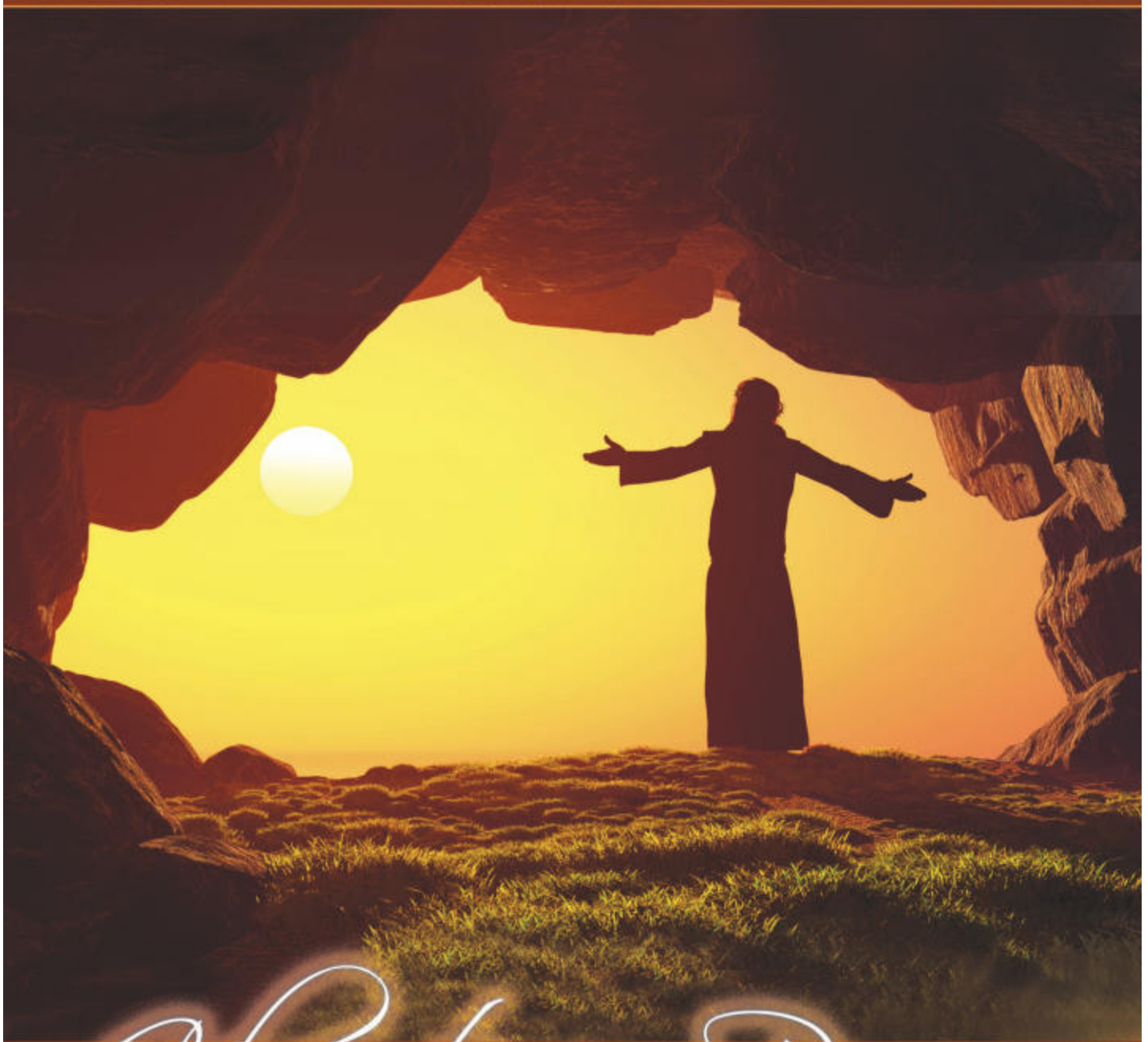


Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

April 4, 2021

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

Roman Catholic Church



Christ is Risen

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, SUNDAY VIGIL; HOLY SATURDAY

8:30pm † INTENTION OF CELEBRANT

- E-Deacon Bob Dybo
- L-Karen Slavik, Jen Sanders, Don DiLuciano
- S-Dane Janis, Sydney & Conor Nowak

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, EASTER SUNDAY

8:30am † NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

- E-Marilyn Muskiewicz
 - L-Mike Davis
- 10:30† INTENTION OF CELEBRANT

- E-Maureen Flynn
- L-Bob Clotz

MONDAY, APRIL 5, OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:15 † SOPHIA MAZIARZ (Mary Ann & Dale Hoffman)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, OCTAVE OF EASTER

6:30 † STANISLAW GOLAB (Zbigniew& Monica Citak)

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:15 † JOHN JAWORSKI (Family)

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:15 † THERESA PISCIONE (Richard & Mike Piscione)

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † PAUL SPRINGOWSKI (John Urban Fabian)

- E-Pat DiLuciano
- L-David Arredondo

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY

8:30 † NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

- E-Bob Davis
 - L-Bob Pastor
- 10:30† INTENTION OF CELEBRANT

- E-Peggy Kernohan
- L-Bob Stockhausen

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.

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.

©LPI

EASTER



- April 3 Blessing of food in 14th St. parking lot. Children's Easter bags passed out. Holy Saturday Vigil Mass at 8:30 pm
- April 4 Happy Easter-8:30am/10:30am Mass
- April 5 Office closed. No PSR
- April 7 Music practice 7:00pm, after 6:30pm Mass
- April 11 Divine Mercy Sunday/3:00pm Devotions



***** 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 LATER DATE



If you are able, please continue to give your weekly offerings and put the amount of your offering on the envelope.

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

First Reading:

"To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." (Acts 10:43)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Think of what is above, not what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:2-3)

A
L
L
E
L
U
I
A

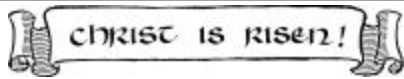


H
E
I
S
R
I
S
E
N

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8)

©LPI



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.

©LPi

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

Dear Friends in Spiritual Adoption,

March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, when we celebrated the angel Gabriel's appearance to Mary with God's request that she become the mother of Jesus. Fittingly, this feast occurs 9 months before Christmas.

Wonderful news! Members of our parish have promised to pray for over 80 unborn babies, from March 25 until December 25. Thank you for your generosity in prayer. God hears and answers, and children will live and have a chance to grow because of you.

****We welcome** Stephanie Davis and Timothy Smith, into our parish family, who received the Sacraments on Holy Saturday. Many blessings on your new spiritual journey!

CHECK OUT THE MANY LINKS ON OUR HOMEPAGE. THEY HELP US TO KEEP GROWING IN OUR FAITH, AND TO STAY CONNECTED TO THE WHOLE CHURCH! FOR YOUR FAMILY AND FRIEND'S THAT AREN'T ABLE TO GO ONLINE, PLEASE REACH OUT AND SHARE WITH THEM, YOUR POINTS OF INTEREST.



Divine Mercy Service

Please join us at Nativity on **Sunday, April 11** for Divine Mercy devotions **at 3:00 pm**. This holy hour will include Exposition and Benediction, the Chaplet of

Divine Mercy, readings, 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.

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."

It is typical to conclude the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the words: "Jesus, I trust in you."

EASTER



Reidy-Scanlan-Giovanazzo
Funeral Home & Cremation Service
 2150 Broadway • Lorain, OH
 Traditional Funerals
 Pre-Arranged Funerals • Cremation
Call for a Free Consultation
Vincent J. Giovannazzo
 440-244-1961
 www.rsgfuneralhome.com

Raymond
PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
10% Off Repair Service
 www.raymondplumbing.com
 1351 Broadway, Lorain
440-244-5584

Muzik's Auto Care
BRAKES • EXHAUST
TIRES • BATTERIES
MINOR REPAIRS
 704 West Erie Avenue
(440) 960-2000

Your Community Bank



3721 Oberlin Ave. • Lorain
440-282-6188
 www.FFLorain.bank
 Member FDIC
 Equal Housing Lender

Zelek
FLOWER SHOP, INC.
 Flowers • Plants
 Home & Garden Accessories
 Fruit, Gourmet & Wine Baskets
 2 Floors of Unique Gifts & Decor
244-5259 • 10th & Reid
 www.zelekflowershop.com

Ted's Floors
440-233-4700
 www.tedsfloors.net

DOVIN AND REBER JONES
FUNERAL & CREMATION CENTER
 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road
 Amherst, Ohio 44001
440.985.2100
 www.dovinreberjones.com

Beginning our 2nd Century of Service



Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada
Funeral Chapel
246-2118 • www.gluvna.net

We Are Here For You

Burial Planning
Memorials
Grief Support



www.ciecem.org
 216-641-7575

Janasko Insurance Agency Inc.

562 Broadway, Lorain
 440-245-6268
 fax 440-246-6268
 www.janaskoinsurance.com



The Trusted Choice®

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS
 First Wednesday of Each Month
 1pm in the Rectory
 Contact Rectory for Questions



health markets



Suzanne G. Smaltz
 Licensed Insurance Agent • Se Habla Español
HealthMarkets Insurance Agency
 Health | Medicare | Small Group | Life | Supplemental
(330) 285-3600
 ssmaltz@HealthMarkets.com • HealthMarkets.com/ssmaltz

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE.

RAY GIDICH
 HEATING & AIR
 CONDITIONING, INC.
 206 West 11th St • Lorain
 (440) 245-1772
 1-800-589-7771
 RAY GIDICH OH LIC #48775

KUSH CUSTOM CABINETRY
 Countertops • Cabinets
 Bars • Kitchens
 Entertainment Centers
 & More
213-1812 PARISHIONER

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Vic Preisel** to place an ad today!
 vpreisel@4LPi.com or **(800) 477-4574 x6317**

American Slovak Club
 2915 Broadway
 www.americanslovakclub.com
 Hall Rental/Catering • Fish Fry
 Bowling • Meeting Rooms
440-245-5146

SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



Too Sick for Mass?

SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!
 www.parishesonline.com



Michael D. Tully Co., L.P.A.
 Probate & Estate Planning
440-233-8526
 6061 South Broadway Ave.
 Lorain, OH 44053
 mike@miketully.com
 www.miketully.com

CORNERSTONE COMMITTEE
 Support Cornerstone and Nativity Church Benefits

See bulletin or call 244-9090 for meeting & activity information



ADT-Monitored Home Security
 Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



Authorized Provider **SafeStreets**

1-855-225-4251