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**Newsletter Editor’s Message**

Easter has come and gone, and I am willing to bet that some of you know the reason why the date for Easter changes each year. For those who don’t have a clue, here’s a clue... it’s not up to the Easter Bunny! Mr. Bunny does not decide the date for when he leaves those goodies in your basket on Easter Sunday.

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Easter Sunday occurs six and a half weeks after Ash Wednesday, encompassing the [40 days of Lent](#). But to discover what causes all these dates to fluctuate year after year instead of staying in one place like many other annual holidays including Christmas, [Valentine's Day](#), and [St. Patrick's Day](#), you might want to look to the sky for your answer.

It's important to know that though the exact date of Easter changes each year, there's a definite period in which the day occurs, and that's March 22 through April 25 (in the Gregorian calendar, not the Julian calendar). Easter always occurs on the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon (the first full moon that occurs after the vernal equinox, which signifies the beginning of spring in the northern hemisphere), according to [The Old Farmer's Almanac](#).

Although Easter is the main event, the holiday has several important commemorations leading up to the holy day. This year, things kicked off on Wednesday, February 17, when churchgoers attended their local congregations to observe Ash Wednesday. On this day, priests and pastors smear ashes from the previous year's Palm Sunday palms on the attendees' foreheads. They do this while saying [Genesis 3:19](#), which says, "...for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

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Like Santa Claus and Christmas, or the Great Pumpkin and Halloween, I hope I didn’t ruin this message for any of you Easter Bunny believers. ☺