



**The Roman Catholic Parish  
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rooted in the Eucharist  
and committed to the poor.

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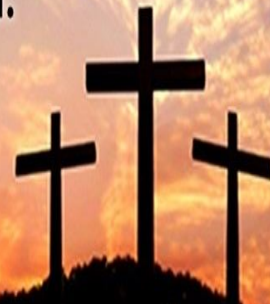
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*He is Risen*

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.

Rejoice in the resurrection of

*Jesus Christ.*



WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!

**Sunday Mass Schedule**

(Vigil Mass)  
Saturday —5:00PM

Sunday  
8:30AM, 10:30AM  
and 6:00PM

**Confession:** Saturday at 4PM  
or other days by appointment.

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

8:30AM Monday—Saturday

"It would be easier for the  
world to survive without the  
sun than to do so without the  
Holy Mass."

St. Padre Pio

**SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT****The weekend of March 24th and 25th**

Total amount in envelopes: \$ 9,345

Loose: \$ 2,901

Online We Share: \$ 3,100**Total Offered: \$15,346****Mortgage Reduction: \$ 3,142****WE DID IT...PRAISE JESUS!**

Sincere thanks to those who have contributed to the Lenten Appeal for our sister parish in Haiti. Our goal was to raise \$30,000 to place a water filtration system there so that for the first time in their history they will have access to water that is fit for human consumption. To date **\$57,010** has been raised—**\$55,755** from **95** individuals/families and **\$1,255** in cash donations placed in the water containers in the vestibule of the church.

The water filtration system has been ordered. They are assembled as ordered and so within a few weeks it should be ready to be shipped to Haiti and then on to Nanpol for installation and use. This is an awesome, life changing and wonderful gift to our sisters and brothers.

Thank you to all who have contributed in this great act of love and care.

**Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.**

As revealed to St. Faustina by Jesus

**2PM**—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**3PM**—Divine Mercy Image venerated, the Chaplet sung and concluded with Benediction.

Conditions to obtain the full benefits of Divine Mercy on this Feast day:

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter;
2. Sincerely repent of all your sins;
3. Place complete trust in Jesus;
4. Go to Confession\* preferably before that Sunday;
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast;
6. Venerate the Image of Divine Mercy;
7. Be merciful to others, through your actions, words and prayers on their behalf.

\* Confession may take place 20 days before or after the Feast of Divine Mercy.

**MASS INTENTIONS****MONDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER*****April 2nd***

**8:30AM** Gabrielle Delia (*Living*)  
Joseph Connolly  
Susie Matinho

**TUESDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER*****April 3rd***

**8:30AM** Lydia Robinson (*Living*)  
Joan Endsley  
Carmela Lopiano

**WEDNESDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER*****April 4th***

**8:30AM** John Klebash, Jr.  
Catherine Sheridan  
David D'Addio

**THURSDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER*****April 5th***

**8:30AM** The O'Neill and Lister Families (*Living*)  
Giovannina DiPaolo  
Maria Criolo

**FRIDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER*****April 6th***

**8:30AM** Mark Hall  
Susie Matinho  
Christine dos Santos

**SATURDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER*****April 7th***

**8:30AM** Nunzio Dagostino  
Ida Blaschek  
Mary and Matthew Sheridan

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**5:00PM (Vigil)** John Seylaz  
Alexandria Ruda  
Fr. Richard Scanlon

**SUNDAY*****April 8th***

**8:30AM** Angela and Carmine Crincoli  
Willard and Gretchen Dolman  
Rocco and Philomena Marchetto

**10:30AM** Michael John Elia  
Anthony LaRezza  
Edythe Tangreti  
Ursula Fernandez

**2-3PM—Holy Hour****3PM—Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction**

**6:00PM** The Velazquez Family (*Living*)  
Somir Trauwaert  
Deceased members of the parish



## So? Who really is the fool?

Constantine the Great was the first Christian Roman emperor. His father Constantius I, who succeeded Diocletian as emperor in AD 305, was a pagan with a soft heart for Christians. When he ascended the throne, he discovered that many Christians held important jobs in the government and in the court. So, he issued an executive order to all those Christians: "Either give up Christ or give up your jobs." The great majority of Christians gave up their jobs rather than disowning Christ. Only a few cowards gave up their religion rather than lose their jobs. The emperor was pleased with the majority who showed the courage of their convictions and gave their jobs back to them saying: "If you will not be true to your God you will not be true to me either." What is the "job" of a Christian? It is to proclaim Jesus raised and present in our lives and in the world. The intimacy we have in Jesus reminds us that unlike other spiritual mentors Jesus does not just teach or talk about what this entails, He has shown us by His life, passion, death and resurrection. How many though would give up, or have in essence already given up Christ and their baptismal vocation, for the things of this world.

Many have commented to me about the irony that Easter Sunday falls on April 1st, April Fools day, this year. There are many theories about the origin of April Fools day. One of the more widely known theory is that when the western world employed the Julian calendar, years began on March 25. Festivals marking the start of the New Year were celebrated on the first day of April because March 25 fell during Holy Week. The adoption of the Gregorian calendar during the 1500s moved the New Year to January 1. According to the most widely-believed origin postulated for April Fools' Day, those who could be tricked into believing April 1 was still the proper day to celebrate the New Year earned the sobriquet of April fools. To this end, French peasants would unexpectedly drop in on neighbors on that day in a effort to confuse them into thinking they were receiving a New Year's call. Out of that supposedly grew the tradition of testing the patience of family and friends. But that's only one theory. Others are: The timing of this day of pranks seems to be related to the arrival of spring, when nature "fools" mankind with fickle weather, according to the *Encyclopedia of Religion* and the *Encyclopedia Britannica*. *The Country Diary of Garden Lore*, which chronicles the goings-on in an English garden, says that April Fools' Day "is thought to commemorate the fruitless mission of the rook (the European crow), who was sent out in search of land from Noah's flood-encircled ark." Others theorize it may have something to do with the Vernal Equinox. Some think to tie in with the Romans' end-of-winter celebration, Hilaria, and the end of the Celtic new year festival.

The last time Easter fell on April Fools' Day was in 1956. Due to the quirks involved in dating Easter against the Gregorian calendar, the two coincide only intermittently. After 2018, the next one is 2029, and then again in 2040—but after that, not again in this century. April Fools' Day is not significant in Christianity, but the celebration of Easter is of the greatest significance. So great that in her liturgy, we the Church, celebrate Easter Day with an Octave, that is Easter Day is celebrated for 8 days and then the season is celebrated for 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. That alone should help us understand how significant the celebration of Easter is for us. Each of us will have renewed the promises of our Baptism today and will have been blessed with Holy Water the reminder of how and when we entered into Christ and benefit from the covenant which has been made by Him on our behalf. The "job" so to speak, from the renewal is that we have deeper conviction and desire to live out our Christian life each day. Our job is to glorify God. This must be our purpose in life, whatever we do, do all to the glory of God. How are we to accomplish this? By placing our faith, hope and trust in Jesus Christ, by drawing from the grace of the Sacraments, by being faithful to all that the Lord commands of us especially the command to love as He loves, by surrendering our will to His in all things.

It is in the doing that we become more like the One who gave His life for us, the One who causes our life to have deep purpose, value and intent, the One who raises an Alleluia! within us irrespective of what we might be encountering or enduring. And that is no joke!

Happy Easter, Beatus Paschae, Buona Pasqua, Joyeuses Pâques, Wesolych Świąt, Feliz Páscoa, ¡Felices Pascuas!, Frohe Ostern, and my thanks to each and every one who in desiring to live their vocation in Christ help make this community a beacon of light, love and goodness.

Peace,  
Fr. Richard

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS****Those who serve in the military:**

James Minogue, Nick Ragazzo, Stephen J. Campbell, Sean Milde, Frank Fasano, Richard Lister, Eric Leverone, Jay Donato, Frank Messina, Eileen Murphy, Peter Giovanni, John E. Siedler IV

**Those who are ill:**

Susan Rica, Jenny Sama, Frank Critelli, Nancy Laible, Cathy Bognar, John Daglian, Parker Watson, Annette McGrory, Lou Aroneo, Patrick Bergin, Lynne Coombs, Lucy Bustillos, Paula Matchen, May Hill, Caitlin Shea, Bill Wallisch, Larry Oster, Nanci Gamba, Elizabeth Early, Serenity Rose Apuzzo, Helen Munro and Eric Binner

**Those who have died to this world**

Angela Blake

**Requiescat in Pace**

May all the faithful who have departed this world rest in your eternal peace. Amen



**Eucharistic Adoration takes place this First Friday, April 6th immediately following the 8:30am Mass until Saturday 8:00am. Prayerfully consider sharing your time with the Lord over these 24 hours.**

**Daily Mass Readings****Monday**

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday**

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday**

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday**

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

**First Friday**

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

**First Saturday**

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION**

Next weekend our second collection will be for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection). Thank you for your generosity.

**READINGS FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY****First Reading: Acts 4:32-35**

This passage describes the actions of the first community of Christians. They were of "one heart and one mind." They had no rich or poor among them, for they shared all necessary items with one another.

**Second Reading: I John 5:1-6**

John explains that we become God's children by believing in Jesus. When we love God and concern ourselves only with pleasing God, our faith is strong enough to conquer the evil in our world.

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

Jesus appeared to the disciples despite locked doors, breathed on them so that they could receive the Holy Spirit, and gave them the power to forgive sins in his name. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe without seeing Jesus for himself. Jesus appeared again when Thomas was present, and told him, "Blest are they who have not seen and have believed."

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS**

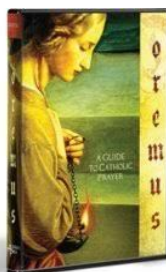
Any Catholic adult who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation but is interested in doing so should contact Fr. Richard so that information can be shared and arrangements to receive the Sacrament can be made. The Sacrament of Confirmation completes the Rite of Initiation for a Catholic into the Sacramental life of the Church.

Confirmation pours into our souls the power of the Holy Spirit and his seven gifts – just like the Apostles received at Pentecost.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Thursdays—Bible Study** focusing on the readings for Mass each Sunday and takes place in two sessions: 1:00pm to 2:30pm **and** repeated from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Library.

**There will be no sessions Easter Thursday.**

**Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer**

Fr. Richard is beginning an inspiring eight part study on the essentials for an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks discover how to place yourself in God's presence.

**Oremus** includes 8 video presentations, small group discussions and inspiring readings and reflections. The sessions will take place 8 Wednesdays beginning April 11th from 7:30 to 9:00PM. **Participants must register.** Visit our website or call the office to register.

***Easter Flowers 2018***  
***In remembrance of those who have gone to the Lord.***

Nancy Alfano  
 Members of the Andrews and Vincendese Families  
 Deceased members of the Aroneo Family  
 Deceased members of the Arpaio Family  
 Christopher Bowman  
 Deceased members of the Buziak Family  
 Callery and Giordano Family  
 Francesca Caggiano  
 Sal and Roberta Caggiano  
 Bob and Shirley Caporaso  
 Deceased members of the Carton Family  
 Deceased members of the Cherniak Family  
 Thomas Chesney  
 Barbara Cicalese  
 Generoso Cicchetti  
 John B. Conant  
 Jack Costanzo  
 Deceased members of the Critelli Family  
 Columbia and Janice D'Arienzo  
 Ed and George DeFabio  
 Richard A. DelleBovi  
 Deceased members of the DeLuca Family  
 Constance DeMizio  
 Joseph P. Devlin  
 Raymond Diehl  
 Willard and Gretchen Dolman  
 Christine dos Santos  
 Walter and Julia Dreyer  
 Peter Dunigan  
 Peter and Alice Dunigan  
 Michael John Elia  
 Deceased members of the Fabian Family  
 Raymond Faiola  
 Thomas and Nancy Fallon  
 Anthony Falzarano  
 Katie Falzarano  
 Tony Fama  
 Celedonio Fernandez  
 Louis and Carmel Ferraro  
 Deceased members of the Ferraris and Ludeña Families  
 Deceased members of the Filannino Family  
 Patsy Filippone  
 Linda Joy Finnegan  
 Marilyn Fogarty  
 Josephine Forte  
 William French  
 Andrew and Lillian Gale  
 Deceased members of the Gallagher Family  
 Frank Gamba  
 Steven Geis  
 Irene Diane Gerdau  
 Frank and Jessie Giacumbo  
 Deceased members of the Giacumbo and Smith Families  
 Charles Gildea  
 Cornelius Gildea  
 Brian Gillespie  
 Christopher Giraldo

Deceased members of the Gobel Family  
 Flavio, Camilo, Maria and Elias Granados  
 Great Grammy  
 Jack and Valerie Gray  
 Dominick and Mary Grillo  
 Victor Guidetti, III  
 Thomas A. Hall, Sr.  
 Deceased members of the Higgins Family  
 Ann Hilbert  
 Richard and Dorothy Hildebrand  
 Deceased members of the Houck Family  
 Violet Irber  
 Deceased members of the Italiano Family  
 Anthony Jaconski  
 John and Mary Jack  
 Zaida de Jimenez  
 Mary and Jane Kehoe  
 Mr. and Mrs. James M. Kennelly, Jr.  
 Dennis Kinsella  
 Walter and Mary Koczela  
 Antionette Krieger  
 Jack and Rose Lalli  
 Walter L. Lang  
 Walter W. Lang  
 Amanda Rose Laura  
 Andrew and Vickie Laura  
 Robert and Marie Laurent  
 John Lehnert  
 Peter J. LoCascio  
 Deceased members of the Lonergan Family  
 Anthony and Rosina Long  
 Walter MacDuff  
 Deceased members of the Magliaro Family  
 Salvatore and Elissa Malanga  
 Deceased members of the Mandato Family  
 Larry Marchese, Sr.  
 Rocco and Filomena Marchetto  
 G. Randagio Marino  
 Vito and Gerardina Marino  
 Susie Matinho  
 Edward and Eleanor McCabe  
 Deceased members of the McCardle Family  
 John and Lucy McDonough  
 Deceased members of the McLaughlin Family  
 Eugene McMahon  
 Deceased members of the McMonagle Family  
 Katie and RJ McNally  
 Deceased members of the Melillo Family  
 Deceased members of the Mendes Family  
 Agnes Mocarski  
 Dolores Mocarski  
 Pat Moran  
 Peter and Suzanne Mota  
 John Murphy  
 Frank M. Nagle  
 Deceased friends and relatives of the Napholtz Family  
 Charles Nyquist





Deceased members of the O'Brien Family  
 Louise O'Brien  
 Deceased members of the Ochrymowych Family  
 Deceased members of the O'Meara Family  
 Patricia Filippone O'Neill  
 Paul Orlando  
 Mario and Sally Ortolani  
 Deceased members of the Oster Family  
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 Ben and Mark Palumbo  
 Beatrice Patti  
 Michael and Rita Pavlo  
 William and Gladys Perry  
 Deceased members of the Petrizzo Family  
 Rose Pignone  
 Andrew and Mary Pisansky  
 Deceased members of the Pniewski Family  
 Paul Placenti  
 Deceased members of the Quinn Families  
 Raffaele & Family and Gino & Family  
 Henry and Jenny Rehbein  
 Helena Rohal  
 Martha Rose  
 Peter Rossi  
 Josephine Russell  
 George and Lucille Russo  
 Deceased members of the Ryan Family  
 John and Jeanne Ryan  
 Maria Sartor  
 Paul Scanlon  
 H. John Schank, II  
 Deceased members of the Schubauer Family  
 Ed Scott, Sr.  
 Scrudato Family  
 Deceased members of the Semler Family  
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 Catherine A. Silva  
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 Jack and Mickey Stack  
 Deceased members of the Slockbower Family  
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 Judy Young  
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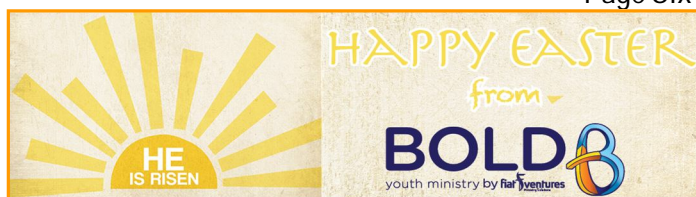
## 2018 CALENDAR RAFFLE



The winner of our fifth drawing will be announced next weekend.

The **next drawing** takes place on **Wednesday, April 4th** with the winning prize amount of **\$2,000**.

**Parishioners are still needed to sell tickets after all Masses. Please visit the parish website to sign up.**



**Next TNL: Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:30-9pm, JP II Room

Barefoot and BOLD: Where do you stand

and where are you going?

Open to all in grades 9-12.

**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

3:30 - 10:30pm

Sign up to help our brothers and sisters in need by making lunches or going on the run!

Sign up at [boldym.com/svdp/signup](http://boldym.com/svdp/signup)

**Bridges**

**Appalachia**  
 Summer Mission Trip  
**July 29 - August 4, 2018**

Register online:  
[boldym.com/appalachia](http://boldym.com/appalachia)

Open to all currently in high school and older.  
 We are also looking for adult leaders.

Questions? Contact Amilee Beer at [StVincent@boldym.com](mailto:StVincent@boldym.com)  
 (908) 295-8104 | [www.boldym.com/SVDP](http://www.boldym.com/SVDP)

## "SOCK DRIVE" TO SUPPORT GIRL SCOUT TROOP 4581 AND BRIDGES

Girl Scout Troop 4581 members Erin Aroneo and Dena Mistichelli are sponsoring a **Sock Drive to help the homeless** and earn their Silver Award. A basket is available in the vestibule of the church for donations of **new** packages of socks. **All sizes are needed.** The socks will be delivered to the homeless on the Bridges Run scheduled for April 13th. For questions contact Gloria Aroneo [garoneo@verizon.net](mailto:garoneo@verizon.net) or Nicole Mistichelli at [nmisti@me.com](mailto:nmisti@me.com). The girls thank you in advance for your support!

## BRIDGES OUTREACH



Our next **Bridges Run** is **Saturday, April 13th**. Please consider donating the needed supplies by visiting [www.perfectpotluck.com](http://www.perfectpotluck.com).

**Coordinator: Bridges**  
**Password: 2323**

Monetary donations are also accepted.



## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Our meeting will be **Monday, April 2nd**. We will pray the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00pm.

Our meeting will follow in the church meeting room.

New members are always welcome.