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April 4, 2021

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4:00 p.m. (Vigil) Saint Cyril Church

9:00 a.m. Saint Boniface Church

10:30 a.m. Saint Peter Church

11:00 a.m. Saint Cyril Church

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9:00 a.m. Saint Cyril Church
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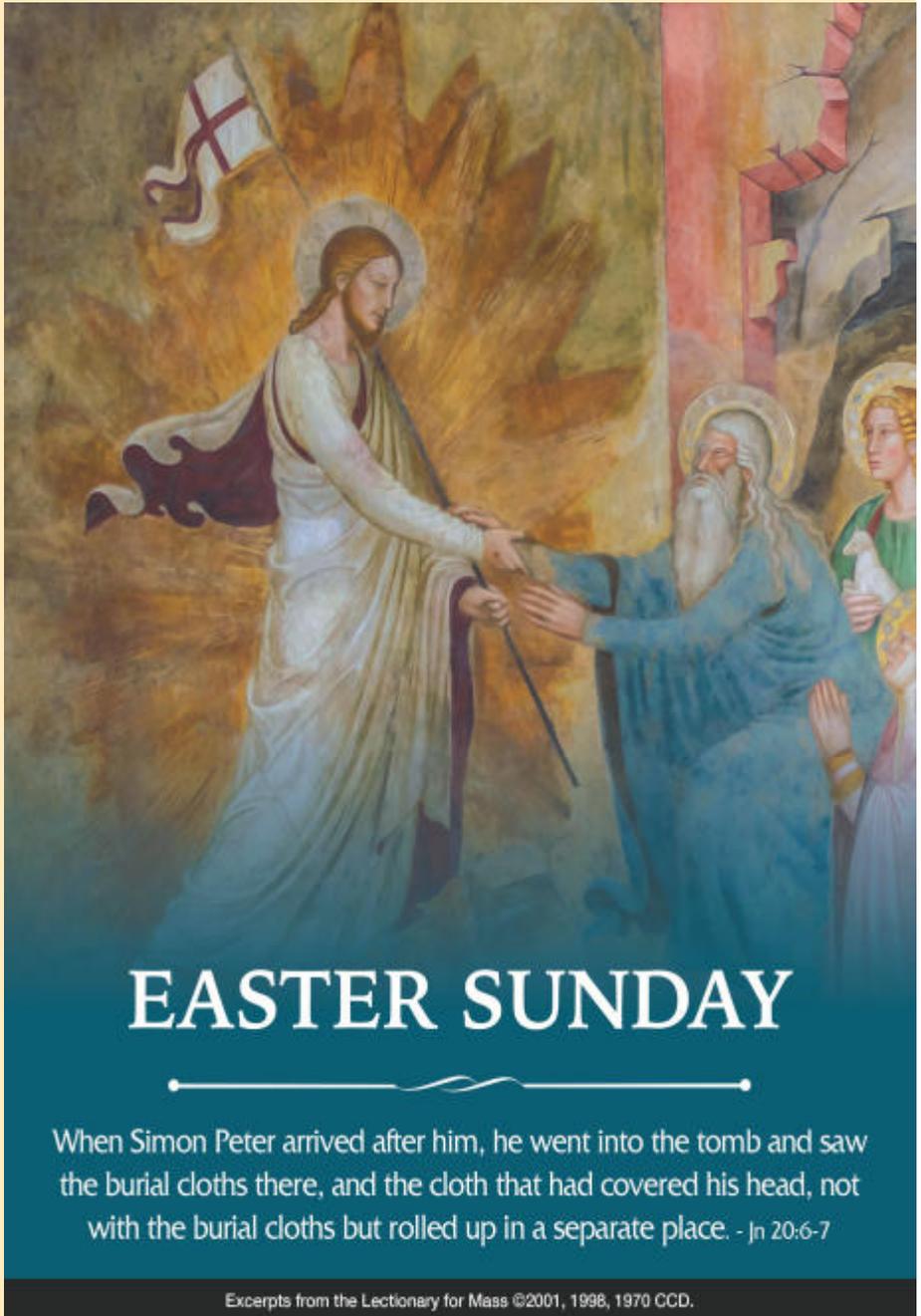
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EASTER SUNDAY

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. - Jn 20:6-7

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Fr. Nicholas Vaskov, Pastor
Fr. Dam Nguyen, Senior Parochial Vicar
Fr. Lawrence DiNardo, in residence
Fr. Louis DeNinno, in residence
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Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said:
“You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Reading II: Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:
If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Reading II: 1 Cor 5:6-8

Brothers and sisters:
Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?
Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not

go in. 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. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.



Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from Heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



For Our Beloved Deceased:

David O'Neil

Theresa Boehm

Rose Marie Stehle

Robin Kurtz

May those who were united with Christ in a death like His, also be one with Christ in His resurrection.



This week, the Sanctuary Candles in our church buildings are lit in honor of the following intentions:

Saint Cyril Church: Frank Smigiel (Rich & Darlene)

Saint Peter Church: For a Friend with Covid.

Happy Easter! A time to embrace.... One of the standard Old Testament readings used for a funeral liturgy is from Ecclesiastes and describes how there is a time for everything. In the past year, I have been deeply aware of the line: "A time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces." (Perhaps others have also heard this with a new perspective....) Who would have thought we would have a year+ of needing to avoid embraces, hugs, handshakes, visits with friends and families - our normal modes of friendship and love.

We look to Easter and Jesus' resurrection as a transformational, transcendent - hope-filled - event that wipes away the old and makes things new. And we can consider other examples of new life - of new ways to embrace during these times - such the parish participation and witness through our dinners to seniors. In just a few months, we have delivered over 850 dinners, and served 100s of seniors besides involving 100s of parishioners to participate in so many ways. What an embrace!

As we celebrate Easter, may we always know the embrace of Jesus, reflected in our love of one another. Alleluia, He is Risen! Mary Swindal, Pastoral Associate.

Easter Scripture Study with Father DiNardo

The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast, indeed as one "Great Sunday." These are the days above all others in which we sing the great "Alleluia." During this Easter season, Father DiNardo will offer the study of the Sunday readings, with a special focus on the *Acts of the Apostles*. The scripture study class will take place on **Monday evenings from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM beginning April 12, 2021 through May 24, 2021**. You are invited to Saint Boniface Church for the scripture class or by **Zoom**. The Zoom links can be found on the Parish Website at www.cospgh.org. All are welcome to attend.

From the Desk of Father Nick



CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN! May the joy and peace of the resurrection of Jesus fill your hearts and your homes as we share in the hope of eternal life that is ours!

As we celebrate the central mysteries of our faith in these days does your life seem different? Better? More fulfilled? It should! The sun shines a little brighter. The flowers smell a little sweeter. The birds chirp a little clearer. We smile a little wider. Our lives truly are different because of the new life of Christ at work in them.

Because Christ is risen from the dead, we have nothing to fear, not even death itself. Our hearts are not burdened but are free that they may rise up to God. May our lives reflect the joy and light of the resurrection and may that joy be contagious so that others can share in the glory of Jesus Christ.

I hope that the blessings of Easter have a long-lasting effect in your lives so that the hope of eternal life is never far from your hearts!

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

Thanks to the generosity of Integrated Health 21 we are privileged to be able to co-sponsor a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for our parishioners and neighbors this coming Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Norbert Hall at Saint Boniface Church on the North Side. This location was chosen because it has easy access from the highway and it is accessible for those with physical disabilities.

All persons age 65 and older and persons age 18-64 with high risk conditions are eligible to receive the Moderna vaccine.

Vaccine supplies are limited, so scheduling is on a first come, first serve basis. Please see the flyer in this week's bulletin for registration instructions and more information about the vaccine process.

God bless!

Fr. Nick



Empty tomb on Easter Day!?

The empty tomb where the body of Jesus had been interred was discovered by the faithful women and Mary of Magdala early in the morning of the first day of the week. Shocked and shaken, they could not believe such emptiness.

Yet, they did not stop there. They ran home, waking up Peter and the other disciples. They returned to the tomb together. They entered and saw it. They could not believe that the tomb was empty. The body of Jesus was not inside! They experienced the emptiness together.

Though the empty tomb itself does not prove or disprove the resurrection of Jesus, the absence of the body prompts a wider search for its meaning and further explanation. This requires a lot of collaboration and co-operation from those who care for Jesus and their faith.

Whether these eyewitnesses are men or women, or laity or clergy, they need each other as witnesses for their common faith! Meaningful or meaningless, the empty tomb is real!

The Easter celebration in an empty church in 2020 was shocking, wasn't it? An empty Mass, like the empty tomb, on Easter was unbelievable! No church leaders nor the faithful could be ready to deal with such emptiness. Too much! Surprised and anxious, we looked to each other for support and meaning for such emptiness! The empty space leaves a lot of room for thoughtful consideration. Easter, signaled by the empty tomb, seems to remind us to be open-minded and adaptable to the unknown! The light of the early morning of Easter Sunday seems to enlighten those sleeping in the darkness of ignorance or complacency. It invites us to see faith far beyond visual observation and physical absence or emptiness. Seeing the empty rooms of their young-adult children, a middle-aged couple looks at each other with mixed feelings. They cannot believe that these empty spaces were once filled with life...the familiar sounds of their children laughing, crying and arguing. Now they are quiet. Their children's toys and

belongings remain intact. They miss them so much. Yet, the absence of their children prompts the presence of their children in places where they are living their own lives. Seeing the emptiness there, the couple sees much more of their children after they leave home. They are away from the house of their parents, not from the loving home or the family of their parents.

The empty tomb on the first Easter, the empty church in 2020 Easter or the empty nest signifies more than visual absence. If we stop looking further and fail to work together, life can be miserable and we can be short sighted. Such emptiness can easily mean hollow or void space! But with each other and under the light of Easter, our faith resilience is on the horizon and its potential is great!

Fr. Dam Nguyen



Mass Schedule for the Week of April 4, 2021

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
 <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4/ Jn 20:1-9</p>	7:00 p.m. <small>Holy Saturday</small>	St. Boniface	Living & Deceased Parishioners	
	9:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Dorothy Haas	Paul Haas
	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Patricia Snyder	
	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter	Thomas Flaherty	Flaherty Family
	11:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Phyllis Grebson	Sr. Shirley Kumenchik
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, April 5 Acts 2:14, 22-23/Mt 28:8-15</p>	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Carol McGrath	Kevin & Melissa McGrath
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Janet Lohr	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, April 6 Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18</p>	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Dorothy & Frank Gennaccaro	Family
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Patricia Snyder	
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 7 Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35</p>	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Jason Kelly (for Birthday)	Joe & Antoinette Schipani
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	In Memory of Earl Connor	Family
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, April 8 Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48</p>	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Christopher Martinac	Mike Onyshko
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	John Kuhn	
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, April 9 Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14</p>	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Blessed Mother	
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Gerda Wesner	
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, April 10 Acts 4:13-31/Mk 16:9-15</p>	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Louise Sedonia	Family
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, April 11 Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31</p>	4:00 p.m. (vigil)	St. Cyril	Carey/Connelly Family	Rita Carey
	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Helbling Family	Mary Skalos
	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter	Divine Mercy	
	11:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Marge Peschka	Kraus Family

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Baptism: Please contact Jean DiDonato for information of the requirements, conditions and options for baptisms. Classes for first time parents can be taken before or after their child's birth.

Matrimony: Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the parish office.

Sick and Shut-ins: The Sacraments are available to those who are unable to celebrate Mass due to sickness or age. To make arrangements for visitation to your home, call the parish office.

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Due to early bulletin submission date the Stewardship Update for March 28, 2021 will be in next weekend.

Thank you for your generosity!

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Please call the parish office.

Damascus Diner – Saturday Men's Breakfast- The Damascus Diner is continuing to hold monthly meetings. The next meeting will be held on Saturday April 10th in Axmacher Hall at St. Cyril's Church Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., following which we will continue discussing Bishop Olmsted's booklet "Into the Breach". The morning will conclude around 8:45 a.m., so that those who wish to can attend the 9:00 a.m. mass. For more information or to confirm attendance (so we can be sure we have adequate food and socially distanced seating) please call George Ferrance @ 412-734-5955.

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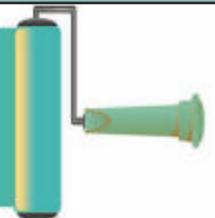


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