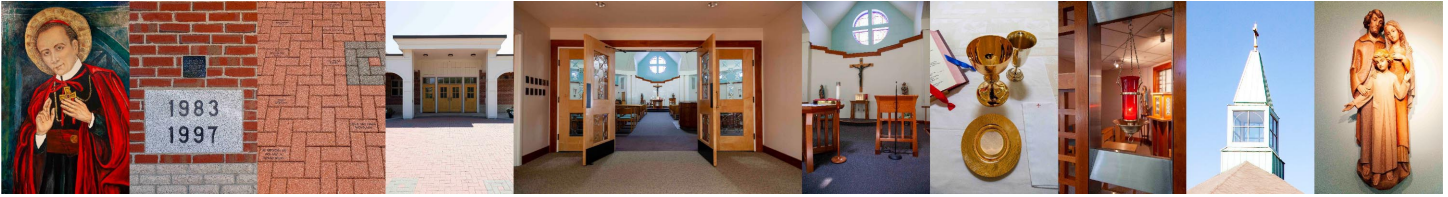


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EASTER SUNDAY
April 9, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipatory) 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday (Labor Day thru Memorial Day) 6:00 PM
Daily (Mon, Wed-Fri) 12:15 PM

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
And before/after daily Mass, or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered the first Sunday of each month following the 10:00 AM Mass.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

**VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK,
ANointing OF THE SICK**

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised. —Luke 24:5-7

The first excerpt below is the whole of St John Chrysostom's (d. 407, Archbishop and Patriarch of Constantinople) Paschal Homily. So revered is the homily, majestic and soaring proclamation of Christ's resurrection: Christ has triumphed over evil/death, that it is read aloud each year on Easter Sunday in both Orthodox and Eastern Rite Catholic churches. The second excerpt is from a Holy Saturday (3 Apr 2010) homily of Pope Benedict XVI on the oil of mercy, the medicine of immortality.



THE DISCIPLES RUNNING TO THE SEPULCHRE
by Eugene Burnand (d. 1921)

VICTIMAE PASCHALI

CHRISTIANS, to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems: Christ, who only is sinless, reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: the Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. Yes, my Christ my hope is arisen: to Galilee he goes before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

WHOSOEVER is pious and loves God, let him enjoy this good and cheerful festival.
WHOSOEVER is a grateful servant, let him rejoice and enter into the joy of the Lord. WHOSOEVER is weary of fasting, let him now receive his earnings. WHOSOEVER has labored from the first hour, let him today accept his just reward. WHOSOEVER has come after the third hour, let him with thanksgiving take part in the celebration.

Whosoever has arrived after the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings, for he too shall suffer no loss. Whosoever has delayed until the ninth hour, let him approach without hesitation. Whosoever has arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not fear the delay, for the Master is gracious: He receives the last even as the first; He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that has labored from the first; and to him that delayed He gives mercy, and the first He restores to health; to the one He gives, to the other He bestows. And He accepts the works, and embraces the contemplation; the deed He honors, and the intention He commends.

Therefore let everyone enter into the joy of the Lord. The first and the last, receive your wages. Rich and poor, dance with each other. The temperate and the slothful, honor this day. Ye who have fasted and ye who have not, rejoice this day. The table is fully laden; all of you delight in it. The calf is plenteous, let no one depart hungry. Let everyone enjoy this banquet of faith. Let everyone take pleasure in the wealth of goodness. Let no one lament his poverty, for the universal kingdom has appeared. Let no one bewail for his transgressions, for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He who was held by death, eradicated death. He plundered Hades when He descended into Hades. He EMBITTERED it, when it tasted of His flesh, and this being foretold by Isaiah when he cried: Hades said it was EMBITTERED, when it encountered Thee below. EMBITTERED, for it was abolished. EMBITTERED, for it was ridiculed. EMBITTERED, for it was put to death. EMBITTERED, for it was dethroned. EMBITTERED, for it was made captive. It received a body and by chance came face to face with God. It received earth and encountered heaven. It received that which it could see, and was overthrown by Him whom he could not see. Where, O death, is your sting? Where, O Hades is your victory? CHRIST IS RISEN, and thou art cast down. CHRIST IS RISEN, and the demons have fallen. CHRIST IS RISEN, and the angels rejoice. CHRIST IS RISEN, and life is liberated. CHRIST IS RISEN, and no one remains dead in a tomb. For Christ having risen from the dead, has become the first-fruits of those that have fallen asleep.

To Him be glory and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

AN ANCIENT JEWISH LEGEND from the apocryphal book "The life of Adam and Eve" recounts that, in his final illness, Adam sent his son

Seth together with Eve into the region of Paradise to fetch the OIL OF MERCY, so that he could be anointed with it and healed. The two of them went in search of the tree of life, and after much praying and weeping on their part, the Archangel Michael appeared to them, and told them they would not obtain the oil of the TREE OF MERCY and that Adam would have to die. Later, Christian readers added a word of consolation to the Archangel's message, to the effect that after 5,500 years the loving King, Christ, would come, the Son of God who would anoint all those who believe in him with the oil of his mercy. "The OIL OF MERCY from eternity to eternity will be given to those who are reborn of water and the Holy Spirit. Then the Son of God, Christ, abounding in love, will descend into the depths of the earth and will lead your father into Paradise, to the TREE OF MERCY." This legend lays bare the whole of humanity's anguish at the destiny of illness, pain and death that has been imposed upon us. Man's resistance to death becomes evident: somewhere—people have constantly thought—there must be some cure for death. Sooner or later it should be possible to find the remedy not only for this or that illness, but for our ultimate destiny—for death itself. Surely the MEDICINE OF IMMORTALITY must exist.

What is new and exciting in the Christian message, in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, was and is that we are told: yes indeed, this cure for death, this true MEDICINE OF IMMORTALITY, does exist. It has been found. It is within our reach. In baptism, this medicine is given to us. A new life begins in us, a life that matures in faith and is not extinguished by the death of the old life, but is only then fully revealed.

To this some, perhaps many, will respond: I certainly hear the message, but I lack faith. And even those who want to believe will ask: but is it really so? How are we to picture it to ourselves? How does this transformation of the old life come about, so as to give birth to the new life that knows no death? Once again, an ancient Jewish text can help us form an idea of the mysterious process that begins in us at baptism. There it is recounted how the patriarch Enoch was taken up to the throne of God. But he was filled with fear in the presence of the glorious angelic powers, and in his human weakness he could not contemplate the face of God. "Then God said to Michael, 'Take Enoch and remove his earthly clothing. Anoint him with sweet oil and vest him in the robes of glory!' And Michael took off my garments, anointed me with sweet oil, and this oil was more than a radiant light ... its splendor was like the rays of the sun. When I looked at myself, I saw that I was like one of the glorious beings."

Precisely this—being reclothed in the new garment of God—is what happens in baptism, so the Christian faith tells us. To be sure, this changing of garments is something that continues for the whole of life. What happens in baptism is the beginning of a process that embraces the whole of our life—it makes us fit for eternity, in such a way that, robed in the garment of light of Jesus Christ, we can appear before the face of God and live with him for ever.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Apr 9, EASTER SUNDAY — OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:00 AM | Sunday Mass
10:00 AM | Sunday Mass
6:00 PM | Sunday Mass
7:00 PM | Adoration

Apr 10, EASTER MONDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Apr 11, EASTER TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

Apr 12, EASTER WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM | Knitting Group (meets every other Wednesday)
10:00 AM | Faith Sharing
10:30 AM | "JESUS: The Way, the Truth, and the Life"
12:15 PM | Daily Mass
7:00 PM | "JESUS: The Way, the Truth, and the Life"

Apr 13, EASTER THURSDAY

10:00 AM | Thursday Women's Group
10:30 AM | OREMUS: Learn the Essentials of a Fruitful Prayer Life
12:15 PM | Daily Mass
7:00 PM | OREMUS: Learn the Essentials of a Fruitful Prayer Life

Apr 14, EASTER FRIDAY

10:00 AM | Food Pantry
12:15 PM | Daily Mass, followed by Adoration

Apr 15, EASTER SATURDAY

9:00 AM | Divine Mercy Cenacle (1st/3rd Sat)
9:30 AM | Widow's Group (2nd Sat of month)
4:00 PM | Confession (until 5:00 PM)
5:30 PM | Anticipatory Sunday Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 8 (Sat), 5:30 PM Rick Boucher (req. by the Boucher Family)
Apr 9 (Sun), 8:00 AM Eugene Mooney (req. by Mark & Margaret Roy)
Apr 9, 10:00 AM Laurence Richard (req. by JoAnn Markwardt & Alice Lewis)
Apr 9, 6:00 PM St John Neumann Parishioners
Apr 10 (Mon), 12:15 PM Roger Barney (req. by Karen Fletcher)

Apr 12 (Wed), 12:15 PM Jane Martin (5th Anniv., req. by Karen Fletcher)
Apr 13 (Thu), 12:15 PM Peter & Margaret Carr (req. by Mark & Margaret Roy)
Apr 14 (Fri), 12:15 PM Raymond L'Heureux
Apr 15 (Sat), 7:45 PM Laurence Richard (req. by Michael & Alice Lewis)
Apr 16 (Sun), 8:00 AM Mary Lou Yourconis (req. by Maureen Mooney)
Apr 16, 10:00 AM John Holland (req. by Ginny Holland)

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es) for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 16 Apr

2:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration
w/ opportunity for Confession

3:00 PM, Chaplet of Divine Mercy

IN MEMORIAM

Donations for EASTER FLOWER were made in memory of:

Ann Wellman, William Wellman, Charles Vanecek, Helena Vanecek, John Siebert, Edwin & Julia Lemire, Donald Vanecek, Mark Clark, Elfriede Rauscher, Michaela McLaughlin, Virginia Early, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Hetzler, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wadleigh, Annette Marie Koman, Irene & Vic Fournier, Jennie Pinelle, George A. Ritz, Deceased Members of the Maresco Family, Deceased Members of the Ammirati Family, Carol Rich, Raymond L'Heureux, Mr. & Mrs. Max Miosek, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Wezalis, Edith Krhoun, Claudia King, Camilla Neveu, Estelle Neveu, Eric Faucher, Deb Cyr, Simon Mardek, the Faucher Family, The Mardek Family, Margaret Elizabeth Watson, Elizabeth Ann Hannan, Little Larry, Larry Boudreau, Mary Boudreau, Rainy Lill, Mary McComack, Richard D. Mihaly, Richard K. Allen, Kelly Family, Henry Ledezma, Cyra Valdez, Victor Fuentes, Eudocia Nunez, Dimas Ramirez, Rose Carolyn McGovern, James F. McGovern, Sr., Elsie Moorehead, Lurena Lemery, Raymond Lemery, Michael Mercier, Thomas Mercier, Ted Zagwyn, Beatrice Lampin, Matthew Harris, John & Florence Neuzil, Filomenia Tranfaglia, Joseph DuBois, Lucille DuBois, Earl Stimson, Ed Towne,

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V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
 R/. *And let perpetual light shine upon them.*
 May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

To add someone to the prayer line, please contact Teri at the parish office: (603) 880-4689, tschmitt@sjnnh.org. Please pray for:

Olivia, Nathan, Debra & family, Teresa & family, Irene & family, Billy, Ashley, Rob & family, Barney, Pat, Mary, Bridget, Diane, Renee, Joe, Leslie, Lorraine, April, Jamie, Joe, Gary, Bill & Rita, Terri, Jim, Dorraine, Ashley, Dale, Cecily, Herbert, Diane, Fred & Izzy, Meredith, Hamesh & Zelda, Unele, Andrea, Patty's Father, Edward, Lois, Patty, Kyle, Sarah, Vivian, River, Lula, Normand, mental wellness, the unemployed, a mother & two children with the gene for blindness, and all of our parishioners and their needs.

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