

EASTER BELLS

As a public reminder of the power of the risen Christ to bring hope into our lives, particularly during this terrible pandemic, we will ring our church bells in solidarity with other Catholic churches and those of other denominations around our diocese and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

May the ringing of our bells be a call to offer a prayer of petition for God’s healing grace to those who are suffering and their caregivers and a call to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life to all believers on this Easter Sunday.



FROM OUR BISHOP FOR EASTER 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It has been called the “unseen enemy. The coronavirus has brought illness and death to the afflicted; fear, isolation and disruption to us all.

On Easter Sunday, Jesus’ first followers saw the remedy for their fears. Days before, beginning with the arrest of Jesus in fear and seen death. Indeed, the threat of death caused not only fear but isolation and disruption as they ran from Jesus in the garden and nearly all abandoned Him at the Cross.

But on Easter Sunday He was there again, in their midst, back from the dead, bringing them together and reassuring them with His words, "peace be with you." Today he says the same to us. He is present to us. We do not see Him with our eyes. But with faith we know Him to be among us, risen and triumphant. He is the unseen ally, always present, always able to help us against all enemies, seen and unseen.

The presence of the coronavirus has and will shape our lives for a time. Even more so, may the presence of the Risen Christ at all times shape our lives, our outlook and our confidence. Scientists work to develop a vaccine to prevent further infections of our bodies from viruses around us. We pray for those scientists and heed their sound advice. Jesus Christ is the complementary antidote for our souls to strengthen us spiritually against all the inevitable things in life that we face and fear -- sickness, isolation, sin, uncertainty and even death.

While this is a very different Easter, in its essence it is the same. **How** we celebrate differs but **what** we celebrate and its meaning for us remain the same. May the Triumph of the Risen Christ give you and your loved one’s peace, hope and confidence. I pray that God will protect you and your loved ones along with all who strive to maintain public health, order, and the necessities of life. May it be God’s will that before this Easter Season is over, we will be through the worst of this pandemic so that we can gather again, stronger in faith, united in Christ, to give joyful thanks to God around the altar in the Eucharist.

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

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

EASTER SUNDAY AT OLA

The church will be open for private prayer from 9 am to 5 pm. Baskets of the blessed palms for this year are at the entrances for those who would like to take some home.

The Liturgy of the Word for Easter Sunday can be found in the red **Worship** hymnals at #1079. You can read and meditate on the readings and use prayer suggestions on stands as you enter.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$8,254.00
(59 envelopes in mail & drop off)	
-- Unrestricted Gift:	\$ 75.00
-- Easter Flower Donations:	\$ 393.00
-- 120 Club Dues:	\$ 610.00
-- Charitable Ministries:	\$ 75.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 890.00
-- Debt Reductions Donations:	\$ 8.00
-- Memorial Gifts:	\$ 105.00
-- Latin America & Catholic Relief:	\$ 203.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$1,580.91
-- Easter:	\$ 35.00
-- Easter Flower Gifts:	\$ 25.00
-- Fuel Donation:	\$ 45.00
-- Unrestricted Donations:	\$ 249.28
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 165.00
-- Debt Reduction:	\$ 35.00
-- Memorial Donation:	\$ 100.00
-- Holy Land:	\$ 5.00
-- Rice Bowl:	\$ 5.00
-- Latin America & Catholic Relief:	\$ 30.00

Thank you to all who contributed.

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Lisa Myotte** and all of 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, 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 and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/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, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

WHEN THE TIME COMES...

When the restrictions are finally lifted, we will reschedule Mass intentions and liturgical memorials according to the convenience of families.

While Fr. Monroe has been praying for scheduled intentions privately, we know it is not the same as families being present at the Mass. Once the office is open again and public Masses are permitted, you can call Susan Allard, the Office Director, and rebook your intentions and liturgical memorials.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Thank you to all who have responded to this annual need for money to fund pastoral services and ministries of charity and education offered by our diocesan Church. We know that everyone is struggling in the present situation and just ask that everyone do what they can to respond to this ongoing effort. As this bulletin goes to print, OLA has raised \$23,105 – 40.2% of our parish goal of \$57,500. Those who contributed last year received a letter from Bishop McManus with this year's contribution envelope. If you would like one mailed to you, call the rectory.

OLA CHARITABLE MINISTRIES NOTE

Our parish Charitable Ministry (formerly St. Vincent de Paul Society) is seeking donations of gift cards/gift certificates for their spring raffle.

Perhaps you received a gift card for Christmas that you don't plan to use. We would be grateful of the donation.

Donations may be dropped off at the rectory in the mail slot at the ramp door or mailed to the rectory. If you would like to be recognized as the donor or would like to make the donation in memory of another, please let us know. Thank you to several who sent donations already.

PLEA FOR HELP – UMASS SURGERY

We are in need of masks (surgical and N95), protective medical gowns and other protective clothing, eye protection (both face/splash shields and safety goggles).

We are taking donations at the UMass Hahnemann Campus (281 Lincoln Street, Worcester, MA). Deliveries can be made to the loading dock which is on Duxbury Road (off of Lincoln Street). There is a large rolling garage door with a door bell to the Left. Ring the bell, staff will come out and assist you. Donation Center hours at Hahnemann Campus Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30 and Saturday and Sunday 9-4:30.

<https://www.umassmemorialhealthcare.org/umass-memorial-health-care/patients-visitors/supply-donation-center>

Thank you, Benjamin Pultorak BSN-RNC-NIC-CNOR
Operating Room-HAH Campus - Donation Center: 508-334-4364

DONATING TO THE PARISH

Thank you to those who have been donating online mailing or brought envelopes to the rectory these past several weeks.

With the onset of uncertainties due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we remind people that while we are unable to gather for Mass, the parish still has need of financial support to pay our bills.

An excellent way to do this regularly is to use the VANCO link for transfer of funds to the parish account from your designated account.

Go to our website and click on the **ONLINE GIVING** icon at the top of the homepage. You will be directed to the secure link and it will walk you through creating your personal profile with password. Once you set that up, you can make donations one week at a time manually or set up regular transfers on a monthly or weekly basis. There is a complete list of all parish and second collections for which you can designate your donations.

If you need help setting this up, feel free to contact Fr. Monroe and he will walk you through the process.

You can always mail donations to the rectory as many people now do or drop it in the mail slot at the ramp door of the rectory if you are out doing food shopping.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT FROM THE PAST

And people stayed home
and read books and listened and rested and exercised
and made art and played and learned new ways of being
and stopped and listened deeper
someone meditated, someone prayed, someone danced,
someone met their shadow
and people began to think differently
and people healed.
And in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,
dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
even the earth began to heal
and when the danger ended and people found each other,
grieved for the dead people
made new choices and dreamed of new visions
and created new ways of life
and healed the earth completely
just as they were healed themselves."

"And People Stayed Home"

written by Kathleen O'Meara in 1869,
after the Great Starvation in Ireland.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., April 12 – Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

The church will be open from 9 am to 5 pm for private prayer.

10:00 am Easter Sunday Mass from St. Paul Cathedral

Channel 193 on Worcester Cable
and livestreamed at our website homepage

6:00 pm Easter Sunday Mass from St. Paul Cathedral

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Mon., April 13 – Monday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 am Easter Monday Mass from St. Paul Cathedral

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Tue., April 14 – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 am Easter Tuesday Mass from St. Paul Cathedral

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and livestreamed at our website homepage

Wed., April 15 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 am Easter Wednesday Mass from St. Paul Cathedral

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and livestreamed at our website homepage

Thu., April 16 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 am Easter Thursday Mass from St. Paul Cathedral

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Fri., April 17 - Friday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 am Easter Friday Mass from St. Paul Cathedral

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and livestreamed at our website homepage

Sat., April 18 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter

120 CLUB

The winner of last week's drawing is **Rosemary Tarasiak - #24**.
Next week, we will draw the last week's winner and the end of cycle winners as well.

The names of the 16 winners will be posted in the bulletin of April 19th. As we noted, we will not be rescheduling the end of cycle meal but promise a special meal at the end of the next cycle.

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