

from Father John

Resurrection Past, Future and NOW!

Historical facts of the resurrection of Jesus from death and His bodily return following His crucifixion have been questioned and answered countless times. Evidence is convincing. Christ's Resurrection is foundational for our Faith; if it were not true Christianity would be a cruel shame! St. Paul said, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." (1 Cor 15:17).

The Creeds express the Christian's Faith, "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead." At every Mass of Christian Burial, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ as the prelude to our own resurrection. St. Paul calls Jesus' bodily resurrection the "first fruit" in a future harvest of resurrection for all the faithful ... the glorious reunion of body and spirit. (1 Cor 15:20).

A wonderful article by Joseph Scheumann highlights an important dimension of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: "In Jesus believers are already spiritually resurrected. Those who believe in Christ already have been raised to life with him. "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God (Col 3:1)." Christians are people who are being raised with Christ and can know the power of Resurrection, now.

Resurrection is an "already but not-yet" reality because we are now *in Christ*! Through this valley of tears and struggle, we await in Hope the fullness of the resurrection to come. (Romans 8:22-13). May your Happy Easter be a time you realize anew the power of the Resurrection for your life, **NOW!**

Daily Masses

Saturday, March 31 – Great Vigil of Easter

Gn 1:1-2:2, Gn 22:1-18, Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11,
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
8:30 p.m. For the **Parish Family**

Sunday, April 1 – Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9
8:30 a.m. **Jerry Jenkins** by the Jenkins Family
11:00 a.m. **Fred Rubeck** by Chris Rubeck

Monday, April 2

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
8:30 a.m. **Novena**

Tuesday, April 3

Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
8:30 a.m. **No Mass**

Wednesday, April 4

Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
12:00 p.m. **Maureen Jajczyk** by Phil Feldmeier

Thursday, April 5

Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
8:30 a.m. **Lillian Bialosky** by Tiffany Rude

Friday, April 6

Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
8:30 a.m. **John & Elizabeth Bruns** by the Jenkins Family

Saturday, April 7

Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
5:00 p.m. **Rita & George Martini**
by the Hinterschied Family

Sunday, April 8 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
8:30 a.m. **Doug Elzey** by Dick & Judi Matz
11:00 a.m. For the **Parish Family**

Weekly Offerings Report

Parish Sunday Offerings

March 18, 2018	\$ 4,273
Average Weekly Offering (July-February 2018)	\$ 4,201
Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,600

Designated Offerings (to date)

Catholic Relief Services	\$ 419
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,026

Please consider strong financial support
of St. Mary Church. Thank you!

There will be no PSR Classes today, Easter Sunday, April 1!

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY: Beginning Wednesday, April 4, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., prior to the Noon Mass and will be available each Wednesday going forward.

Holy Land Missions: Thank you for support of this mission which helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education, and helps to preserve the sacred shrines in the Holy Land. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated!

Rice Bowls may be turned in. Please put your donations in the basket located in the PSR office at the back of the church. Thank you for your participation and generosity.

Annual Trash-n-Treasure: Groveport Zion Lutheran Church Women's Group is hosting this annual two-day event on Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21. Times are Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch and baked goods will be available for sale.

Announcements



Online Giving... a convenient service for contributions! Online Giving is a web-based program that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. It's very easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the Internet. If you haven't already signed up, go to our parish website at www.groveportstmary.org and select Online Giving.

Thank You!

Easter Triduum – "Coming together is a calling, staying together is love, working together is the Church." Our Holy Week Triduum happens with love, work and communion. Thank you to all for the time and energy working together for a beautifully rich and spiritual Lent and celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection. It's difficult to express the depth of appreciation for the generosity of time and energy of each volunteer...and there were many. Please accept our heartfelt thanks. Happy Easter and may God bless you and your family.

Eucharistic Adoration will be this Friday, April 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. concluding with Benediction. This is a good opportunity to take a break from your busy day to spend some time with Our Lord!

♪ ♪ **Adult Choir** – Please thank the choir members for their dedication and contribution to the liturgy of Holy Week. There will be no choir practice on Wednesday, April 4. For information about choir, call Lisa Leonard, Choir Director at 614-738-9830 or email lisaleonard22@aol.com.

Be an Angel – St. Mary Prayer Line is a silent and anonymous prayer ministry that responds to the requests of others. Prayer requests are received via email, mail or voice message and then forwarded to Prayer Line Angels via email. Don't use email? A mailing of prayer requests goes out approximately every other week. To join this ministry, contact Donna Lesko, 614-596-0745 or email prayerline99@hotmail.com.

The Parish Office will be closed Easter Monday, April 2.

SVDP NEWS:

- Boxed dinners, e.g., Hamburger and Tuna Helper, is April's *pantry food item*.
- *Sandwiches for the homeless* at St. Lawrence Haven will be prepared on Monday, April 2 at 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed!
- The next meeting will be Sunday, April 8 at noon in the Parish Hall.
- **Spring Cleaning:** Recycle your purged items by donating the weekend of April 28/29, when the *SVdP clothing/household/furniture truck* returns to St. Mary parking lot. Volunteers will be available to unload your items. Your used items may be someone else's treasure.

SICK AND SHUT-INS – Please pray for these Parishioners in need: Mary Jane Boden, Joe Groom & Family, Ken Watters, Jim & Cathy Williams & Family

Alleluia, He is Risen...Happy Easter to All!

IMPORTANT DATES

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| April 2 | 11:00 a.m. Sandwich Making for Homeless |
| April 3 | 1:00 p.m. Forever Young Club meeting |
| April 6 | 9:00 a.m. to noon Adoration followed by Benediction |
| April 10 | 10:00 a.m. Craft Club with Potluck Lunch
7:00 p.m. Confirmation |
| April 11 | 7:00 p.m. Men's Group Monthly Meeting |
| April 17 | 6:30 p.m. ARS Prayer Service
Followed by Meeting |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	CANTORS
Saturday, April 7 5:00 p.m.	Marita Surry, Brian Ropchock	Jeff Ruehl, Joe Stewart	Theresa Chopp, Sandy Trammer, Peggy Egbert, Carol Van Auken, Pam Gerardi	Debra Smith
Sunday, April 8 8:30 a.m.	Haylee Cline, Branson Cline, Colleene Weiser, Dominic Gerardi	JoAnn Yarger, JoEllen Stebleton	Christine Boucher, Mark Dorion, Irene Fagan, Tammy Dorion, Pat Jenkins	Susan Howell
Sunday, April 8 11:00 a.m.	Connie Brown, Matthew Hambrick, Sandro Nuakey	Patricia Raynak, Mary Mashburn	Jean Bobst, Dorothy Carter, Jan Gale, Noreen Reeves, Bill Reeves	Rachel Lorenz