



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. - Jn 20:6-8

BISHOP’S EASTER MESSAGE

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"He is not here; He has been raised!" The angel’s Easter greeting echoes down through the centuries to bring hope, joy and courage to us all.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the single most significant event in the history of the world. It carries momentous meaning for each of our lives. For every widow who has wept at a grave, for every parent who has mourned a child and for all who grieve, their tears, mourning and grief will end. For all who have suffered injustice, betrayal or abandonment, Christ's triumph over sin, death and evil is cause for hope, inspiration to persevere, and reason to go on. Christ's Resurrection was not just for His own glory. It was for all of His followers that they might share in His glory not for a day or a season, but forever.

What we celebrate today is the reason we can always live for tomorrow. Whether we are 8, 18 or 88, it is literally true that our best days are ahead. This life, with all its great joys, beauty and wonder, is not always easy, happy or fair. It is a fallen world but Our Savior has risen. Hope grows in our hearts, confidence builds in our souls and joy lifts our spirits. The Easter sequence says, "Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous." At times, like Good Friday, it seems that death and evil might prevail.

But Easter shows that they do not. In time – God’s time – good will definitively triumph over evil, Redemption will wipe out sin, and life will conquer death for all who believe in and follow Jesus Christ. May Easter be the optic through which we view the whole of life.

Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. May the joy of Christ’s triumph resonate in your heart and may the realization of that victory guide you and your loved ones as you journey through this life on the way to Eternal Life.

With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
 Bishop of Worcester

EASTER SACRAMENTS

We congratulate **Kasandra & Mikayla Rambarran** who were baptized and received First Communion at the Easter Vigil and **James Recore, Yadira Sanchez & Bryonny Torres** who received Confirmation at that Mass. Bryonny also received her First Communion.

We also congratulate the family of **Jack & Victoria Butler** who are being baptized at the 10:30 am Mass Easter Sunday morning. We pray they will all grow in their new relationship with Jesus established in the Sacraments of Initiation.

FOR THIS WEEKEND’S LITURGIES

Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30):	#516 in <i>Worship</i>
Order of the Mass:	Front Page or #202 in <i>Worship</i>
Glory to God (4,8,10:340):	#238 in <i>Worship</i>
Liturgy of the Word:	#1079 in <i>Worship</i>
Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30):	#331 in <i>Worship</i>
Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30):	#512 in <i>Worship</i>
Acclamations (4,8,10:30):	#353,356,357 in <i>Worship</i>
Communion Litany (4,8,10:30):	#940 in <i>Worship</i>

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

Sat., 4/20	7:30 pm	Parishioners’ Intentions
Sun., 4/21	8:00 am	Parishioners’ Intentions
	10:30 am	Courtney Butcher , 11 th Anniv., by family
	6:00 pm	Clement & Judith Anish Paul & Alice Chase , by family
Mon., 4/22	9:00 am	Mary Needham , by June Dumas
	(Remembrance)	Stanley “Starsh” Burdzal , Birthday, by family
Tue., 4/23	9:00 am	Parishioners’ Intentions
Wed., 4/24	9:00 am	Parishioners’ Intentions
Thu., 4/25	9:00 am	Albert Cleary , 14 th Anniv., by family
Fri., 4/26	9:00 am	Parishioners’ Intentions
Sat., 4/27	9:00 am	Parishioners’ Intentions
	4:00 pm	Nancy Donnellan , Birthday, by a friend
	(Remembrance)	Deacon Al Desautels , by family
	(Remembrance)	Doris Garry , by family
	(Remembrance)	Paul LaHair , 10 th Anniv., by family
	(Remembrance)	Pauline Gauthier , 7 th Anniv., by husband
Sun., 4/28	8:00 am	James Guenette , 1 st Anniv., by family
	10:30 am	Josephine Roy , Birthday, by the McFadden family
	6:00 pm	Parishioners’ Intentions

LITURGICAL MEMORIALS

The bread and wine being used at all Masses this week has been donated in memory of *the Deceased Members of the Olson and Xenos families*.

The candles being used at the altar and pulpit have been donated in memory of *the Deceased Members of the Olson and Xenos families*.

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Virginia Camarda, Deacon Bruce Vidito, Officer Jeffrey Toney** and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

EASTER COLLECTION

The second collection at all Masses this weekend helps defray some of the annual assessment for the Custodial Care and Retirement Funds for the priest of our diocese. The first collection is for your regular weekly offerings.

FIRST COMMUNION

Next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass, we will be offering First Communion to 18 children of the parish and school.

Rehearsal: Parents are reminded of the 4:30 pm Rehearsal this Wednesday, April 24th in the church.

Retreat: The children will participate in their final preparation experience this Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 am to 12 noon in the Rieger Hall.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

We are continuing our efforts for this year's appeal. As this bulletin goes to press, we have raised \$36,650.00 – which represents 64% of this year's parish goal. Thank you to those who have already contributed. We urge everyone to consider offering something to this important appeal that funds charitable and education ministries and other vital pastoral services. Partners in Charity envelopes can be found in trays at the church doors.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$5,803.00
(\$731.00 in loose offerings and \$5,072.00 in 200 envelopes)	
-- Easter Flower Donations:	\$ 262.00
-- Liturgical Memorial:	\$ 50.00
-- Fuel:	\$ 10.00
-- Funeral Offerings:	\$ 600.00
-- 120 Club Income:	\$ 970.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 355.00
-- Debt Reduction Donations:	\$ 271.00
-- Free Press Subscription:	\$ 30.00
-- Catholic Relief Services Collection:	\$1,276.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Adult Ordinary:	\$ 811.73
-- Children's Offering:	\$ 3.00
-- Easter Collection:	\$ 25.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 209.43
-- Debt Reduction Donations:	\$ 92.00
-- Flower Donation:	\$ 35.00
-- Holy Day:	\$ 10.00
-- 120 Club Dues:	\$ 75.00
-- St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 25.00
-- Holy Land Collection:	\$ 10.00
-- Catholic Relief & Latin America	\$ 70.00
-- Rice Bowl Offerings:	\$ 25.00

Thank you to all who contributed.

THANK YOU

We are grateful to all who helped prepare for and minister at our Holy Week liturgies: Matt Boza, our custodian, Mike Fleming and assistants who decorated the church, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers, Kurt Blomstom, our organist, Steve Gagliastro, Kevin Holm and Margaret Tartaglia our cantors Thursday, Friday & Easter morning and Steve and friends and parishioners who enhanced the Vigil with their gift of music.

OLA SCHHOL SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The annual OLA School spaghetti supper will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 5 pm in the school. Tickets are available at the door and are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and senior citizens. Proceeds from this event are used to fund the end-of-year activities for the 8th grade, including a retreat, the Passing of the Light ceremony, a dinner-dance, and graduation. Please join us!

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

<u>Sun., April 21 – Easter Sunday</u>	
8:00 am	Lord's Day Mass
10:30 am	Lord's Day Mass
6:00 pm	Lord's Day Mass
<u>Mon., April 22 – Easter Monday</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
<u>Tue., April 23 – Easter Tuesday</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
<u>Wed., April 24 – Easter Wednesday</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
4:30 pm	First Communion Rehearsal
<u>Thu., April 25 – Easter Thursday</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
<u>Fri., April 26 – Easter Friday</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
<u>Sat., April 27 – Easter Saturday</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
9 am - 12 noon	First Communion Retreat
3:00 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Vigil Mass

120 CLUB

The winner of last week's drawing is *Philippe Cournoyer*
 End of cycle winners: First Prize: *Francis Gilmartin - #186*,
 Second Prize: *Ray Tremblay - #155*, Third Prizes: *Rose Haddad - #72 & Nora Ruchala - #110*, Fourth Prizes: *Ted Tarasaik - #194, Joan Sullivan - #177, Aime Pouliot - #111, Debra D'Agostino - #221, Peg Feeley - \$118 & Phil Cournoyer - 34*, Fifth Prizes: *David Standring - #10, Rose Haddad - #72, Ida Casey - #136, Roland Desrosiers - #20, John Feeley - \$115 & Janet Lertoux - #63.*

The new club cycle begins this Sunday and ends on Sunday, October 13th. The end of cycle dinner will be after the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, October 19th. There are still several members who have not paid their dues for the new cycle. We encourage them to do so this week to remain eligible for the weekly drawings. New members are welcome. There are blue fliers in trays at the church doors with club information and a registration form if you would like to join the Club.

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, April 27	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, April 28	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

You are invited to Saint Aloysius-Saint Jude Church for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28th, 2-3 pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Homily, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, and Benediction. We are located at 489 Pleasant Street in Leicester.