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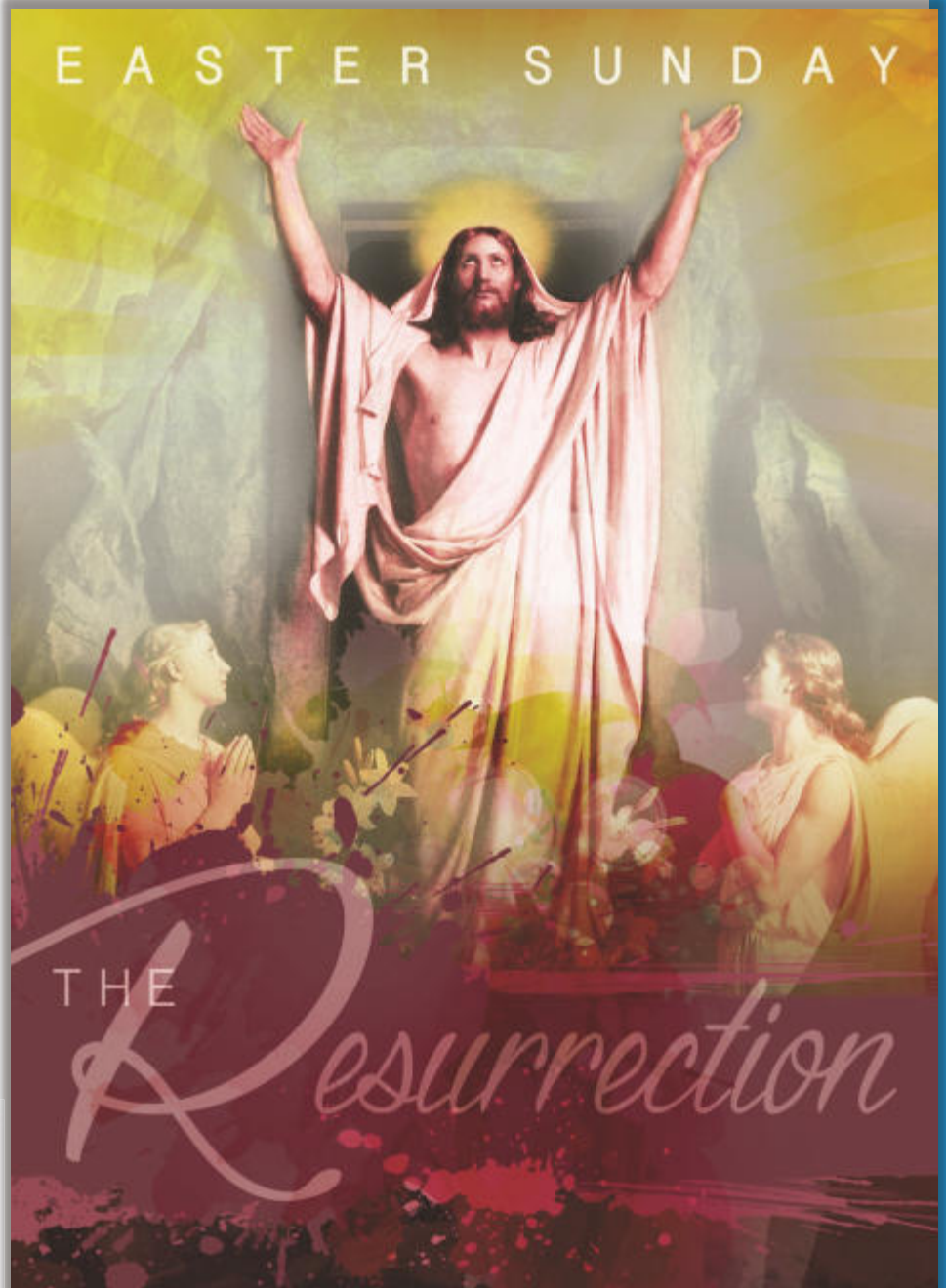
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Timely updates and happenings in our
Parish Cluster, links to Faith Formation
and Family sites. Go to our website
and click on the link: **Parish Update!**



Our Mission:

"Energized by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist,
we the parishioners of St. Agnes, St. Paul of the Cross and St. Rose,
in joyful unity embrace our baptismal call to worship God,
spread the good news of Jesus Christ,
build up a welcoming community of faith and hope,
and lovingly serve and comfort those in need."

CALENDAR

- SAT 4/3** 8:00pm **SA Easter Vigil** ~ Glen & Mary Phillips
- By Tony & MaryLou Liccione
- SUN 4/4** **Easter Sunday**
8:00am **SR** For Siblings; Maria, John & Lester - By Margit Mathe
9:45am **SP** Patricia Lynch Sequeria - By Family
11:30am **SA** Anna Baez - By Joe & Jean Santacroce
- MON 4/5** 8:00am **SR** No Mass
TUE 4/6 8:15am **SA** No Mass
WED 4/7 9:00am **SP** No Mass
THR 4/8 8:00am **SR** No Mass
FRI 4/9 8:15am **SA** No Mass
- SAT 4/10** 2:00pm **SA** Baptism
3:00-3:45pm **SA** Confession
4:00pm **SA** Louise & Orlando Tagliaferri - By Tagliaferri Family
- SUN 4/11** **Divine Mercy Sunday**
8:00am **SR** ★Victor & Beth Klosterman ~ Wedding Anniv.
- By Parents
9:45am **SP** Frances Tenny - St. Paul of the Cross Rosary Women
11:30am **SA** For the People of the Parish Cluster
★Indicates Mass is for a living person.

Readings

- 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

- 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)

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.

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A WORD FROM FATHER

Real Justice

I'm beginning to understand why Saint Paul spoke so vehemently against The Law, using such powerful words as "the law of sin and death" to describe it. He was trying to convince his audience that Redemption and Salvation are found only by faith in Christ. Strict adherence to the myriad of rules and regulations that had come to define Jewish orthodoxy was not the way to have friendship with God, as had been the Jewish mindset since Moses brought the Ten Commandments down from Mount Sinai. Sometimes in his tirades against the law, St. Paul would seem to imply that we no longer need to be concerned about obeying the commandments at all. Romans 6:15 clearly upholds the importance of obedience: "What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? Of course not!" Obedience to the Law cannot enable forgiveness, it only provides guidance and imputes punishment, even death for serious violations. The Old Testament book of Daniel the story of Susannah exemplifies justice under the law. She had been accused of wrongdoing by two false witnesses and when the truth of the matter was extracted the false witnesses were executed. Justice? Two men died in the sin of false witness against their neighbor. Wouldn't it be better if the men had been given the chance to repent from their sins and convert to a new life of freedom? This is precisely what Jesus has done for us. Our Savior came into the world, not to condemn but to bring abundant life! The spirit of the law is love given most powerfully in forgiveness. "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." He said of his executioners, even offering an excuse for their behavior.

In 28 of these United States, capital punishment means that justice can be administered via death; the condemnation of those found guilty of heinous crimes. Christ breaks the power of sin and death. To the woman caught in adultery he said, "Has no one condemned you? Then neither do I condemn you." That same forgiveness is offered to every one of us. This is real justice, fulfillment of the law in love. As fully human, Christ's death on the Cross seemed at first to represent crushing defeat. As fully divine, while occupying the same human body that died, Our Lord lived and literally destroyed death. With joy we celebrate today the triumph Christ has won for us, and the promise for eternal life that is the reality of His Resurrection. We are one with Christ as part of His Mystical Body. We await with hope our turn in the Resurrection of the dead.

Rejoice, He is Risen!



Father Michael Fowler

Please pray for students who
are preparing to receive First
Communion in May:

Madelyn Anderson
Troy Dean
Johnathan Kellen
Emma McLaughlin
Reid Michael
Preston Michael
Lainey Sagona
Owen Schweitzer
Charlie Valone



Please pray for students who
are preparing to receive the
Sacrament of Confirmation
this year:

Ella Beutner
Brody Burke
Olivia Caiazzo
Kate Dailor
Reese DeVito
Emmaline Dowd
Mollie Finn
Kaitlyn Geary
Remy Greenwood
Meghan Gruschow
Christopher Kashorek
Alissa Kaufmann
Elisabeth Kenny
Megan McLaughlin
Dominic Patti
Christopher Pollard
Michael Rowland
Jack Ruter
Lily Ruter
Gabriella Schifino
Jack Schwan
Miles Stover
Antonio Vengoechea



Please pray for our three adults
who have been working with
Deacon Bill in our RCIA
program:

Cassidy Engel
Patrick Michael
Trevor Symons



DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY

April 11th, 2021

*Novena of Divine Mercy
starts on Good Friday.
Pamphlets in the back of church.*

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

Answer:

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.



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Collections - July thru February 2021

	20/21	19/20	% Change
St. Agnes	\$137,466	\$158,342	-13%
St. Paul	\$ 77,098	\$ 86,662	-11%
St. Rose	\$ 81,186	\$ 84,082	- 3%



Please support the Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser to benefit St. Agnes School and all three of our Parishes. Tickets are \$40 each for THREE fish fries, take-out or dine-in! Support small businesses and receive one meal at each participating establishment: **Critics** in Honeoye Falls, **Fanatics** in Lima and **The Village**

Restaurant in Avon. Funds raised will go towards parish school subsidies and school financial aid. Tickets are available after Mass or by contacting the Parish Office (585-226-2100) or School Office (585-226-8500). Your participation will help us continue to build a welcoming community of faith, hope and love, by offering faith-based primary education to all families. (Make checks payable to: Parish Fundraising) Tickets good through April!



4000 Club Raffle Final Drawing



March 26, Week 20 Winners

\$1,000: Ellen Lambert	
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\$ 100: Tara Smith	Mike Young
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Christina Brule	Mike Falk
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Connie Leone	Sue George
\$ 30: Maeve Gaynor	Marcia Zornow

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone for your support!



You may notice equipment at St. Agnes Church and School over the next several months. We are completing masonry work that is needed at both buildings. We are exceptionally blessed to receive funding from the Diocesan Building Fund for the work needed. To date, we have received over \$37,000 towards St. Agnes Church, \$13,000 towards St. Rose Church and \$16,000 towards St. Paul of the Cross. The monies received have enabled us to repair masonry in our buildings and the roof at St. Paul of the Cross.

We thank you for your donations that have helped us keep our buildings in good shape, and for your prayers and continued support of our parishes.

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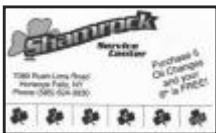


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