

EASTER SUNDAY

OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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APRIL 20, 2025

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MASSES

Saturdays: 5:30 pm (Satisfies the Sunday obligation)

Sundays: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Weekdays: Monday – Friday 9:00 am, 12:10 pm

Novena following 9:00 am Mass

Monday: Miraculous Medal

Tuesday: St. Jude

Saturdays: 9:00 am

Holy Days: 9:00 am, 12:10 pm, 7:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: At Saint Aedan's **EVERY FIRST THURSDAY** immediately following the afternoon 12:10 Mass until 1:00 pm.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION: At Saint Margaret's **EVERY FIRST FRIDAY** throughout the year from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 4:45 – 5:15 pm, or anytime by appointment

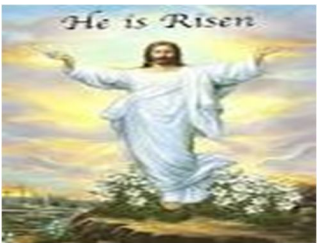
BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sunday at 1:30 pm. Parents, please call Parish House in order to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the date selected.

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First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, and then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

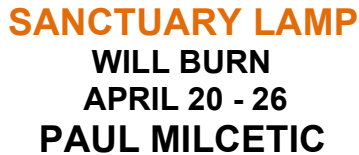
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

MONDAY – 4/21 –Monday of Easter
TUESDAY – 4/22 –Tuesday of Easter
WEDNESDAY-4/23 –Wednesday of Easter
THURSDAY 4/24– Thursday of Easter
FRIDAY- 4/25 – Friday of Easter
SATURDAY – 4/26– Saturday of Easter
SUNDAY- 4/27 – +DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



**Ann Farrell, Fr. Luis Silva, Laraine Payne,
Kevin Jones, Louise Kelly, Kathleen Hickey,
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Reiner, Nicholas Cautillo, Maureen
Odonnea, Linda Estevez, Anthony V. Camilli,
Patricia McTigue, Pat Wayne, Mary O'Reilly,
Michelle Kleber, Laura Zuilkowski, Doris
Cote, Villareal Family, Kevin McCarthy.**

We remember MICHAEL KELLY, FATHER JOHN J. VONDRA and all who have died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen

***God bless all of our brave uniformed men
and women who serve both at home and
abroad:***

***Salina Clarke, Sean McCann,
John D'Allara, Ian Michael Parise, Ryan
Cassidy, Erin O'Sullivan, Christopher
Muscarello, Billy Spink, Nicholas Gucciard,
Leonard Marsigliano, Declan Kell,
Bill Knips.***



**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR
LASTING PEACE IN UKRAINE, THE
MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA**



PREP will be opening up registration for next school year towards the end of April. We still need volunteers to teach classes in grades 1-7. If you are available to volunteer as a CATECHIST PLEASE EMAIL OUR DRE Katie Basler at prep@staedan.org

+ EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR +

"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus." (Luke 24)

The empty tomb was actually quite startling to Jesus' followers. Despite all they had been taught, they still did not fully comprehend what Jesus had prophesied concerning His resurrection on the third day. In a very real sense, they were still *a work in progress*. Ultimately, however, *their* faith and *ours* is not based on the phenomenon of the **empty tomb**. Instead, our Christian faith is heavily rooted in the numerous *post-resurrection* appearances of Jesus to His followers. The Risen Lord was actually **seen** by Mary of Magdala. He was **seen** by the apostles who were hiding in the locked upper room. Thomas was even invited to touch Him. He also appeared to the two men on the road to Emmaus, and broke bread with them. Remember, no rational people would have willingly sacrificed all they had, including their very lives, to carry on the cult of a dead man. No normal person would have ever been willing to forego a family; a personal career; a more comfortable life style and, ultimately, undergo persecution and a martyr's death for the sake of a dead man. In fact, it would be quite reasonable to assume that in the face of Jesus' crucifixion, they would have been distraught, beaten down and ready to run off in different directions. They would have remained huddled in the locked room and would have eventually returned to their former ways of life as fishermen or laborers or tax collectors. So, we the believers of today, should feel justified in basing our faith on the eye-witness testimony of the Apostles and other followers who experienced not only the empty tomb, but, most importantly, the Risen Christ. Saint Paul made a critical point when he wrote,

"If Christ is not risen from the dead, our preaching is empty, your faith is worthless and we are the most wretched of people."

Having just completed our observance of Holy Week, it might surprise some of you to know that the last three days of Holy Week, the **Triduum**, were considered as **one**. It might be even more surprising to note that today and the next six weeks are also considered as one, as **Easter**. Today, in fact every Sunday, celebrates **the glory of the Risen Christ**. The cross of unspeakable humiliation, suffering and death has now been transformed into the **triumphant cross**. It is our constant reminder of Christ's great love for us and of His total victory over sin and death and His promise to, one day, lift up all of His faithful ones from the darkness of the grave into His own wonderful light.

In his writings, Saint Paul so eloquently describes to us Jesus' loving obedience to death on the cross. He hinted at what we celebrate today for "**...when He was made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.**" Because of Jesus' perfect obedience to the Father's will, **"God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father."**

Through our baptism, we have all shared in the suffering and death of Christ and were transformed into sons and daughters of God. As **Christians**, it is our firm belief that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we who are also sons and daughters of God, will one day be raised from our graves and experience the newness of life promised by Christ to all who believe in Him, are obedient to His teachings and faithfully take up the cross and follow in His footsteps.

So, today, as an **Easter people** we celebrate our belief not just in an empty tomb, but rather, in the **Risen Jesus** who is Lord and Savior. Because we have been blessed with the vision of faith, we not only **believe** but boldly **proclaim** to our community and to the whole world our Easter proclamation **"Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!"**

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.
EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 21ST**

For emergencies requiring the presence of a priest, please contact the Parish Office Number 845-735-7405.

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YOUR EASTER GIFT TO OUR PARISH

Your Easter contribution to Saint Aedan's should be something which truly reflects your love of God and your parish. Your parish, as well as many of you is affected by these economically trying times. May we respectfully request that, this Easter you challenge yourself to give as generously as your own financial means allow. **If you did not receive your Easter envelope in the monthly mailing, there are special envelopes available on the tables in the back of the church.**

Thank you and God bless you and your loved ones with a truly Blessed Easter.

**PARISH DIVINE MERCY CHAPLETTE
NEXT SUNDAY
APRIL 27th – 3 PM**



Please join us for the celebration of **Divine Mercy Sunday** right here in our own parish church.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Solemnity which is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. It is a day that celebrates the merciful love of God shining through the whole of the Easter Triduum and the whole Easter mystery. It is a day of declaration of reparation for all sins. On this day, Jesus offers us the opportunity of receiving a *plenary indulgence* - the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment - to anyone who goes to confession (within 20 days of the feast) and receives Him in Holy Communion on that day.

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EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Thank you for your generosity to our parish EASTER FLOWER collection which allows us to decorate our church so beautifully for Holy Thursday and Easter.

Additional envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church

**LENTEN MITE BOX & ALMSGIVING
TIME TO RETURN THE BOXES**

Thank you for making the **MITE BOX** a part of your Lenten ALMSGIVING efforts. Your support of the ongoing charitable efforts of **Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland (CCCSR)** as well as our own parish Saint Vincent DePaul Society ministry is greatly appreciated.

For those who were unable to get a hold of a box, or who prefer an alternative approach, we invite you to put a personal envelop and deposit it into the MITE BOX drop boxes. Check should be **made payable to Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland.**

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

Thank you for your constant generosity to all those who are in need. This parish is a shining example of what a Christian life is all about. We must always try to help the less fortunate than ourselves. **HAPPY EASTER!!**

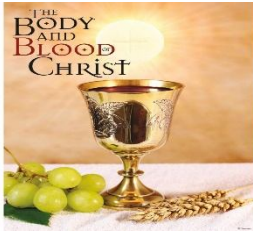
**LAST PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, MAY 4TH**

Our **LAST** Pancake Breakfast for the Spring will be on Sunday, May 4th. Please come out and enjoy a delicious breakfast consisting of a variety of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries, cereals, hot chocolate, orange juice, coffee and tea and the warm camaraderie of your fellow parishioners.

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**ST AEDAN'S
LADIES
MASS AND
COMMUNION
BRUNCH
MAY 3, 2025**

Msgr. Nevin, Dean of Rockland and the Ladies Guild of St. Aedan's Parish cordially invite the ladies of our area to celebrate our ongoing Easter Season by joining us for this special event.

MASS AND COMMUNION BRUNCH

10:00 AM MASS

**10:30 - 11AM CONFESSIONS
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11:00AM BENEDICTION

**11:15AM DELICIOUS
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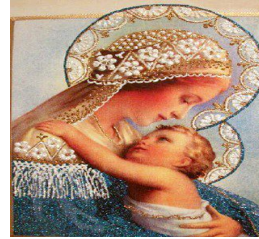
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**MOTHER'S DAY
MASS CARDS**

Mother's Day is May 11th. Cards are available. Return them to the Rectory no later than Wednesday, May 8th, to assure that all

Mothers will be remembered in the Mother's Day Masses. The large cards are for the living and the small envelopes are for the names of the deceased. (note: they can be dropped off in the rectory mail slot)

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**ST. AEDAN'S
YOUTH GROUP**

is conducting a drive for **MOTHERS DAY to HELP NEW MOTHERS IN NEED** and is being done -together with BIRTHRIGHT.

The following supplies are desperately needed and may be dropped off in the vestibule of the church until Friday, May 9 : Diapers (Newborn sizes 3-6), Pacifiers, Baby Blankets, Baby Bottles, Onesies, Baby Wipes and Enfamil Formula. Please provide **only new items**

OPEN GYM NIGHT ON FRIDAY, MAY 9 (7 PM -9 PM) will consist of two parts: the **FIRST** hour the teens will package these items and the **SECOND** hour will be basketball, games, etc with pizza, snacks and soft drinks. Please bring the baby gifts to the box in the vestibule of the church and encourage your teens and their friends to come and help as **1 SERVICE HOUR WILL BE AWARDED.** Any additional information may be obtained from Anne or Pat Byrne by calling them at **845 735-8786** or patrickjbyrne@verizon.net

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**FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL AT
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