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Fourth Sunday of Easter



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Christian *joy* flows from listening to,
and accepting, the Good News of the death and
resurrection of Jesus. Whoever believes this message
knows that life is born of the love of God the Father.

- POPE FRANCIS -

Diocesan Catholic Charity Appeal surpasses 58 percent of its goal at campaign's halfway mark

PROVIDENCE — At the halfway point of the 2021 Catholic Charity Appeal, the Diocese of Providence has achieved 58 percent of its \$6.8 million goal, recording \$3,963,285 pledged in total gifts as of April 5.

Of the pledged total, 81 percent of donations have already been collected from the 14,125 donors contributing to the campaign so far, with an average gift of \$281.



“View from the Pew” by George W. Reilly

Holy Humor Sunday

As promised in last week's column, this week we focus on “The Easter laughter” as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. So, let the party begin. Our God reigns; the power of evil has been broken. As one pastor puts it, “Above all people, Christians have the most reasons to laugh [and]... live the Easter joy that Christ came to bring. So here are some chuckles to lighten your day and bring you some joy.

* A guy joins a monastery and takes a vow of silence, but he is allowed to say two words every 7 years. After 7 years, the elders bring him in and ask him for his 2 words. "Cold floors," he says. They nod and send him away. Seven more years pass and they bring him in for his 2 words. He clears his throat and says, "Bad food." They nod and send him away. Seven more years pass and they bring him in for his 2 words. "I quit," he says. "That's not surprising," the elders say. "you've done nothing but complain since you got here."

* A salesman from KFC speaks with the Pope and offers him a million dollars if he would change "The Lord's Prayer" from "give us this day our daily bread" to "give us this day our daily chicken." The Pope refused his offer. Two weeks later, the man offers the Pope 10 million dollars to change it from "give us this day our daily bread" to "give us this day our daily chicken" and again the Pope refused the man's generous offer. Another week later, the man offered the Pope 20 million dollars and finally the Pope accepted.

The following day, the Pope said to all his officials, "I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that we have just received a check for 20 million dollars. The bad news is we lost the Wonder Bread account!"

* A man and a friend are playing golf one day at their local golf course. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course. He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows down in prayer.

His friend says, "Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You truly are a kind man."

The man then replies, "Yeah, well we were married 35 years."

* Moses, Jesus and an old man are golfing. Moses steps up to the tee and hits the ball. It goes sailing over the fairway and lands in the water trap. Moses parts the water and chips the ball onto the green.

Jesus steps up to the tee and hits the ball. It goes sailing over the fairway and lands in the water trap. Jesus just walks on the water and chips the ball onto the green.

The old man steps up to the tee and hits the ball. It goes sailing over the fairway and heads for the water trap. But, just before it falls into the water, a fish jumps up and grabs the ball in its mouth. As the fish is falling back down into the water, an eagle swoops down and grabs the fish in its claws. The eagle flies over the green where a lightning bolt shoots from the sky and barely misses it. Startled, the eagle drops the fish. When the fish hits the ground, the ball pops out of its mouth and rolls into the hole for a hole-in-one.

Jesus then turns to the old man and says, "Dad, if you don't stop fooling around, we won't bring you next time."

* Bart and Art have been a twosome on the links every day since they retired. One day, as they are putting on their golf shoes in the clubhouse, they get into a conversation about heaven and whether there are any golf courses there. They make a pact. The first one to die will come back and tell the other one. Bart dies first and, sure enough, comes back to visit Art.

Art says, "Well, are there any golf courses in heaven?"

"I have

good news and I have bad news," says Bart. "We have the ultimate golf course in the sky and a big tournament which starts tomorrow."

"So what's the bad news?"

"You're my partner!"

* A couple had been married for 25 years and was celebrating the husband's 60th birthday. During the party, a fairy appeared and said that because they had been such a loving couple all those years, she would give them one wish each.

The wife said, "We've

been so poor all these years, and I've never gotten to see the world. I wish we could travel all over the world." The fairy waved her wand and POOF! She had the tickets in her hand.

Next, it was the husband's turn. He paused for a moment and then said, "Well, I'd like to be married to a woman 30 years younger than me." The fairy waved her wand and POOF! He was 90.

* Do the “Alphabet song” and “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” have the same tune?

* Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

* Why do we press harder on a remote control's buttons when we know the batteries are starting to die?

* Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but have to check with their finger when you say the paint is wet?

* Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Keep your mood light and enjoy the good things the Lord has given us. Stay healthy!

Have you seen the progress on the new Mausoleum of Saints Peter & Paul at St. Ann Cemetery, Cranston?

As we are baptized Catholic, our Church teaches that - regardless if one is to be interred/entombed full-body or cremated - where we are to rest should be consecrated. We must respect the reverence of the body and our diocesan Catholic Cemeteries are making every effort to symbolize our faith in all areas of our cemeteries.

Making your pre-need plans ensures that your loved ones understand how you would like to be laid to rest and eliminates any difference of opinion of your heirs on how to proceed.

If you are interested in a mausoleum space for your resting place, begin the process and consider discussing options with the Saints Peter & Paul Mausoleum Family Counselor, Bill Herren.

Updated Rendering ~ Spring 2020



For More Information

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WORLD DAY of PRAYER for VOCATIONS

Sunday April 25, 2021

58th Annual
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,

send Your Graces upon those
You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves
to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.

Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers
and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS

"The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch."

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Join us - Healing Mass for the Loss of a Child Thursday, April 29 at 6:00pm

The Respect Life Ministry at Saint Philip Church will be hosting a Healing Mass for pregnancy and infant loss. We invite parents, grandparents, siblings and family who grieve the loss of children from the causes of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion and early infant death. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Phillip Dufour on Thursday, April 29 2021 at 6 pm at Saint Philip Parish 622 Putnam Pike Greenville, RI 02828. Social distancing and mask wearing will be observed. For more information contact Ashley Coddling at 401-533-3455.



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	4 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
1st/2nd	P. Leoncavallo C. McCaughey	M.S. <u>Andreozzi</u> R. Parisi	R. Cola P. Gondreau
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15th/16th	R. <u>Ventetuolo</u> V. <u>Winsor</u>	L. Stadelbauer B. <u>Rivelli</u>	G. Halliwell G. Marciano
22nd/23rd	C. DiSanto M. D'Alessandro	C. Richard B. <u>Rivelli</u>	V. Winsor D. Fleming
29th/30th	P. Leoncavallo A. Broccoli	M.S. <u>Andreozzi</u> R. Parisi	S. Mansolillo F. <u>DiBiasio</u>

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Feast of the Ascension Thursday, May 13 7:00PM C. Colannino A. Colannino

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22nd/23rd	J. <u>Pietrantonio</u>	G. Reilly	S. <u>Lemoi</u>
29th/30th	A. Aiello	J. Parisi	R. Cola

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Feast of the Ascension Thursday May 13 at 7:00PM J. Raposa

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

MAY 2021

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15th/16th	B. Winsor J. <u>Clark</u>	J. Grossi N. Williams	I. Halliwell A. <u>Vendetti</u>
22nd/23rd	C. DiSanto A. DiSanto	M. <u>Colardo</u> M. <u>Colardo</u>	K. Bonetti K. Bonetti
29th/30th	A. Broccoli N. Broccoli	J. Bentley B. Bentley	I. Halliwell J. Clark

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