

# ASSUMPTION PARISH

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APRIL 4, 2021  
EASTER SUNDAY

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**FATHER BILL CYR**  
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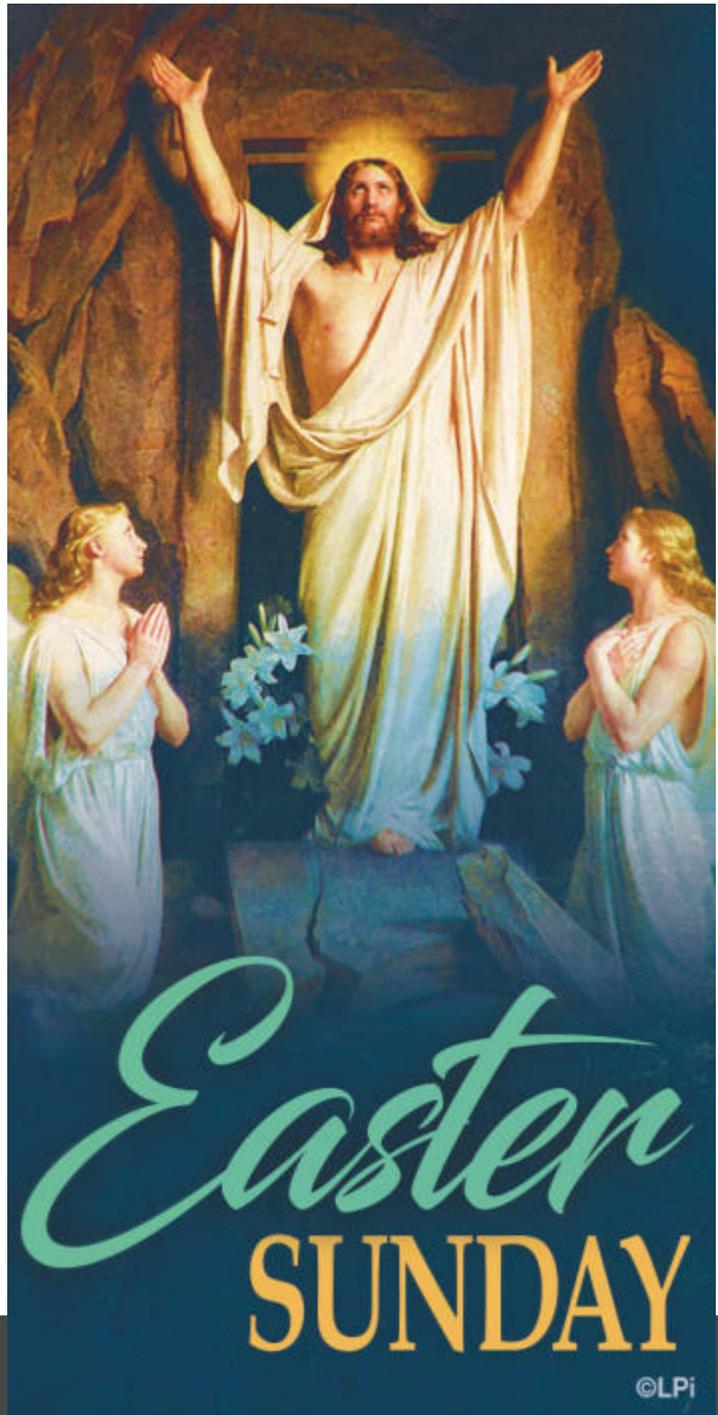
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# Mass Intentions

## SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021 - EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Robert & Florence Clark  
Req. by Dennis & Nancy Clark

## MONDAY - SATURDAY

No Daily or Saturday Masses

## SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Peggy Richardson  
Req. by The Richardson Family

## PARISH GIFTS

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME FR. BARRENT

This weekend, we warmly welcome Fr. Barrent Pease, the new Administrator for both St. Mary of the Assumption Parish and St. John Paul II Parish. He has joined our parish families at the most holy of times in the liturgical year. The Triduum bookends the Lenten season, a period of reflection, and carries us through the days leading to Christ's death and resurrection. As Pope Francis stated in his Lenten message this year, "let us renew our faith, draw from the 'living water' of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ." We are blessed to have Fr. Barrent join us as we follow the guidance of Pope Francis and enter into the Easter season with open hearts and a shared faith which bonds us together and carries us forward. May we take in the fullness of this season of rebirth and be filled with prayer and hope for the future of the Church and for our parish communities.

## EASTER SCHEDULE

During this period of transition, we have been working on final details to our Holy Week Schedule and appreciate your patience during the process.

### TENEBRAE

Monday, March 29th - 7:00 p.m. - Notre Dame

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, March 23rd - 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. - St. Mary's

### HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 1st - 7:00 p.m. - Notre Dame

### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 2nd - 7:00 p.m. - St. Stanislaus Kostka

### HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 3rd - 8:00 p.m. - St. Mary's

### EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 4th

8:00 a.m. - St. Stanislaus Kostka

9:30 a.m. - Notre Dame

11:00 a.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption

## OUR GIVING

You may now give to our parish in the following ways:

- Mail a check/your envelope to the parish office  
*Make checks payable to ST. MARY'S*
- Drop your envelope in the collection basket at Mass
- Set up online giving via the instructions below

## SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

Regular Collection	\$983.00	Fuel	\$10.00
Easter	\$10.00	Easter Flowers	\$250.00
Online Giving	\$200.00		

Annual giving statements have been emailed and paper copies are available upon request. You may also access yours via the online portal through our website.

## ONLINE GIVING

**Our online giving system is easy to use and may be accessed via our website or via the link below.**

The online giving system utilizes "Stripe" a payment processing interface used by thousands of businesses including Google, Amazon, and more! The interface links with our online parish database, so gifts made to the parish may be tracked on your online account.

1. Visit [stmarys.breezechms.com/give/online](http://stmarys.breezechms.com/give/online)
2. Next, enter the dollar amount you would like to give.
3. Choose to give via credit card or bank transfer (ACH)
4. Enter your information.
5. Choose if you would like your give to be one time, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or yearly.
6. Click "Donate Now" and your payment will process.

## SON-RISE SERVICE

The Berkshire Union Chapel will hold an Ecumenical Son-Rise Service on Farnams Causeway on Easter Sunday at 7:00 a.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

*From today's Gospel: John 20*

**"...and he saw and believed."**

*The disciple did not see the body of dead Jesus but believed in the resurrected Jesus. Moderns do see living pre-born life but refuse to believe in its right to live.*

Who are you? This question was most assuredly 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. ©LPi



## LIVE THE LITURGY

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

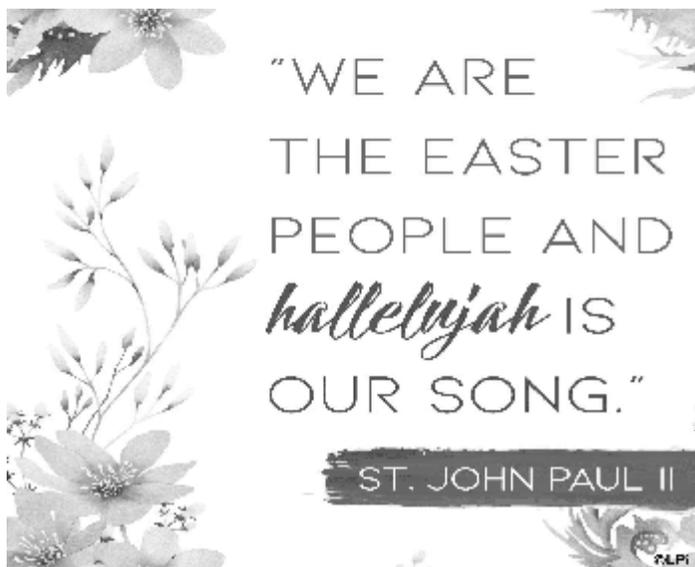
Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's 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. ©LPi

### IMPORTANT COVID & HEALTH NOTICES

**\*\*\*If you have tested positive for COVID and have attended one of our Masses or entered one of our buildings, please contact the parish office. Contacting us directly will allow us to quickly contact trace, notify others, and further disinfect our spaces.**

Now that we are in cold and flu season, in addition to COVID, we kindly ask that you be sure to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Wear a mask, wash your hands, hand sanitize
- Social distance and avoid personal contact with others
- Stay home if you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, cold





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