer Group at 3 pm**

April is the month dedicated to the Eucharist and devotion to the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire us to spend time with Jesus present all day in the Eucharist on our altar. "Even now, says the Lord, return to me for I am gracious and merciful."

This week we lift up the poor, the sick, the hungry, the unemployed and all those facing difficult problems: that God will touch them with His love and mercy.



Calling All Grandparents **FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH PRAYER** ~ TIME APRIL 6, 2021, 11 am in the church. **HAVE NO ANXIETY ABOUT ANYTHING** "Rejoice always, Pray constantly, Give thanks in all circumstances...Do not quench the Spirit...Hold fast to what is good" (1 THES 5: 17-21) Contact Alicia at 568-0123



Vocations ~ "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power." Are you being called to proclaim the life of the resurrected Christ to the world? Contact Fr. Jon Reardon @ 413-248-7034 / vocations@diospringfield.org

Parish Offerings	February	\$ 11,848
Week ending 3/7/21		\$ 4,009
Week ending 3/14/21		2,573
Week ending 3/21/21		3,604
Week ending 3/28/21		3,607

Next Special Collection

Catholic Home Missions April 24th and 25th

April 4, 2021

Saturday, April 3

2:00 pm Blessing of the Food and Bread

8:00 pm † **Easter Vigil Mass**

Sunday, April 4 **Easter Sunday**

8:30 am † **Regina and Roy Delisle**

Requested by Rita Farnsworth

Celebrated by Father Savage

10:30 am † **Deceased Members of the
Leo and Leona Charette family**

Requested by Eldon Charette

Monday, April 5

7:15 am † **Larry Hunt**

Requested by Ann Crum

Tuesday, April 6

7:15 am † **Joseph F. Mayeros, Jr.**

Requested by Robert and Ann Rutkowski

Wednesday, April 7

7:15 † **Mary K. Kane and
Mildred Onofrey**

Requested by Ellen Onofrey

Thursday, April 8

7:15 am † **Dorothy Telepciak**

Requested by Bette Ptaszek

Friday, April 9

7:15 No services

Saturday, April 10

4:00 pm † ☩ **Sharon Wielgus** ☩

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Requested by a friend

Sunday, April 11

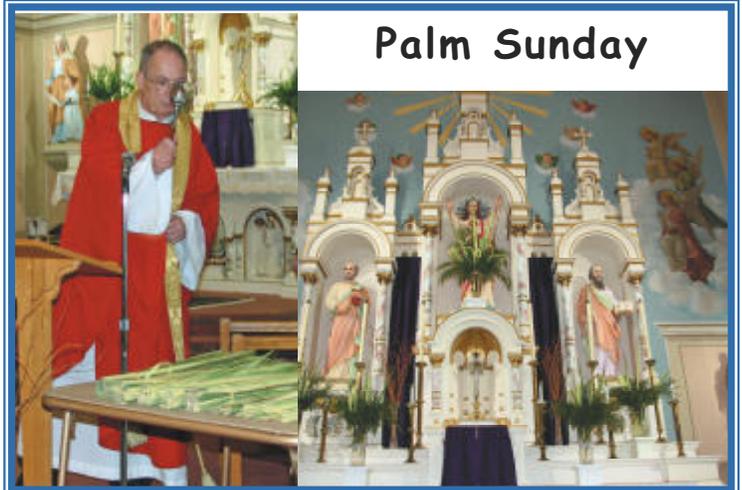
8:30 am † **Marie C. Lombardi**

Requested by John and Diane Armstrong

10:30 am † **Paul Peregrin,**

Birthdays Remembrance

Requested by Ray and Maryanne Wright



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