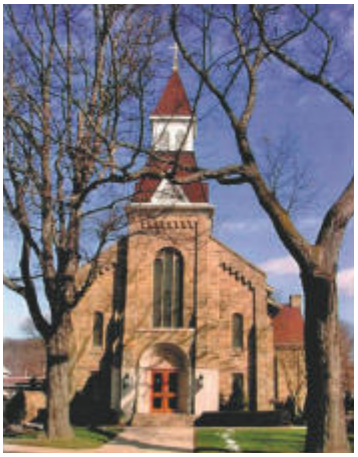

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April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mass Schedule
Tuesday: 6:30 PM
Wednesday: 7:30 AM
Thursday: 7:30 AM
Friday: 7:30 AM
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM*

*Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered from September - May at this Mass.

Bereavement Care and Concern
Call Karen Edwards at 827-2658.

Parish Membership
New parishioners are always welcome! Census forms are available at the Parish Office. Please contact our Administrative Secretary (ext. 2) in the event of an address or phone number change.

Prayer Chain
To add a prayer concern to our list, contact Nancy Madden at 827-9774 (day) or 814-493-3841 (evening), Rita Homer at 827-1541, or Darlene Aul at 827-7343.

Parish Staff
Pastor.....**Reverend Walter E. Packard**
Deacon Assistant.....**Deacon Kevin Harmon**
Administrative Secretary.....**Sarah Oviatt**
Religious Education Coordinator.....**Kathleen Puleo**
Music Ministers.....**Anthony 'T.J.' Parks, Margaret Bernecky**
Maintenance.....**Greg Tress**
St. Catharine's Cemetery.....**Bob Beauchat**

Sacrament of Baptism
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday from 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM or by arrangement.

Sacrament of Anointing
Please let us know when a family member or friend is ill, either at home, in the hospital, or at the nursing home.

Sacrament of Marriage
Arrangements should be made six months prior to the ceremony.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)
If you are interested in R.C.I.A, please contact our pastor.

Faith Formation
Religious instruction classes for youth take place at the Faith Formation Center on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM. Contact the Rel. Ed. Coordinator (ext. 4) to register.

Bulletin Deadline
Submissions for the bulletin must be dropped off at the Parish Office or sent via e-mail no later than 10:00 AM on Tuesday.

SOME THOUGHTS FROM FATHER PACKARD…

Today we should rise early and go with Mary of Magdala to discover the empty tomb. There, in the darkness, we should feel the astonishing reality that Jesus rose from the dead. When we think of a loved one whom we have lost in this life, the idea of them waking and rising can be overwhelming

Yet today, it seems Jesus can be forgotten in the midst of happy chatter over Easter brunches, the good feeling of a new Easter outfit, not to mention that the Easter Bunny seems more popular than Jesus.

Today requires a somber visit to the empty tomb and the overwhelming realization that this is not just a story!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

*I just want to bring some perspective to all of you as we come together to celebrate this **Feast of Feasts!** It wasn't easy for us to get here! Remember, last year we did not gather to celebrate the great event of Easter! You might say that we were hidden in the tombs of our homes – and just waiting. And we waited….and waited….and waited. There was no Church. There was no "Fifty Days of Easter" of celebrating. There was no "Birthday of the Church" at Pentecost. And we continued to wait. And wait we did until the first day of June when we were told that we could roll back the stone and come out and go to Church….but with many restrictions….and many protocols and regulations that were required of us to meet for public worship. Pews had to be designated for "occupancy." Hand sanitizing was not an option. Distancing was required if we were going to come together to pray once again. We had to learn who people were from their eyes only. The sound of prayer was muffled by something over our mouths. We were unable to sing because there were no words to follow. We could not "come early" or stay behind after. No hugs. No handshakes. Sterility was the norm. And we missed many people because they were uncomfortable in coming together.*

Light at the end of the tunnel appeared toward the end of last December and the beginning of January. Two pharmaceutical companies began to distribute a long awaited vaccine that made many to begin to feel safe again to be in one another's company.

And there was last weekend's celebration of Palm Sunday and it was though our faithfulness to obeying the rules was paying off! We couldn't help notice that more faces (or should I say eyes) started to fill the pews. We couldn't "process" to the strains of "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" but we could be present with more confidence. Blessed palms could not be handed out – but we were still able to receive them by helping ourselves. And by last weekend's 10:00AM Mass, people were looking for seating when they came to worship!

*I don't know about you, but I had this wonderful feeling of resurrection even before Easter! **One whole year!** But we did it! And here we are together to celebrate **resurrection and new life!** We still have a ways to go and we still don't know what the new "normal" will be. But we are here – for the first time since Easter of 2019! And so I say with great jubilation…**HAPPY EASTER! ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS TRULY RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!***

Personally, I can't thank all of you enough for your strength, your stamina, your patience, your faith!

*It is important that I speak for all of you in saying **THANK YOU!** to many people who have made our celebration of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum so special and meaningful this year This could not have happened without the participation of so many people who have helped make our liturgical celebrations possible. I want to single out in a special way the Lectors who helped with the celebrations of Palm Sunday, Good Friday, the Great Vigil of Easter, and Easter Sunday. Behind the scenes were the members of our dedicated Parish Staff: **Sarah Oviatt, Kathleen Puleo, and Greg Tress.** Let me also add a big thank you to all who were part of our parish's Music Ministry: **T.J. Parks, Maggie Bernecky, Patrick Vetter, our Cantors** who helped make our liturgies rich and meaningful. And thank you to **ALL OF YOU** for your prayerful presence and support. You all played an important part in the full, active and conscious participation of the sacred worship of our faith community of St. Titus. Easter Blessings to all of you!!*

*I want everyone to open the pages of your latest issue of **FAITH Magazine.** Open it up and turn to page 16, and read the article "Weddings in Pandemic." It is a very interesting article and it includes our very own **Maura and Ryan Zacherl.** They were married here at St. Titus Church last April 18, 2020. The article describes how they were not going to allow COVID19 stand in the way of their getting married on the date they had hoped for! And now they are expecting their first child sometime in July. Their story is one of faith and persistence. And it paid off!! Read all about it!*

*With Lent being over, I want to thank all of you who participated in this year's **Forty Cans for Lent** project sponsored by our parish and our own **Knights of Columbus Council #492.** This annual Lenten project is part of our "almsgiving" during the 40 days of Lent. Your donations of food will be given equally to our local Titusville Food Pantry and Associated Charities of Titusville. These two important organizations do so much to assist needy people in our area with food. If you have not yet made your returns, please try to do so this week. If you need help in getting your donations brought to the Church, please call the Parish Office and arrangements will be made for them to be picked up. Thank you again for your participation!*

*We are still in need for **Prayer Partners** for our young persons who are preparing for First Reconciliation. Please give your attention to the story board in the Gathering Space of our Church. Become a partner in prayer for one of these young people!*

There will not be daily Mass celebrated on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. Daily Mass will resume on Thursday, April 8th.

*Have a Blessed Easter! Remember, Easter is a **FIFTY DAY CELEBRATION!** Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is TRULY risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Father Packard

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Tues. April 6 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
No Mass
Wed. April 7 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
No Mass
Thurs. April 8 Thursday within the Octave of Easter
7:30 AM John & Mary Slater (Nancy Slater)
Fri. April 9 Friday within the Octave of Easter
7:30 AM Nicholas Schoppert
Sat. April 10 Saturday within the Octave of Easter
4:30 PM Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth W. Oviatt (Family)
Sun. April 11 Second Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Titus Church
10:00 AM Melvin Wescoat—Birthday (Kathy Wescoat)

PRAYER LIST

For our Families and Friends: Pauline Milberger, Connie Miller, Baird Crapa, Carreena Ewing, Teddy Muir, Nita Ashley, Brittany Johnson, Janet Anderson, Jean Johnson, Callie, Connie Phillips, Peggy Joseph, Brother Timothy Waid, Pop DeMello, Elizabeth Barber, Charles Perkins, Paul Pennell, John Nikonchik, Rachel Knupp, Jean Spence, Gina Green, Todd Campbell, Ruth Goodwill, Clint, Clifford J. Kirvan, Jessica & Family, Rita Homer, Ricky Reed, Katelyn Dougherty, Ed Schneider, Robin Amore, Colleen Hofmeister, Lori Crawford, Mary Haas, Donna Noel, Thelma Sabella, Pam Pasi, Mary Anne Kopper, Frank & Cindy Ruppert, Maxine Gollehon, Joe Galletta, Joe Cicatella, Justin Colie, Tom Boyle, Ted Kubiak, Clifford Johnson, Bill See, Mary Perkins, Drake Fellows, Frank Tomaino, Charlotte Randall, Kyle Lukowich, Sherry Lynn Beach, Zach Thompson, Kathy Obert, Steven Gratkowski, Teresa F., Anna Bauer, Alex Kunz, Mike Wakefield, Jim Kocan, Linda Marsh, Sharon Wirkowski, Brud & Nancy Giffin, Ed Vroman, Lilly Bailey, Pat Maginnis, Tom & Loretto Parres, Bill Amore, Beth Davidson, Bill Edwards, Valerie Boyle, Margaret Collins, Bill Hensler, Bill Stumpf, Barb English

Please call the Parish Office to add or remove anyone from the prayer list.

For our Servicemen and Servicewomen: **Brock Benedict, James Moyer, Derek Baldwin, Andrew Baldwin, Casey Bargar, Destiny Nicol, Christopher Macko, Robert Macko, Mathew Longiotti, Luke English, Cory Bemis, Kayla Barrett, Dr. Joseph Shevchik, Travis Pearsall, Caden Mallory, Anna Bauer, Alex Kunz, Andy Ferguson, Michael Avallone, Matthew English**

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen

PRAY FOR PRIESTS**:** *Rev. John J. Detisch, Rev. John B. Jacquel, Rev. B. LaMounte Sayers, Rev. Thomas M. Brooks, Rev. Joseph V. Dougherty, Rev. Msgr. Robert L. Brugger, Rev. Christopher J. Singer*

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John "did not know" what to do. In family life there are confusing moments when "we don't know" what to do. Like the apostles we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.

OFFERTORY REPORT 3/27 & 3/28

Envelopes	$ 2662.00
Loose	$ 106.00
Candles	$ 59.00
Easter Flowers	$ 40.00
Easter (Holy Day)	$ 40.00
Religious Education	$ 45.00
Total	**$ 2952.00**

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
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

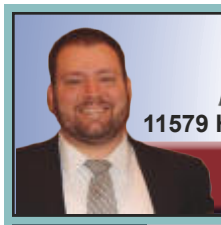
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 5 and will reopen on Tuesday, April 6 at 9AM

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE—The sympathy of the parish is extended to the **Family of Raymonde Volkstadt** and to the **Family of David Weber.** May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, and may He bless those who mourn them.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #492—will be hosting a Drive Thru Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 11, 2021 from 11AM—3PM at Warner's Bakery. Dinner will include, spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, salad & dessert all for $9. Come out and support our K of C!

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Child Abuse Prevention Month- Reporting known or suspected child abuse is everyone's responsibility: It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the current Pennsylvania state report there were 5,202 substantiated reports of child abuse in Pennsylvania during 2019. 2,087 or 40% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse, 1, 448 were physical abuse. *To report suspected abuse of a minor, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7). For particular questions on reporting abuse you may call:* ***Cindy Zemcik, Coordinator for the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.***

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!



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