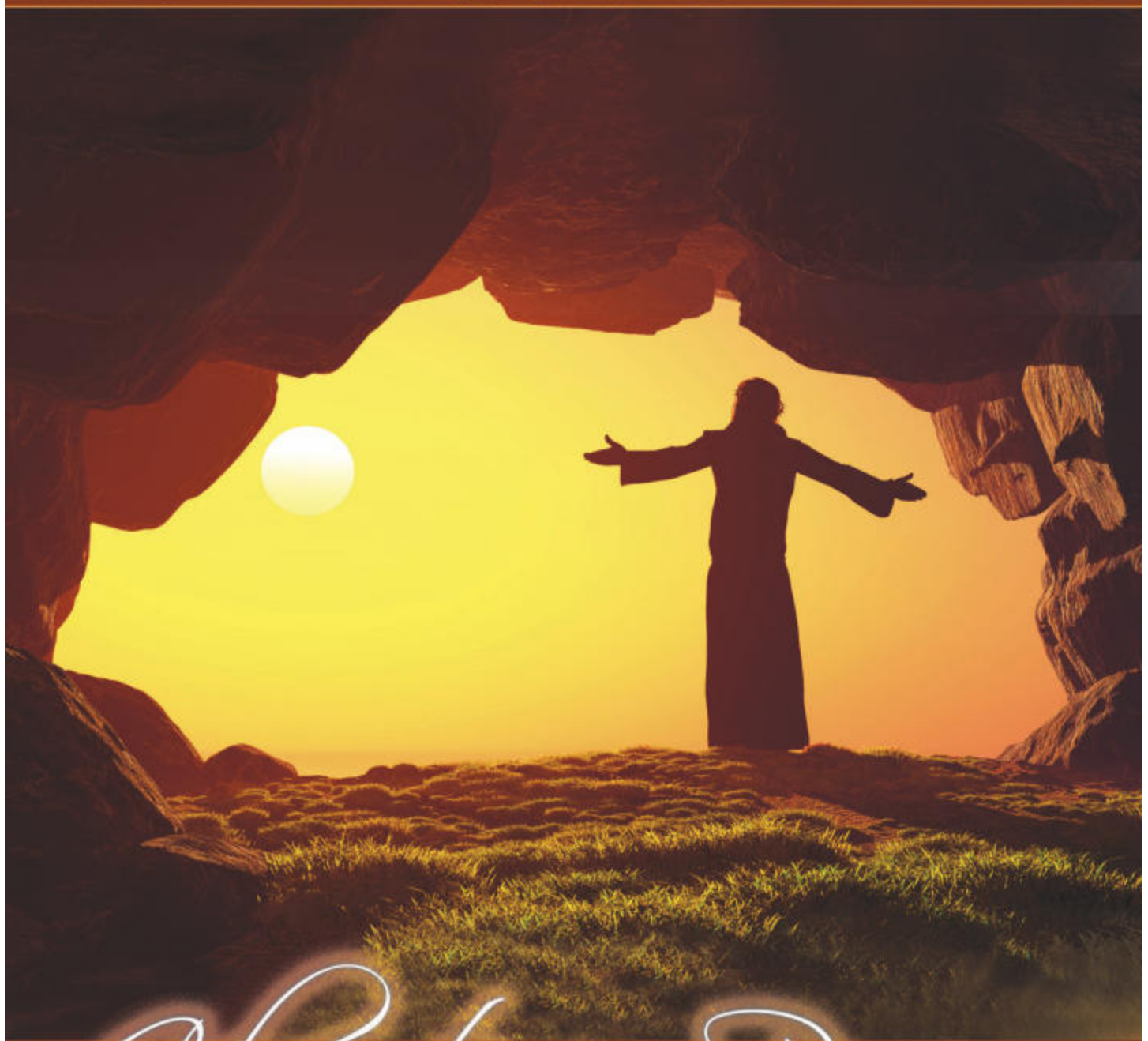


Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

April 21, 2019

“Where the Lady of the house welcomes you to talk to her Son”

Roman Catholic Church



Christ is Risen

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, HOLY SATURDAY

7:30 † INTENTION OF CELEBRANT

- E-Pat DiLuciano, Dolores Romanski
- L-Mary Jo Mathewson, Don DiLuciano, Bob Stockhausen
- S-Lenore Hales, Bob Clotz, Maria Bak

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 † NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

- E-Marilyn Muskiewicz, Maryalice Davis
- L-Mike Davis
- S-Lenore Hales, Maria Bak

10:30 † INTENTION OF CELEBRANT

- E-Peggy Kernohan, Maureen Flynn
- L-Karen Slavik
- S-Lenore Hales, Ayden Pol, Sydney Nowak

MONDAY, APRIL 22, MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE

OF EASTER

8:15 NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE

OF EASTER

6:30 NO MASS

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE

OF EASTER

8:15 NO MASS

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE

OF EASTER

8:15 NO MASS

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † OLGA & BRUNO MAZUR (Daughter)

- E-Marilyn Barnard, Mary Stockhausen
- L-Bob Pastor
- S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY

8:30 † NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

- E-Mark & Michele Mantin
 - L-Jim Shuster
 - S-Jacob Mantin, Joey & Jacob Kramer
- 10:30 † INTENTION OF CELEBRANT
- E-Peggy Kernohan, Maureen Flynn
 - L-Bob Clotz
 - S-Lenore Hales, Ruby & Sienna Lowman, Dane Janis

Let us remember to pray for those confined to hospitals and nursing homes, the homebound and their caregivers, our sons and daughters in the military, the homeless and those who have no one to pray for them.

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- April 20 Blessing of food at 1:00pm
Easter Egg Hunt 1:30pm
Holy Saturday, 7:30 pm Mass
- April 21 Easter Sunday, 8:30 & 10:30am
- April 22 Office closed
No Children's Choir/No PSR
- April 24 No Choir
- April 25 Parish Council 7pm
- April 28 Divine Mercy 3:00pm Devotions
- April 29 Children's choir 5:30pm/Last day of PSR



Anyone 10 Years old and up that would be interested in becoming a Server, please contact Lenore Hales at 949-9793.

Please plan to attend local parishes during the week of April 22-26. Father Bob Glepko and the Staff at Nativity wish you a Happy Easter, and Blessings during this Holy Season.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING
Will be posted at a future date

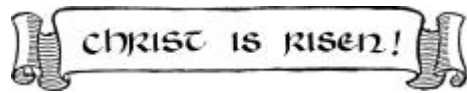
 II Ralph Herbert McCue
and
Chelsea Paige Engle

Readings for the week of April 21, 2019
 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 Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/
 Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 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 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/
 Mk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



TODAY'S GOSPEL

When Simon Peter arrived after him, 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. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:6-8



Can you imagine that moment? Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true! The past three years weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong." Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?

It didn't start that way, of course. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don't wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance. They run to the site. When is the last time you ran for something? This isn't a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment? The fear pounding in their temples, matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."

This is the drama of our great feast! The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised. Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality. We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary's story. It's not Peter and John's story. It's our story. From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Reflection

No one is quite sure where or when the saying began, but it has become a mantra of young people to want to "find themselves." They search and search, looking for answers as to who they are when they truthfully don't even know what the questions are.

Today, we celebrate the most glorious day of the church, the resurrection of Jesus Christ as he had promised. Our choirs will sing stirring hymns of praise, and we will dress in our finest. But take a few minutes today to think of that morning mentioned in today's Gospel reading from John. It is quiet and dark, shortly before the first few rays of the sun are visible. The sealed tomb is no longer sealed, the massive stone having been rolled away from the entrance despite the presence of a guard. Peter and John, who ran from Jesus at his arrest, now run to find him again. Seeing his burial cloths removed, they believe.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that in his dying and resurrection, Jesus has "opened" heaven to all who would believe in him with unwavering faith (CCC 1026). All too often, we hold the pains and sins of our lives like a stone, placed firmly in front of our minds and our hearts so that we cannot see the love of Christ which lives in us. Even though we've put the stone there, we cannot remove it by ourselves. At some point, we need only to ask the one who removed the stone 2,000 years ago, and he will move ours as well.

Divine Mercy Service

Please join us at Nativity on **Sunday, April 28** for Divine Mercy devotions **at 3:00pm**. This holy hour will include Exposition and Benediction, the sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy, readings, hymns, and prayers. It is a rapidly growing devotion throughout the world, and Jesus promised extraordinary graces to those who worship his Divine Mercy especially on the Sunday after Easter. Don't miss out on this opportunity! If you have never attended before, this is the perfect year to start.

A reception will follow.

PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Begin with the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostles Creed. Using regular rosary beads, work your way around the five decades with the prayers below.

On the standalone beads, pray: "Eternal Father, I offer you the body, blood, soul, and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

On the decade beads, pray: "For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

At the end, pray the following three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Conclude: "Jesus, I trust in you."

HELPING HAND OF NATIVITY CARES

Through your heartfelt generosity, Nativity Cares provided 105 vouchers totaling \$4,180 to assist those in our community needing a hand with food and gas during the months of January, February and March 2019.

We are grateful for your support in helping Nativity Cares assist those in our community as well as our parish. May God bless your kindness and giving heart.

AN EASTER PROCLAMATION

The hosts of heaven exult and sing aloud in mighty triumph!
Let the earth be glad as glory alights and night reigns no more.
Let the Church rejoice at the victory of her Lord and Master,
Who paid the debt of Adam,
Who frees those doomed to die,
Who heals the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds,
Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly,
Who destroys death forever,
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.
God our Father, eternal is your love for us!
Christ the Son, in victory you reign!
Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts.
Together you live and reign and ransom your people,
one God forever and ever.

Amen.

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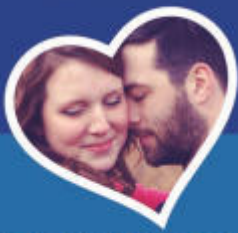
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