Easter
SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021

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Do not be amazed!
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.
He has been raised; he is not here.

Mark 16:6

Masses for the Week

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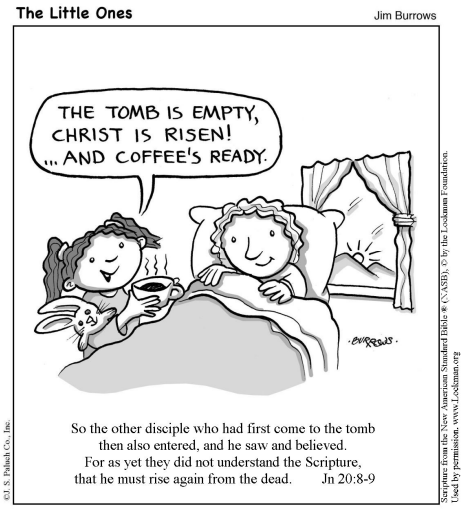
Monday, April 5
7:00pm - NO MASS
Tuesday, April 6
9:30am - Jerry Severns - Family
Wednesday, April 7
7:00pm - All Parishioners
Thursday, April 8
9:30am - Tim Zmuginsky - Family
Friday, April 9
9:30am - All Parishioners

Second Sunday of Easter
Saturday, April 10
4:30pm - Darrell & Gazella Quinn - Family
Sunday, April 11
8:30am - Living & deceased members of the Holy Name Society
11:00am - Deceased members of the DiLuciano Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



CONGRATULATIONS to Gina Teets and her son Noah who were received into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. And to John Teets who was confirmed at the same time with his wife and son.

As we welcome them into the Church, may we continue to support them with our prayers and actions. And may they be a sign to us of the Spirit of God active in our midst through the gifts and talents they offer to the Church.

SCHOLARSHIP: We will be awarding two $500 scholarships to eligible parishioners who complete the application form by May 16th. To be eligible a candidate must be a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Peace and active in the parish, or active in the church on campus were they go to college. Applications can be picked up in the Gathering Area, Parish Office or the parish website:
https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/13722/documents/2021/3/Scholarship%20Application.pdf

To fund these scholarship there will be a second collection the weekend of May 1/2.

DISCIPLE MAKER SURVEY: Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Disciple Maker Index. If you have not taken the survey yet, the diocese has extended the deadline to April 19th. This will offer us an opportunity to have more people respond and to then have a better picture of the parish. We will be receiving a summary of the results that will then be used in future planning for the parish. Thank you for providing this information to help in making the parish an even better community of faith.

Pray for the Sick: Pray for the Sick: David Blackburn, Jose' Magiste, Leon Denomme, David Myers, Kathy Borowy, Lee Severns, Bille Updegrove, Al Machovina, Pat Wracker, Cathy Buckland, Don Gates, Ken Schroeder, Shayne Reisinger, Dennis Frabotta, Carol Cordy, Alex Krutowskis, Guy Page, Pastora Galarza, Colette Williams, Gail Falk, Jeff Frantz, Kevin Stanard, Randy Wrege, Mark Petricevic, Gladys Rising, Jeff Pfeiffer, Gloria Janosko, John Norris, Becca Mullins, Grace Smith, Michele Miller, Monica Schaefer, George Schaefer, Patricia Norris, Al Traxler, DeeDee Tumbas, Edward Bahl and Cathy Cornish.

Please call the Parish Office 440-926-2364, or email us at ***info@olqpgrafton.org*** to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

PASTOR'S CORNER: In the Gospel of Mark (Mark 16:1-7) we read that the women went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. "They were saying to one another, 'Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large." It was the power of God that raised Jesus up from the dead. A power of extraordinary love. When the women looked up, they saw that what seemed impossible to them was possible. The large stone had been moved. What we celebrate on Easter is that God has to the power to make the impossible, possible. Not even death has the final say. In looking up to God we can have the confidence that no matter what the large stone is in our life, God has the final say. What is the stone right now in your life that is holding you back? What is the fear or anxiety that is keeping you entombed and preventing you from living life as God has called you to? This Easter may we be strengthened in our belief in God who has the power to move whatever it is that seems impossible in our life.

It is so good to be able to celebrate Easter this year in the parish. Thank you to those who have made it possible for us to Livestream the Mass this year and to all who have helped as ministers and cleaners to make in-person worship possible. I also wish to thank those who have continued to financially support the parish during these months. Your sacrificial giving has enabled us to continue to maintain the parish and to anticipate growth in the months to come.

The Parish Council has been active during this past year and is currently focusing on events and ministries to have in place to welcome everyone back in the months to come. Watch for details to emerge soon.

As we celebrate our belief in the resurrection from the dead, may we keep in our prayers all those who have died, especially those who have died in the past year. And please keep their loved ones who mourn their death in prayer.

This past year has challenged each of us and in different ways. May we keep each other in prayer that we may be renewed in our resurrection faith that there is no obstacle that can keep us entombed when we look to the power of God's extraordinary love.

God's Peace,

Fr. John

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION will be Saturday, April 10th at 10:00am in the parish hall. We will be reading the gospels for the Sundays in the Easter season and listening for the word that God has for us in His Word. We will hear of how the mystery of the Resurrection is unfolded through the weeks of the Easter Season.

WOMEN OF FAITH: Join us for our next meeting on April 11th at 6:00pm in the parish hall for prayer, discussion and fellowship. For more information, please call Patti at 355-5621.

MEN'S FAITH SHARING will be Sunday, April 18th at 6:00pm in the parish hall. The time begins with a half hour of private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament followed by prayer and reflection in the group setting. In these days of uncertainty and anxiety it is good to come together (in a safe and socially distant manner) to support each other and grow in faith.

This month we will be using Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde,* (With a Father's Love) to begin our discussion time. Copies of the letter are available in the St. Joseph Room in the church and at the parish office.

DRIVE THRU TAKE-OUT KIELBASA DINNER: Our Lady Queen of Peace Holy Name Society will be having another drive thru take-out Kielbasa dinner on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 6-7:30pm in the Church parking lot 708 Erie St., Grafton. Never have to leave your car! Dinners are $8 each and include Kielbasa, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, and dessert. Orders must be placed in advance no later than Sunday, April 18, 2021 6:00pm at 440-355-5621 or emailing ***OLQPHNS@gmail.com*** Please leave your name, phone and number of meals. 50/50 drawing will also be held. We look forward to seeing you!

RICE BOWL RETURNS: Rice Bowls can be put in the basket on the table by the south window of the Gathering Area. If you did not participate in the Rice Bowl program during Lent, you may still make a donation to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) that sponsors the Rice Bowl program. 25% of the funds collected stay here in the Diocese of Cleveland for our Catholic Charities Emergency Hunger and Shelter Fund. This past year CRS (Catholic Relief Services), with the support of Catholics from across the United States helped over 159 million people in over 100 countries. For more information go to:
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