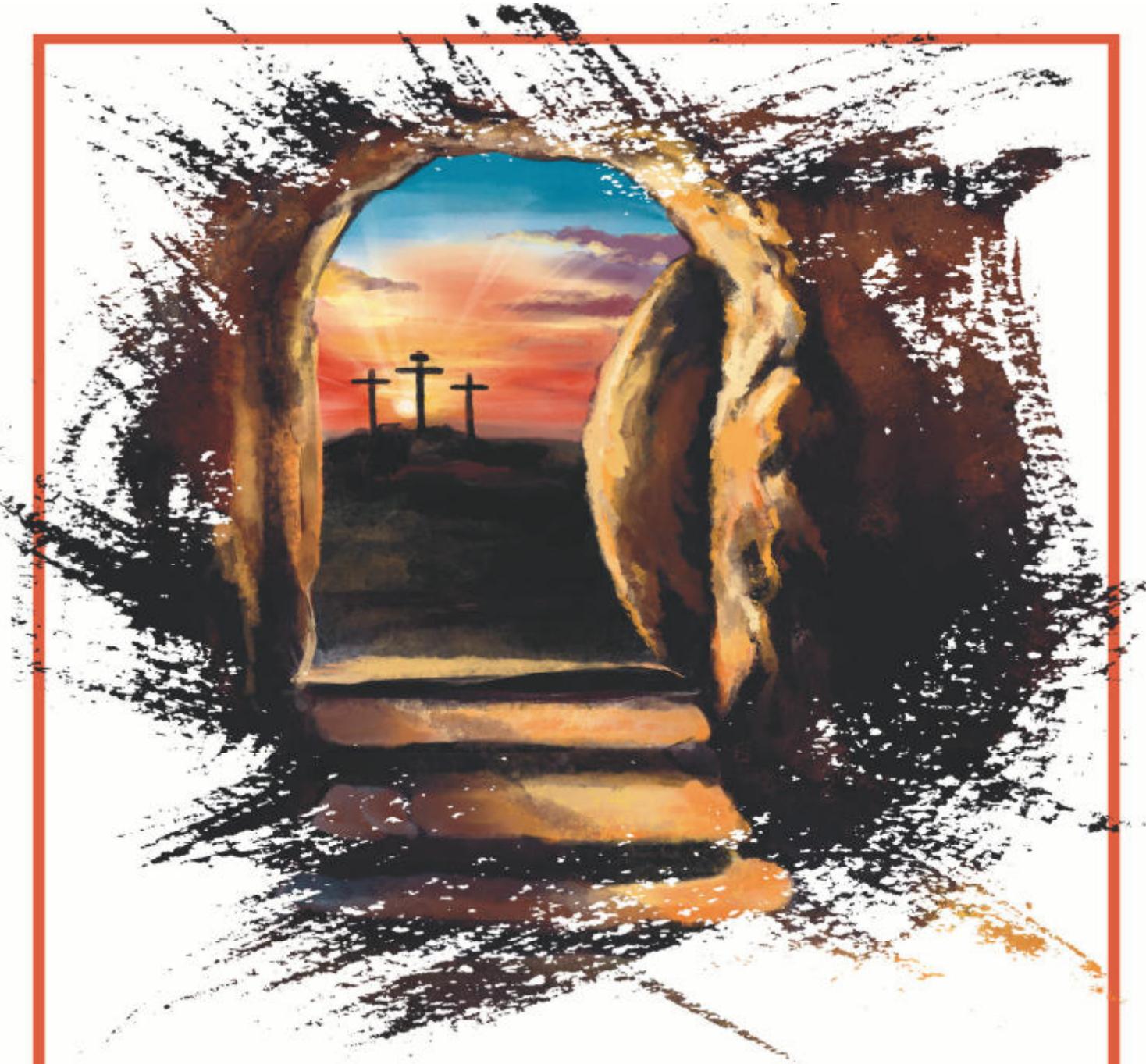




*The Parish Family of  
St. Joseph & St. Stanislaus*



*April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*



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. —JN 20:6-7

E A S T E R   S U N D A Y

***Divine Mercy Sunday***  
**Sunday April 11, 2021**  
**St. Joseph Church**

Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin at 2:30PM while the Blessed Sacrament is in exposition and will conclude with Benediction.

**2022 Mass Intentions**

The 2020 Mass intention book will be open starting Tuesday, April 6, 2021. We ask that anyone wishing to obtain Mass intentions for 2022 **call or email** the office rather than stopping by. We are still trying to maintain social distancing as recommended by the ADNY. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



The 2021 Paschal Candle at St. Joseph's is memorialized in loving memory of *deceased members of the Mollo & Borghese families* from family.

The 2021 Paschal Candle at St. Stanislaus' is memorialized in loving memory of *the Kocot & Poloniak families* from family.



Office closed Monday, April 5, 2021

Served by:

**Pastor: Rev. Bernard Heter**

**Weekend Associate: Rev. Frank Borkowski**

**St. Joseph Church**

14 Glenmere Avenue, Florida, NY 10921

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday**

4:30 PM

**Sunday**

9:00 AM, 12 Noon

**Weekdays**

8:00 AM (Mon.–Sat., except Tues.)

**Holydays**

9:00 AM & 7:30 PM

**Penance/Reconciliation:** By appointment

**Mission of St. Stanislaus**

17 Pulaski Hwy., Pine Island, NY 10969

**Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Weekday Mass at St. Joseph Florida NY

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***Celebration of the Sacraments***

**Penance / Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:45-4:30 at St. Joseph's

**Baptism**

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following Noon Mass. Parents must be registered parishioners and are asked to call the Rectory to make the necessary arrangements. A Baptism preparation class is required.

**Marriage**

Preliminary arrangements should be made six months to a year in advance so that couples can attend Pre-Cana. Call the Rectory to schedule a date.

**Ministry to the Homebound**

If you cannot celebrate Mass with us in Church because of illness, handicap or age and would like to receive Holy Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Rectory. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is part of the healing ministry of the Church and should be received early in an illness or before a serious operation.

**Sponsor Certificate:**

To receive a sponsor certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be a registered and active parishioner for a minimum of 6 months. Permission to act as a sponsor or witness at a Sacramental ceremony presupposes you are currently a practicing parishioner in good standing.

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## SOME THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR...

The Lord is Risen! He is truly Risen indeed!

It is impossible for us to sing “alleluia” too much as we celebrate this season of Easter. No other word encapsulates the superabundance of joy, the triumph of Christ, his victory over the grave, and our identity as a people living in the light of Christ with the promise of eternal life. It is the season in which the Church returns again and again to the central experience of the Paschal Mystery expressed in the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil Mass of Holy Saturday. From today through the Solemnity of Pentecost the First Readings of each Sunday will be from the Acts of the Apostles telling the story of the early followers of Jesus after his resurrection. In fact, our attention is so closely focused on this story that it sometimes seems that we are hearing the same readings over and over at Mass. And while it is certainly true that many in our culture have not heard the Gospel, it is also true that many who have heard the Gospel or grown up in the Church have become disillusioned with the Church and have *stopped* listening for God’s Word there. Overshadowed and entombed by the restrictive protocols and deprivations brought on by the pandemic has only exacerbated our ennui and torpor.

In light of this, one particular element of the resurrection story that we might do well to contemplate is the Risen Lord’s appearance to Mary Magdalen when her exuberant joy soon shivers into uncertainty when she moves to embrace him. Having been changed in his glorified and resurrected body he tells Mary, “Stop holding on to me” (John 20:17). I agree with those who say that Jesus here is asking Mary to *adopt new ways of seeing and touching him*, to know him in a new way, —in spirit. But we learn the ways of spirit clumsily, like learning to write with the opposite hand. It means *unlearning the old way*, much like we’ve had to do during this pandemic which is still very much among us. This tells us that Resurrection is more than a new phase of the old life. The Risen Lord beckons us to rise with him into a strange, upside-down world where apparent irreversibles *are* reversed: life defeats death, love trumps evil, weakness belies power, humility wins out, last comes first, and “*nothing will be impossible for God.*” (Lk 1:37).

On the whole, our Easter celebration presents us with an opportunity to refresh our acquaintance with the grace-given virtue of *hope*, hope which dispels the darkness of the never-ending night we’ve had to endure because of the pandemic, political unrest, division, and violence in all sectors of the life we constitute together as a nation and as a Church. And here we might well reflect on the words of Pope Francis who said in his 2018 Easter Message, “*We Christians believe and know that Christ’s resurrection is the true hope of the world, the hope that does not disappoint.*”

So, we rejoice to arrive at the Easter Season. Embracing the renewed life, we’ve gained as a result of a season of penitence and reflection. We might note, too, that a happy secular parallel that helps to nurture our hope-filled joy is that this month is National Garden Month as well as Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month, both observances that remind us to focus our care of God’s good earth and all its creatures. An even greater source of our hope and renewal for the future is the fact that this is also the Year of Saint Joseph and our pandemic-delayed celebration of our Parish’s 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I ask you all then, to join with me in praying that in our celebrations of the Eucharist the Risen Lord grace us with the impetus and energy to spring forward in our fellowship and purpose to manifest God’s presence in and among us and our community. One definite sign of the Holy Spirit’s activity as we’ve reached this parish milestone is the fact that **Dan Codi**, after a full year of guided discernment has been accepted as a candidate for the Permanent Diaconate Ministry in the Archdiocese. It is an intense program of prayer, study, and preparation for a particular level of spiritual leadership and service that goes over four years and our hope, and his, must be sustained by our prayer and support which I know you will joyfully give.

Finally, a word of thanks to all who helped the parish hang together and function during these difficult days and to all who continue to support the parish in whatever measure they can, I assure you of my prayers and gratitude here simply saying: Have a very Happy and Blessed Easter and may your lives be blessed with the hope of better days to come. **-Fr. Bernie**



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Thank you for your continued generosity.

**✠ Let us remember to pray for ✠**

**Those who are ill-St. Joseph's:** Patricia Curesky, Peter Kearns, Valerie Keegan Cooper, Frank Mikulski, Vincent Rutkowski, Stanley Kocot, Jerry Tafuro

**Those who are ill-St. Stanislaus':** Christopher DiLorenzo, Mary Ann Kology, Mary Rita Schlagel, Heather Winship

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The request to keep a name on the prayer list or to add a name to the list must be made by an immediate member of the family in order to respect the person's privacy and our obligation to observe HIPAA privacy rule. Forms can be found at the back of both Churches or at the rectory.



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**SATURDAY, April 3**

**No Morning Mass**

9:00 AM Blessing of Food

11:00 AM Blessing of Food – St. Stan's

12:00 PM Blessing of Food

8:00 PM Eugene Kerstanski Sr. & Frank, Stanley & Josephine Nowicki from family

**SUNDAY, April 4** (Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord)

6:30 AM Walter & Stella Bilvin

9:00 AM John Lempka from daughters

12:00 PM Robert Tipton from Augusta Tipton

**MONDAY, April 5**

8:00 AM Longina Romanivk from Sister Eileen & Mariso Stelmaszyk & Family

**TUESDAY, April 6** (*No Mass scheduled today*)

**WEDNESDAY, April 7**

8:00 AM Alice Paffenroth from Paulette & Jimmy

**THURSDAY, April 8**

8:00 AM Judith McLaughlin from Marie & Michael Pillmeier

**FRIDAY, April 9**

8:00 AM Phil DeNegri

**SATURDAY, April 10**

8:00 AM Grover & Enythe Sprague from family

4:30 PM Anna Sozda from family

**SUNDAY, April 11** (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

9:00 AM Special intention for the children of the parish that they grow strong and in love and faith for Jesus Christ

12:00 PM Kathleen Maher from family

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10:30 AM Ruth Gross from Marcela & Steve Gross

**SUNDAY, April 11** (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

10:30 AM Sabina & Antoni Zygmunt from Leokadia Ward



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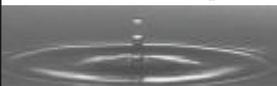
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