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**SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023 | EASTER SUNDAY OF
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

WELCOME

PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Office Hours)

Closed for lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 PM

MASS

Monday - Friday

11:45 AM

Saturday

4:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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Saturday

11:00 AM until finished

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DAILY ROSARY

The public recitation of the Rosary is suspended until further notice.



An Easter Message from the Cathedral and Parish Staff

Today we celebrate Easter Sunday, the pivotal Feast of the entire Church year. It is our opportunity to give a renewed perspective to the whole of our life. Often as we find ourselves confronted by death, sickness and inequity of every kind we find ourselves saying, "It's just not fair." We wonder how "good" people seem so often to end up in worse shape than the "bad." We might even wonder what we, or others we love have done wrong to deserve this kind of "treatment" from God in this life. Often we cannot make sense of it.

On Good Friday as we envisioned Jesus on the cross we could not help but realize that he too did not live the easy life. Indeed, bad things happened to him! We wonder how a loving God could have put his own Son into that terrible position. Even more importantly, we wonder how Jesus kept his love of the Father intact through it all.

Ultimately, I think it is about his vision. Easter is the Feast which asks us to see our life from a different perspective. It is primarily about trust in the promises of God. It is the Feast that reveals to us that there is actually more to life than meets the eye. Jesus believed with his whole being that his Father would take care of Him. His trust in the care that His Father gave Him is often so different from our understanding of God's care. If we are honest, we often define "proof" of the Father's care for us as a world where nothing bad will ever happen to us or our friends, and everyone will be happy and safe without any difficulty or fear, and then die peacefully in their sleep at age 110. That is just not the case.

Jesus came to show us that the Father's care is for our eternal soul. We read in Matthew 10:28; "*Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*" God's concern is that we be happy for all eternity in the kingdom of heaven. What happens here on earth is a part of the broken human condition. Jesus suffered and died to prove to us that even death cannot take away our spirit and life. Jesus' resurrection is evidence for all believers that there is something beyond the veil of death. Not all is made whole in this life and, ultimately, something better than we ever imagined will happen to us when our time here is over. The Feast of Easter shouts out to us that it is eternal life that awaits us. Beyond death, there is no more sadness, no more pain, and no more fear. As we celebrate this Feast, let us find that promise of joy in the midst of everything we are confronted with in the world.

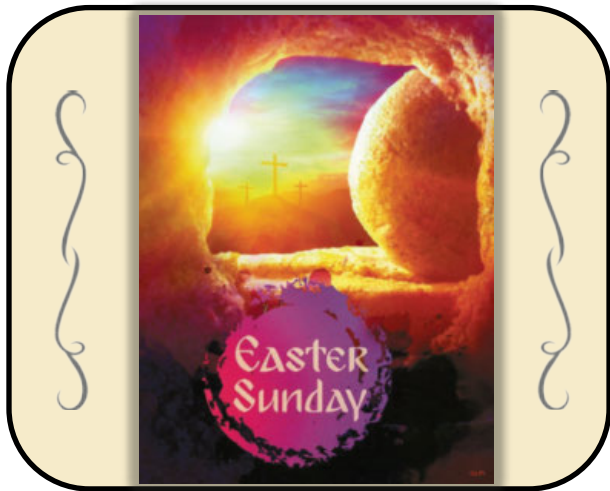
In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this Lent and Easter so beautiful and meaningful. This list is long and includes Bishop Kulick, Fr. Pujol, Deacon Bill, as well as our parish staff, all of our ministers, greeters and everyone who attended our services to share her or his faith as the Body of Christ gathered together. We truly have had a blessed season of prayer and praise.

Happy Easter!

From

*Bishop Kulick, Msgr. Riffle, Fr. Pujol, Deacon Bill,
Sister Jeanne Marie, Katie, Chris, Linda, Cindy, Bill,
Paul and Nathan*





READINGS FOR: Sunday, April 9, 2023

First Reading:

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. (Acts 10:40-41)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20: 9)

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Easter Sunday Prayer

God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son
you conquered the power of death and
opened for us the way
to eternal life.

Let our celebration today raise us up
and renew our lives by the Spirit
that is within us.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen.



WEEKLY LITURGICAL MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 8, 2023

8:30 PM Easter Vigil
Bishop Larry J. Kulick, presiding

Sunday, April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

Monday, April 10, 2023 - Monday within the Octave of Easter

11:45 AM **No Mass**

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

11:45 AM Vincent Martino (Wife)

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

11:45 AM Michael Pezze (David & Barbara Pezze - Parents)

Thursday, April 13, 2023 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

11:45 AM Carl & Mary DeNezza (Family)

Friday, April 14, 2023 - Friday within the Octave of Easter

11:45 AM Art & Margaret McDonald (Himes Family)

Saturday, April 15, 2023 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter

11:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 PM For the Living & Deceased Members of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral


Sunday, April 16, 2023 - Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:30 AM David Fidazzo, Sr. (Son)

11:00 AM Anna, John, & Robert Krzysiak (Family)



SANCTUARY CANDLE



In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Tabernacle Candle will burn from April 8 through April 14

In memory of
Michael Pezze

Requested by
David & Barbara - Parents

The Parish & Cemetery Offices will be closed on Monday, April 10, 2023 and will re-open on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

We need your help to make our **Resurrection Celebration a success!**

Join us on Sunday, April 23, 2023 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in the Social Hall to celebrate as a parish family "The Good News of the Resurrection".



The luncheon menu of ham, chicken, side dishes and desserts will be provided for all to enjoy. May we celebrate with great joy and have an afternoon of fellowship and togetherness as a parish family.

Sign up sheets are in the vestibule of the Church. You can also call the parish office or call Lyn at 724-836-2568.

RSVP will be accepted until April 18.

Bereavement Group

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral will be hosting a bereavement series beginning in April. The series will be run by Phil Jamison from Excelsa Health Home Health and Hospice Team. If you have experienced a loss and would like to join this group, please call Katie in the Parish Office at: 724-834-3710 ext. 11. The series begins on April 14, 2023 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, and runs each Friday through May 19, 2023.

The Bethlehem Project Advisory Board

currently has openings for committee members. Committee members would assist the board members in various areas, and would be required to attend committee meetings and events. The Bethlehem Project Advisory Board is a working board that plans fundraising events, develops long-range goals for the ministry, and assists in the work of preventing homelessness. Please call Katie Zuzik in the parish office, 724-834-3710 ext. 11, if you would like to be a part of this very special ministry that has been helping to prevent homelessness for over 25 years.

"Because there was no place for them to stay..."

Luke 2:7

Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings 7:00 – 8:30 PM in person in the Parish Formation Center and simultaneously via Zoom. The program assumes no previous training and is open to all who are interested on how God's word impacts their journey of faith. We are discussing the Gospel of Matthew. Contact Deacon Bill Hisker at bhisker@dioceseofgreensburg.org if you wish to participate. Dates are: April 19 and concluding on April 26.

Adult Faith Formation Schedule 2023 Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm in the Faith Formation Center

Series: The Catholic Faith Explained

April 13 Session 6: The Paschal Mystery

Reserve Parking Space Reminder

Given that we are receiving regular assistance from visiting clergy, we need to leave the Visiting Clergy parking sign up in the small Church parking lot so that the parking space is available whenever it is needed.

~ We would appreciate it if you **do not** park in any space that has a reserve sign present. ~

Walking with Moms in Need

Thank you for all of your continued prayers as we have completed our process of identifying resources in our area for moms in need. We are very excited to complete this initial step, and to share these results and plans with our parish community.

Please continue to pray for the Walking with Moms in Need core team as we prepare a plan for implementing this new ministry in our parish.

We will also continue to list the items that Catholic Charities need for their baby pantry. Thank you so much for your generous donations to help moms in our community! Please drop off donations at the parish office.

Diapers in sizes 4, 5, 6, 7 and pull ups, wipes, boys clothing newborn to 12 months, girls clothing newborn and 12-24 months.

If you would like more information please contact Brenda Matthews at brenmatt3@gmail.com. Or you may contact the parish office at 724-834-3710 ext. 11.

PARISH SUPPORT

In order to meet our budgetary needs, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral requires an average of **\$18,000** per week in the regular offertory collection. Thank you for your generosity and support of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish!

Due to the printing schedule the Parish Finances will appear in the next bulletin

Thank you for your generosity and support of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish!

Online Giving is an easy way to make your weekly contributions by going to <https://osvhub.com/blessed-sacrament-cathedral/funds>. If Online Giving is not an option for you, please consider writing a check for added security as opposed to putting cash in your weekly envelope.

APRIL

April 9 Easter Sunday

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Catholic Men's Fellowship meets in person in the Church Hall at 6:45 AM on Saturday mornings and via Zoom 8:00 PM Monday evenings. We would be happy to welcome men at either session.

Please contact:
 Andy (412-759-1715
 or andyb9530@comcast.net) or
 Michael (724-691-2191
 or zempyeer@gmail.com)
 for more information.

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

	*Diocesan Goal	Pledged	% Achieved
Dollar	\$201,450	\$121,908	61%
No. of Gifts	1453	307	21.1%

*Please note that totals are received from the Diocese and published Monday or Tuesday. These totals are as of March 25, 2023.

ONE BODY IN CHRIST
 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Prayerfully consider making your gift to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal before Easter. As members of *One Body in Christ*, we join with fellow parishioners to support our parish and the charitable works of Catholic Charities, The Catholic Foundation, The International Priest Program and Diocesan missions and ministries.

Donate today at DioceseofGreensburg.org/OneBody

Women's Faith Sharing

The Women's Faith Sharing group meets in the Formation Center on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8 PM. For information please contact Caroline Andros at 724-420-7469.

Priest & Diaconate Ordinations

With joy and thanksgiving to God, the Diocese of Greensburg announces that Bishop Larry J. Kulick, JCL, has called Deacon Andrew J. Hamilton to the responsibility of the Presbyterate, and Misterys Craig Alexander, David M. Slusarick, and John Torres to the responsibility of the Diaconate. The priesthood ordination will be celebrated on **June 3, 2023**, and the diaconate ordination on **May 20, 2023**. Both liturgies will begin at **10:00 AM** in **Blessed Sacrament Cathedral** in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Please keep these men in your prayers as they complete the final months of the academic year.

In addition, please continue to pray for all men discerning God's call to the priesthood.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Sponsorship Forms



Forms for parish members to serve as sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation can be completed in the Parish Office or with a priest at a weekend Mass. To act as a sponsor, you must be at least 16 years old, a practicing Catholic who has received Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If married, it must be within the guidelines of the Catholic Church. Call and speak with any of the ladies in the office, our office hours are 10 AM - 3 PM.

Baptisms



By appointment only. Contact Katie Zuzik in the Parish Office at least three months in advance of the Baptism. A class for parents is required to reflect on the meaning of the sacrament, review the Ceremony and to highlight the importance of family commitment to practicing the Catholic Faith. The requirements for Godparents are the same as for sponsors and can be found above and on the Parish website. Please contact Katie with any questions.

Weddings



Contact Sister Jeanne Marie Vonder Haar, A.S.C.J. in the Parish Office at least six months in advance. Do not set a date until contacting the Parish Office. Pre-marriage preparation classes are required.

Paper Products Reminder

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is still collecting paper products for our food pantry. Please help our neighbors in need and leave your paper products in the baskets in the church vestibule.



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WEEKLY INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 9, 2023

No Faith Formation or Youth Ministry

Monday, April 10, 2023

Parish & Cemetery offices closed

Thursday, April 13, 2023

6:30-8:00 PM Women's Faith sharing [FC]

7:00-9:00 PM Adult Faith Formation Session 6 -
The Paschal Mystery

Friday, April 14, 2023

6:30-8:30 PM Excela Bereavement Group [FC]

Saturday, April 15, 2023

6:45 PM BSC Catholic Men's Fellowship [Social Hall]

Church Cleaning

As a reminder the church will close after the 11:45 Mass on Fridays to disinfect the church.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Divine Mercy Sunday liturgy April 16 at Christ Our Shepherd Center

Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites the faithful of the Diocese to join with him in a celebration of God's mercy on Sunday, April 16, Divine Mercy Sunday. The liturgy is scheduled for 2 p.m. in St. Joseph Chapel at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed during this time of Eucharistic Adoration. Weather permitting, there will be an outdoor Eucharistic procession.

"Swing Into Spring" Crafter's Market

Saint Bruno Rosary Altar Society is hosting a "Swing Into Spring" Crafter's Market. The event will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Saint Bruno Church Hall, 1715 Poplar Street, South Greensburg. The kitchen will be open. There will be a basket raffle with crafter items along with a 50/50. Crafter applications are still being accepted. For more information, please email Beth Iezzi at balwine7@yahoo.com.

GCC Football Boosters plan bingo May 7

The Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School Football Boosters will host bingo Sunday, May 7, at the Youngwood Fire Hall. Doors open at 12:30, with lunch at 1 and games at 2:30. A basket raffle and games of chance are planned. Admission is \$30. For tickets, email bingo@gccboosters.org or call Natasha Shawley at 724-244-2720.

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Joanne Hudock 724-834-1718

Become a Member of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Welcome! It is a great joy to welcome new members to our parish community. Please register as soon as possible in order to participate in our various programs, ministries and activities. Drop this form in the collection basket and we will send you a detailed registration form. If you are already a member and have changed any of your personal information please call the Parish Office or return the changes on the form below.



Name: _____

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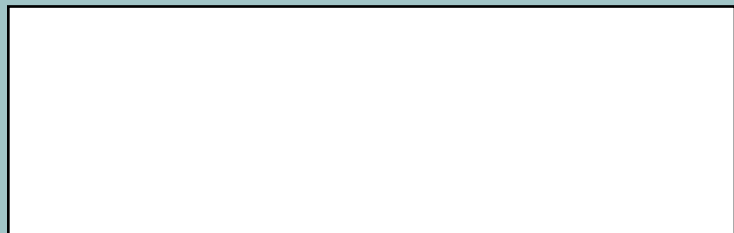
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