

Our Lady of Loretto

April 4, 2021

He is RISEN...
and we are

Alive!

IN CHRIST



Happy Easter, Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the entire parish and staff, I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Easter. Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar and it is a great joy for us to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. It is not just the end of our period of penance and sacrifice, but the beginning of a new life in Christ the risen Lord. Easter brings so many promises of God to us, life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness ultimately triumphs over evil and eternity and glory with God in Heaven are our destiny.

As the “Exsultet”, the great Easter song or the great Easter proclamation states clearly that the grace of this most wonderful event “dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy; it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride...” may these things come true for all of us as we keep moving forward.

Thank you for your care and support for Our Lady of Loretto Parish. We are indeed blessed to have your selfless and loving dedication.

I pray that the Risen Lord may continue to bless each one of you and keep you safe with His Peace and Courage and may the Easter Joy continue to fill your hearts and homes throughout this season.

Happy Easter, Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Fr. Socorro Fernandes

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“For freedom Christ set us free... serve one another through Love”

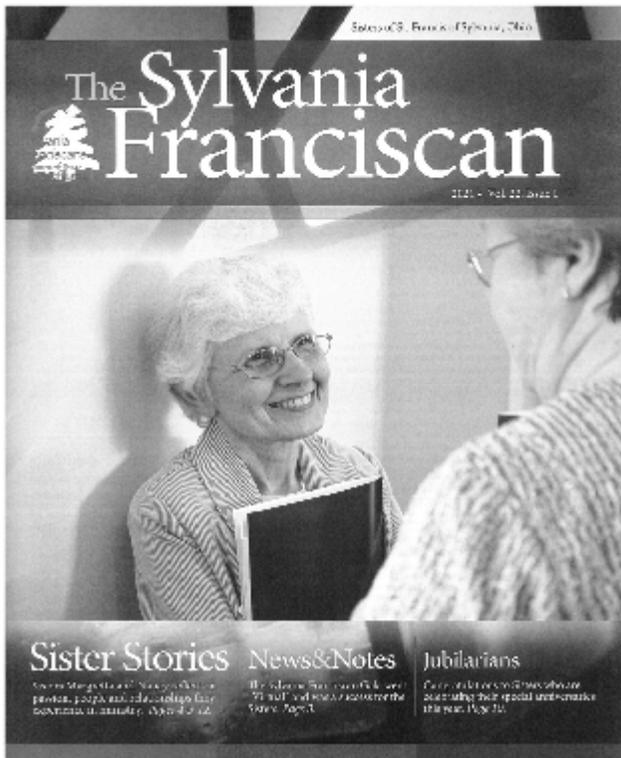
Galatians 5:1& 13, NAB

Faith-based organizations have operated as a humanitarian presence in local communities for decades, offering support and assistance to those that walk through their doors. Catholic organizations exist to serve those most in need, including neighbors in search of clothing, food and housing. The COVID-19 pandemic has yet again highlighted the significance of charity agencies, which continue to provide hope for those experiencing devastating losses. MCC will advocate for policies that protect the right of faith-based organizations to serve others in the public square. To this end, MCC supports:

- √ Freedom for faith-based providers, institutions, and all individuals to serve the general public according to their religious tradition and without interference from the government.
- √ Opposition to government regulations and mandates that violate the long-standing religious practices of faith-based organizations.
- √ Continuing to seek policies proactively that promote religious freedom.

A *Blueprint for the Common Good* arranges MCC’s legislative interests into ten policy categories that flow from the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

This *Blueprint* demonstrates how each principal is interconnected with one another. For example, advocating for resources that assist those experiencing financial hardship protects the dignity of an adult, as well as the dignity of their children or an expecting mother’s unborn child. Calling for increased health care access for those with little or no resources promotes the Freedom to Serve, as religious institutions play a significant role in health care delivery. MCC encourages religious persons and communities to ask: which policies will elevate the common good? Continual reflection on this question will help policy makers develop a state that values and encourages accompaniment. In Lansing, MCC works with elected officials toward this outcome. This article is first of a series to continue weekly.



Sr. Margretta was featured in the first issue of The Sylvania Franciscan! for 2021. The entire article is presented on their facebook page: facebook.com/sylvaniafranciscans.

Today she shares this story:

Let's start with a Hindu story. One day God got tired of people. (That's hard to believe.) They were always pestering him, asking for things. So he said, "I'm going away to hide for a while." So he gathered all his advisers and said, "Where should I hide?" "Where's the best place for me to hide?" Some said, "Hide on the highest mountain peak on earth." Others said, "No, hide at the bottom of the sea; they'd never find you there." Others, "Hide on the other side of the moon; that's the best place." "How are they going to find you there?" Then God turned to his most intelligent angel and asked him. "Where do you advise me to hide?" The intelligent angel smiled and said, "Go hide yourself in the human heart. That's the only place where they never go."

As we continue celebrating the Easter season let's not forget about all our God. has done for us. Let's go to that quiet place and have a heart to heart chat with God. In Scripture we hear, "Be still and know that I am God." Try each day to set aside time just to be present to your God. Early morning, even before the birds start chirping, is a good time for some or others prefer the quiet hours of the

night. Whatever is best for you, God is there waiting; God never sleeps.

In the Easter scriptures we hear of the disciples preaching, baptizing, curing and even suffering for knowing Jesus as their friend and mentor. We as Christians need to remember that we too are witnesses of God's goodness and we too are to spread the goodness of Jesus; we were empowered at Baptism and Confirmation. We have the strength of the Spirit to awaken others to the might of God's name. It's through prayer that we will be changed one day at a time.

Prayer is not just between God and us. Find someone in your neighborhood, in a nursing home or hospital, place of work or within your family who sometimes feels left out. Reach out with the kind love of Jesus. Make them feel that they are a child loved by God. Perhaps you may send them a greeting card or email, say a special prayer for them visit them or give them a call or send an email. That is God's love at work; that is being a disciple of the Lord. May the Risen Lord inspire us to bring peace and hope to others.

Happy Easter!

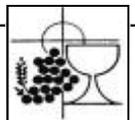
Stewardship UPDATE

Collection Report: February 21, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,799
Sunday Loose	616
Easter	20
Total	\$3,435
OLL Parish Weekly Goal	\$4,865
Mass Stipends	30
Candles	136
Utilities	40
Easter Flowers	200
Catholic Relief Services	32
Christian Service	200
Pallottine Missions	156
VBS	500
Fish Fry	4,961
Total	\$6,255
Grand Total	\$9,690



MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, April 5, 2021

8:30am + Margaret Houlihan by Anne Carrier

Tuesday, April 6

8:30am + Jan Carter by Pat Angelow

Saturday, April 10

4:00pm + Edward Radwan by the Family
 + Michael Berry by the Family
 + Ustes Family, Richard & Georgiana Rydzewski by the Family

Sunday, April 11 Divine Mercy Sunday

10:00am + Francesca & Peter Gauci by Mary Ann Aiton
 + Kathryn Hollinger-Peterson by the Family
 + Jim Butler by Ruth Butler

STEWARDSHIP

A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...



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| Sheila Alaska | Bea MacDonald |
| Minnie Armstrong | Debbie MacDonald |
| Patty Baumgardner | James McDonald |
| Art Bork | Harlean McGrath |
| Tom Borkowski | Les & Carol Miner |
| Bob Brown | Marilyn Mootsey |
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| Margaret David | Suzanne Nattress |
| Andrew Fedor | Mary Rayes |
| Tony Ferro | Tim Simpson |
| Nikole Frederick | Angie/Rich Sloan |
| Eileen Graham | Robin Sunday |
| Juan Hernandez | Nelson/Pat Taylor |
| Lisa Hernandez | Debbie/Pat Weier |
| Jim Kimpton | Lynne Wendt |
| Jennifer Koskie | Williamson Family |
| John/Nancy Lengyel | Joe Willim |
| | Woodward Family |

Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless otherwise notified. Please help us keep our prayer list current by informing us if a person's name should remain on the list by calling 313-534-9000.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



"Can you not spend one hour with Me?"
Eucharistic Adoration
Every Tuesday
After 8:30am Mass until NOON

St. Vincent de Paul clothing canisters have been replaced and reside in their original space next to OLL's garage. Everyone appreciates your donations. We are asking if you should find the canisters full, please do not leave bagged clothing on the ground. Please try another time, they will be emptied on a weekly basis.



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MASS TIMES

- Saturday Evening 4:00 pm
- Sunday 10:00am
- Mon. & Tues. 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS: Sat. 2:30 pm & by appt.

BAPTISMS: 2nd Sunday of the month. Family must be active registered parishioners. Class held as arranged.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made in advance (6 months min.). At least one of the couples must be an active registered member of O.L.L.

SICK & COMMUNION CALLS: We are happy to visit the sick. Notify the Rectory.

REGISTRATION: All new members are asked to register in person.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

- Alan Baumgardner, Coby Carpentier,
- Cole Frederick, Cooper Frederick,
- David Fry, Christopher Gazley,
- Jordan Hebner, Heather Ingalls,
- Christopher Larry, Christopher Laveirge,
- Eric Polson, Robert Previch & Michael Genga.

Lord, Hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their selfless acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN

Today we celebrate the miracle of Easter! Easter is the greatest feast. Why? It is because Jesus rose from the dead with new life. Jesus keeps his promise of eternal life. We are one with Jesus and we will share in his resurrection. The Easter season begins with the Easter Vigil. We then have fifty great days of rejoicing! We have spent six weeks of Lent getting ready for Jesus' resurrection, so the next seven weeks are to spend in celebration. Easter is not just one day, but a whole season! Here are seven ways, one for each week, to keep focused on Easter:

Decorate for the season. Create an Easter egg centerpiece, decorate eggs, and/or hang eggs in various places.

Read the Acts of the Apostles. The early years of Christianity were truly one adventure after another.

Spring cleaning! There is a joy in the first cleaning that comes with warm weather. Open the windows, breathe in God's clean air, cleanse your mind, ignite your spirits, declutter your soul!

Remember mom. Spend time

remembering those alive and deceased biological moms, adoptive moms, spiritual mothers, aunts, or teachers. Reflect on how God is a mother to us.

Plant a garden. Digging in the dirt is good for the soul. Being out in nature is healing to the mind and body. You can start a spiritual garden. Tend and nurture with prayer, kind words and deeds. Pull out those weeds of pride, jealousy, anger, etc.

Pray for unity and peace. When Jesus appeared to the apostles after the resurrection, his first words were "PEACE BE WITH YOU".

LOOK UP amid all of our troubles, especially with COVID. There are reasons to be hopeful. It is hard to feel down when looking up. Remember, Jesus is with us.

We are in the YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH. Joseph was a "just man", a godly man. God chose Joseph, a young carpenter of Nazareth, to be the foster father of Jesus and the husband of the Blessed

Virgin Mary. After they were betrothed, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him that Mary would bear a child who would be the Son of God. Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem for the census. Jesus was born in a stable. Then Joseph was told by an angel to travel to Egypt to save the child from being killed by Herod. Again, an angel appeared to him and stated that it was safe to return to Nazareth. At Nazareth, Jesus worked in the carpenter shop. Joseph died in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Joseph was dedicated to Mary and to cherishing and protecting Jesus. St. Joseph, pray for us.

When Jesus ascended into heaven, he did not leave his apostles alone. Jesus left them with the promise of the Holy Spirit. May you keep the blessings of the Easter Spirit going for the next fifty days! God bless you with His hope this Easter!

have you. Give Mary a call at 734 743-5506 with any questions. If you see me in church please don't hesitate to come up to me personally with a request for prayer.

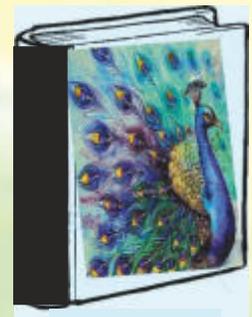
Intercessory Prayer

The Intercessory Prayer group is made up of both men and women and we meet every Thursday morning at 10:30am to pray for our parishioners, our Priest and the Staff here at Our Lady of Loretto. We also pray for any additional needs that were placed in our Prayer box in the back of Church. All prayer requests are kept confidential and all from the smallest to the greatest need is prayed for. As we all know, God can do all things. We have seen answers to our prayers and yes, even miracles do still happen. If you are interested in joining our group we would

The Archdiocese is having a training session for new intercessory Prayer members on April 17 from 9-11 am (virtual).

Pre-registration is required. Contact the AOD for further information.

This is the prayer box:



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