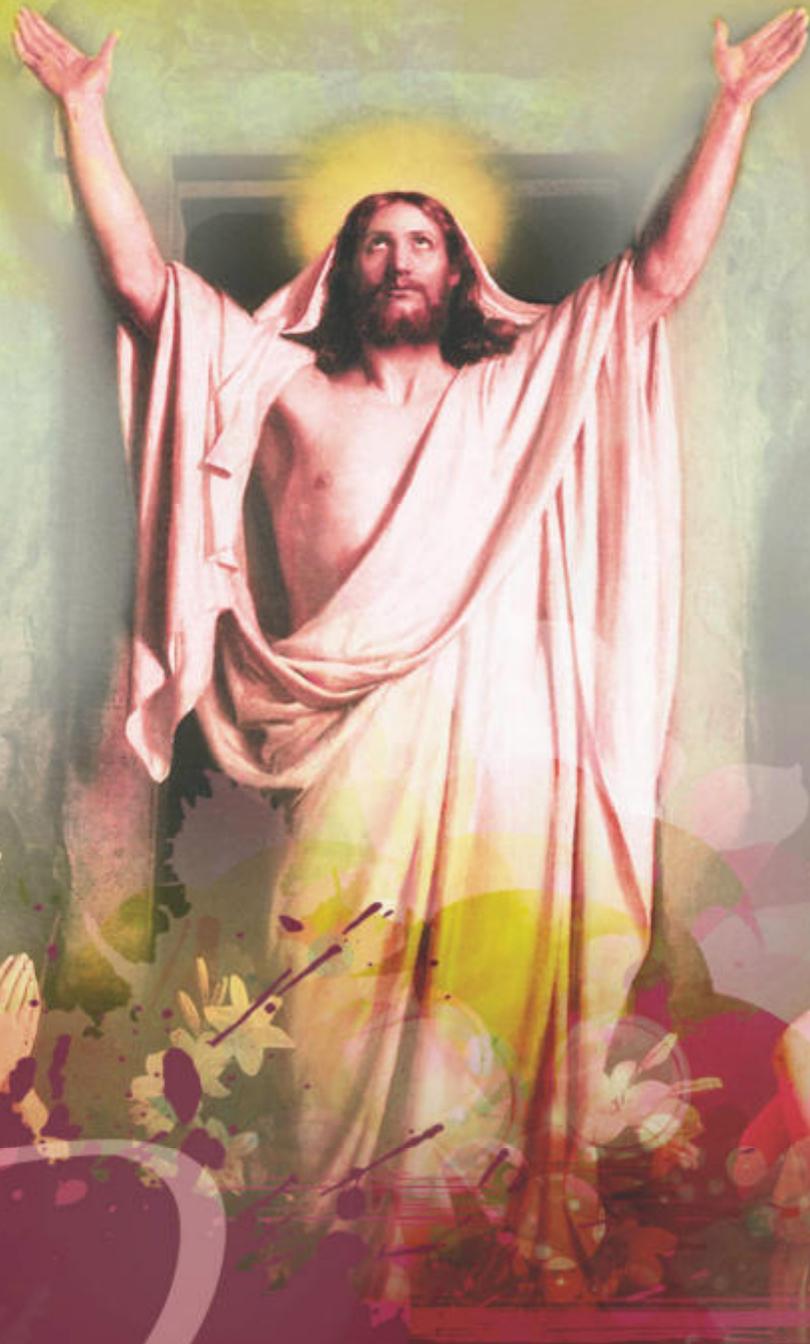


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THE

*Resurrection*

ST JOSEPH CHURCH  
WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT


**SUNDAY, EASTER SUNDAY**

9:00 A.M. Paul Kuras by wife, Danute Kuras

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

9:00 A.M. Mr. & Mrs. Anthony F. Rodgers by son and daughters

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9:00 A.M. Patrick Maisto 29th year remembrance by Wife, Fran Maisto

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. 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.

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.



The Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week for Parishioners of St. Joseph

**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES****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

**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)

**CHURCH OFFERTORY**

WEEKLY 3/28—N/A

PARISH SUPPORT

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*Fr. Aniello*

## Healing Prayer Requests

Jim Danauskas, Anna Pakalnis, Karen Maestas  
James Vaicaitis, Kristina Solmita, Megan Heath  
Lee Wyma, Charlotte Sepe, Sue Fitzgerald  
Zaidre Petruskevicius, Sandra Cox, Douglas White,  
Annamay & Sam Sperazza, Elizabeth Brazis

If there is a family member or friend that you would like to offer a healing prayer, please contact OLMC Rectory at 203-756-8981 or email the secretary at: officeolmcwtby@aol.com.

### CLEAN-UP CREW FOR APRIL

April 4—Aldona & Carmen Onalfo  
April 11—Kathy Smith, Judy Melvin  
& Barbara Marcelynas  
April 18—Carol & Ed Youle  
April 25—Mary Ann Daukas & Bill Stokes

Funerals—Marlene Shea & MaryAnn Daukas

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—

Christ is risen indeed! We have arrived at the penultimate feast on the Church's calendar, the cause of our joy and our hope. Life has defeated death. Sorrow and suffering do not have the last say. In the resurrection of Jesus we see many reasons to rejoice. Not only has Jesus conquered the specter of visible death, but he restores to us graced life. On Holy Saturday, Jesus descended to the dead and delivered the just souls into heavenly paradise. What are our own Saturday tombs? Jesus has the power to open them all. That is our invitation, this day most of all. May resurrection joy fill your heart, your family, your workplace, and your community. Happy Easter!

## Church News

**PRO-LIFE ROSARY**—join us as we pray the Rosary on the first Sunday of each month at 8:30 prior to our 9:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome!

### BULLETIN & PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

please direct announcements by **Monday 12:00 Noon** to OLMC Rectory by calling 203-756-8981 or email secretary at: officeolmcwtby@aol.com.

**Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!  
Rejoice and celebrate the Easter  
miracle and triumph of His  
resurrection! May He bless you  
with unwavering faith, good  
health and prosperity; and may  
He fill your home with hope,  
peace and love. Give praise and  
thanks to Our Lord for all His  
blessings! Laimingu Velyku**

**Fr. Aniello**

**Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Good and gracious heavenly Father,  
we come before you on this Easter  
Sunday with full and grateful hearts  
for the gift of the Paschal Mystery  
that you showed us in the life, death,  
and resurrection of your Son, our  
brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.  
Bless us and all those who profess  
belief in your saving love. Bless also  
those who have yet to profess belief in  
you. You are God for all. We ask all  
this in Christ's name Amen.**

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