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AND BE

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PSALM 118

# ST. MARY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, Adoration is not being celebrated at this time.

## ROSARY FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the Rosary is not being held at this time.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 9:00-10:00am.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

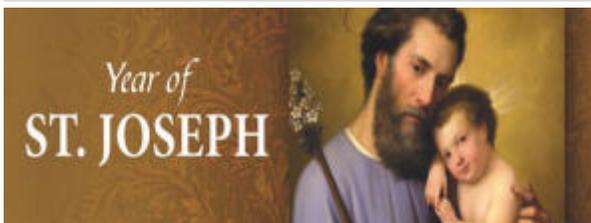
To schedule your Baptism or for more information, please call Lisa Hudson at the Rectory.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to begin the preparation process and to confirm a date and time for your wedding. This process should begin at least six months in advance of the desired date.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Mary of the Annunciation is a Roman Catholic Christian Community centered around the Eucharist, welcoming all, while growing through faith and stewardship.



# Saint Mary Parish, Melrose, MA

## Easter Blessings

A year ago, we were unable to gather together to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus! It's been a year of many challenges but as Catholics we know with Christ there is always hope. Filled with hope, we gather inside our beautiful church this weekend to reflect on and celebrate Christ's Resurrection and His gift of new life.

On behalf of Father Hughes, Fr. Janko and myself, we express our gratitude for your faith-filled dedication, especially throughout this difficult year.

May the light of the risen Lord touch you and shine on you in every aspect of your life. May the spirit of joy and renewal bring goodness in your life. Happy Easter!

Father Shawn



### Saturday, April 3

4:00 pm For the People of our Parish

### Sunday, April 4

The Easter Masses are offered for all the people of St. Mary's, living and deceased.

### Saturday, April 10

4:00 pm Walter & Ruth Riley

### Sunday, April 11

7:30 am For the People of our Parish  
9:30 am Albert & Elizabeth Guarente  
11:30 am Joseph & Estelle Kirby

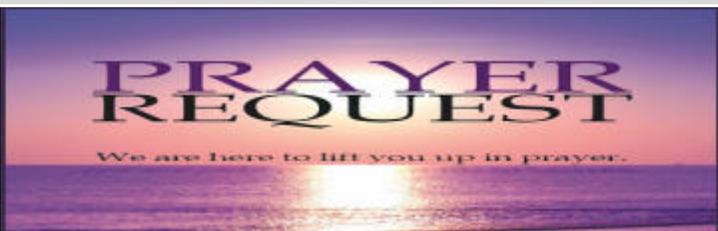


Please pray that God will watch over and safeguard our men and women serving in the military.

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Major Martin Forrest, USMC  
LtCol Steven Gerardi, US Army  
Cpl Matthew Gregorio, USMC  
Pvt Michael Butler, USMC  
L/Cpl Daniel Morelli, USMC  
Sgt Brian Crawford, US Army  
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L/Cpl Jare Wimberly, USMC  
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Lt John R Moreschi Jr., USN  
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Pfc Matthew Hanley, US Army

In an effort to update our military list, we ask that you notify us if someone on the above list no longer serves in the military or if their rank has changed. Please email [marjk50@comcast.net](mailto:marjk50@comcast.net) or call the rectory with any changes, deletions or additions. Thank you.



*Please pray for those who are ill especially for*

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Patricia DeGaravilla  
Katherine Connolly  
Joseph O'Connor  
Rita M Tsika

*Our Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of*

Frances Flint

## SCHEDULED PRESIDERS

### Saturday, April 3

7:00 pm Fr Shawn

### Saturday, April 10

4:00 pm Fr Hughes

### Easter Sunday, April 4

7:30 am Fr Shawn  
9:30 am Upstairs Fr Hughes  
9:30 am Downstairs Fr Janko  
11:30 am Fr Shawn

### Sunday, April 11

7:30 am Fr Shawn  
9:30 am Fr Janko  
11:30 am Fr Shawn

## 2021 CATHOLIC APPEAL

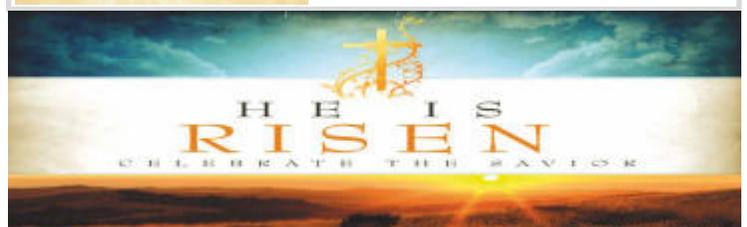


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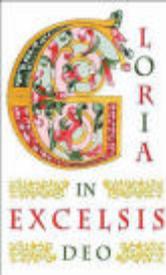


## WEDDING BANNS

II Jillian Fitzgerald and Sean O'Brien



# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at

the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy one, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43



Peter proceeded to speak and said:

"You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

## Responsorial Psalm 118

**Refrain: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

**Refrain: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

The right hand of the Lord has struck with power; the right hand of the Lord is exalted."

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

**Refrain: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

**Refrain: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

## Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.



## Gospel John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first;

he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw

the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.



## EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE CLERGY TRUST

Today's Easter collection will benefit Clergy Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our 536 active and senior priests in good standing. Whether it is within our parish communities or in the community at large, our priests are making a difference every day. This year more than ever, your support is needed and appreciated. On behalf of myself and my brother priests who benefit from the support of Clergy Trust, thank you.

### QR CODE FOR 2021 CLERGY TRUST EASTER COLLECTION



This QR code can be scanned and you will be taken to the Clergy Trust Givebutter donation page where they can quickly and easily give through Venmo, Apple/Google Pay, or PayPal.

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I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation,  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.



For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

April 4, 2021

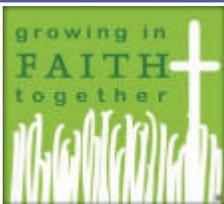
**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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**THANK YOU for Your Help in Making This Year a Success!**

**Our last class for Grades 1 and 3-8 is next Sunday, April 11.** Attendance and assignment completion are mandatory! Thank you!

Our Second Graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist in May. Please keep the children, their families and their Catechist in your prayers as they complete their preparation.

First Eucharist will be held on Saturday, May 15 and May 22.

**STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022 FAITH FORMATION!**

Please know that our First Reconciliation/First Eucharist program is a two year program beginning in Grade 1.

For questions, please contact Karen Tarmey, Coordinator of Religious Education, 781 590 4948 or SMPMel-roseCRE@gmail.com or Lisa Hudson at the Rectory at 781 665 0152 or lisahudson21@comcast.net.

**EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS**



Thank you to those who made a donation for Easter flowers in memory of deceased loved ones. These donations help defray the cost of the plants which adorn our altars for Easter Masses and a beautiful remembrance of family members and friends who are not with us this Easter season. Thank you to Debbie Giordano for coordinating the decorating.



*Happy Easter!*



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## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, Apr 4—EASTER  
 Monday, Apr 19 – Friday, Apr 23—Spring Vacation  
 Thursday, May 6—Progress Reports  
 Friday, May 7—Early Dismissal  
 Monday, May 10—Crowning of Mary—Grade 1  
 MAP Testing Begins  
 Thursday, May 13—Ascension Thursday  
 Saturday, May 22—First Eucharist  
 Monday, May 31—No School—Memorial Day

Easter Sunday  
 April 4th, 2021



Early on Easter morning some women went to the tomb and saw that Jesus' body was gone! Can you help the women find their way to the tomb?



## Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



Easter is the time when we celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead.



Early in the morning the day after the Sabbath, the women went to the tomb and found it empty! They went and told the disciples, who went and saw it was true. Jesus' body was gone! He had risen from the dead!



Imagine the joy of Our Lady that her Son was alive again! Here is a special Easter prayer to Our Lady:



Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia!  
 For the Son Whom you were privileged to bear, Alleluia!  
 Has risen as He said, Alleluia!

Pray to God for us, Alleluia!  
 Rejoice and be glad, Virgin Mary, Alleluia!  
 For the Lord has truly risen! Alleluia!

## Easter Word-Find

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 C L O T H S I M O N  
 F I R S T C S A M A  
 B N I T D R C G B P  
 E E S O A I I D E K  
 L N E N R P P A M I  
 I W E E K T L L P N  
 E D E A D U E E T S  
 V I S M A R Y N Y R  
 E I S E P E T E R N



Find the words in CAPITALS and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Early on the **FIRST** day of the **WEEK**, when it was still **DARK**, **MARY** and Mary **MAGDALEN** and some other women went to bring spices to Jesus' **TOMB**. They wondered who would roll away the **STONE**. But when they got there, they saw it was already moved, and the tomb was **EMPTY**! They ran and told the disciples. **SIMON PETER** and the other **DISCIPLE**, whom Jesus **LOVED**, ran to the tomb and found it as the women had said. The **LINEN CLOTHS** were lying there, and the **NAPKIN** that had been on Jesus' head was folded up. Then they began to **BELIEVE**, because they hadn't known the **SCRIPTURE** that said that Jesus must **RISE** from the **DEAD**.



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