



A Blessed Easter!

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



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**EASTER SUNDAY OF
THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD
APRIL 17, 2022**

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Easter Vigil

7:30PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

The Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

MONDAY, APRIL 18

Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7:30AM Fay Masterson—Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

7:30AM Michael McGlynn—Memorial

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:30AM Maria Kutty Peter—3rd Anniversary

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Friday within the Octave of Easter

7:30AM Fr. George Behan—Memorial

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:30AM Achille Aquino—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Sean T. Healey—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

The Second Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Rosalie Ferruccio—Birthday Remembrance

9:00AM Emily & Frederick Miller—Memorial

10:30AM Darlene Doyle—Memorial

5:00PM George Lillibridge—Month's Mind





Dear Parishioners:

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!" Today we rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ. However, our Easter joy is muted as we witness war and the continued suffering in Ukraine.

"Contemplation of a war that is so cruel in all its aspects and the thought of the suffering children of the Church inspires in the heart of the Father and forms upon Our lips words of comfort and encouragement. And yet, on this day, We greet you with joyful Alleluia, for it is the day of Christ's triumph over His crucifiers, open and secret, ancient and modern. We convey that greeting to you with the voice and confidence with which, even in the days of the persecution, the early Christians exultantly sang that Alleluia."

Venerable Pope Pius XII spoke these words to the world on Easter 1941. It would be the last Easter before the United States officially entered the Second World War. As on that Easter Sunday over eighty years ago, we again pray for Peace and those suffering the evils of war.

With fear and trepidation like our parents and grandparents on Easter 1941, we watch the violent aggression and invasion of sovereign nations and the death and destruction of war.

As they did eighty years ago, world leaders clamor for Peace and justice today. Yet we watch with horror the continued violence and evil in Ukraine. It can turn our Easter hope into despair and our Easter joy into sorrow.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, and anti-Nazi

dissident. He was known for his staunch resistance to the Nazi regime. He was a vocal opponent of Hitler's euthanasia program and genocidal persecution of the Jews. Arrested in April 1943 by the Gestapo, he was imprisoned. He was hanged to death on April 9, 1945.

During his imprisonment, he wrote: *"Good Friday and Easter free us to think about other things far beyond our own personal fate, about the ultimate meaning of all life, suffering, and events; and we lay hold of a great hope."*

Easter is just as it was on the First Easter and Easter 1941, the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. God's definitive answer to death. Nothing is stronger nor more powerful than He. Through the Resurrection, God has conquered both sin and death.

Nevertheless, there is no lack of despair or hopelessness in our world in these anxious times. We cannot deny what we see: violence, poverty, conflict, hatred, injustice, suffering, and the very face of evil. Moreover, there appears to be no end to such problems, and often they defy easy solutions.

However, we know from the Gospel that following the Passion and death of Jesus Christ, the Apostles who had abandoned the Lord upon his arrest then went into hiding after his death. They, too, were anxious and afraid.

In our time, in response to all these difficulties and uncertainties, some people have turned in toward themselves in fear and loathing. Others pretend that all is well and continue a selfish way of life. Still, others

have become angry, bitter, and cynical, assuming a cold indifference, caring only for themselves.

On the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, as Catholic Christians, we must firmly believe and truly understand that the only true and authentic answer to life's most profound and difficult questions always begins with the Risen Jesus Christ.

The Risen Christ and only the Risen Christ makes us holy and wise. It is He who grants us Peace. It is He who gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. He forgives us our sins in the Sacrament of Confession and speaks to us through the Sacred Scriptures and His Church.

Today the Risen Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, says to us what He said to the Apostles on that First Easter: *"Peace be to you. It is I. Do not be afraid!"*

Today as we renew our promises of baptism at Easter Mass, may we who profess faith in his Resurrection strive to bring Jesus' hope and Peace to all, particularly the poor, the sick, the suffering, and those who live in fear and anxiety. Let us live in the Light of Christ and give witness to Easter joy, faith, hope, and love.

Happy Easter! *Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!* A blessed Easter to you and your loved ones.

Father Healey

Easter Sunday



Reforming our lives during Lent has led us to renewing our baptismal promises at this Easter celebration.

Each Sunday during the Easter season, we should recall our baptism through the rite of blessing and sprinkling holy water.

This is the ideal time of year to celebrate not only baptism but also confirmation and first communion, the sacraments which complete the Christian initiation process begun with baptism.



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2021 OLM Total Donors=336

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Religious Education NEWS

RE Calendar of Events

Easter Sunday, April 17:

No Mass and No Class! Happy Easter!!!!

Sunday April 24:

Mass at 5:00PM & Class- 1st Communion only

Both Parents & Students must attend Mass & Class

Important Dates:

Saturday, May 7: OLM School 1st Communion at 10:00am

Saturday, May7: OLM RE 1st Communion at 12Noon



Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!

Schedule of Events

- Monday, April 18: Easter Vacation Week begins
- Monday, April 24: Classes resume

We wish all our OLM School faculty, staff, students, families, alumni and benefactors a Happy Easter!

Patrick H. McNabb
OLM School Principal

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• OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. **Please place all donated NON-EXPIRED AND non-perishable food items only and paper goods in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House.** Please do not leave medical supplies. Thank you for your support!

• **OLM Bereavement Group: Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 4:00PM** in Mercy House. All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.

• For information about our Outreach Office or Food Pantry, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org

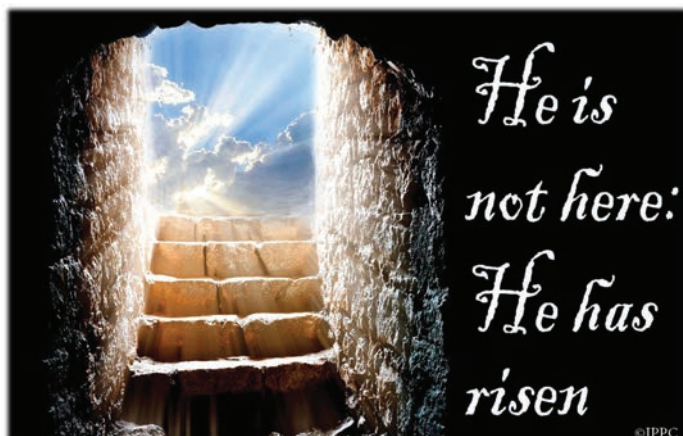
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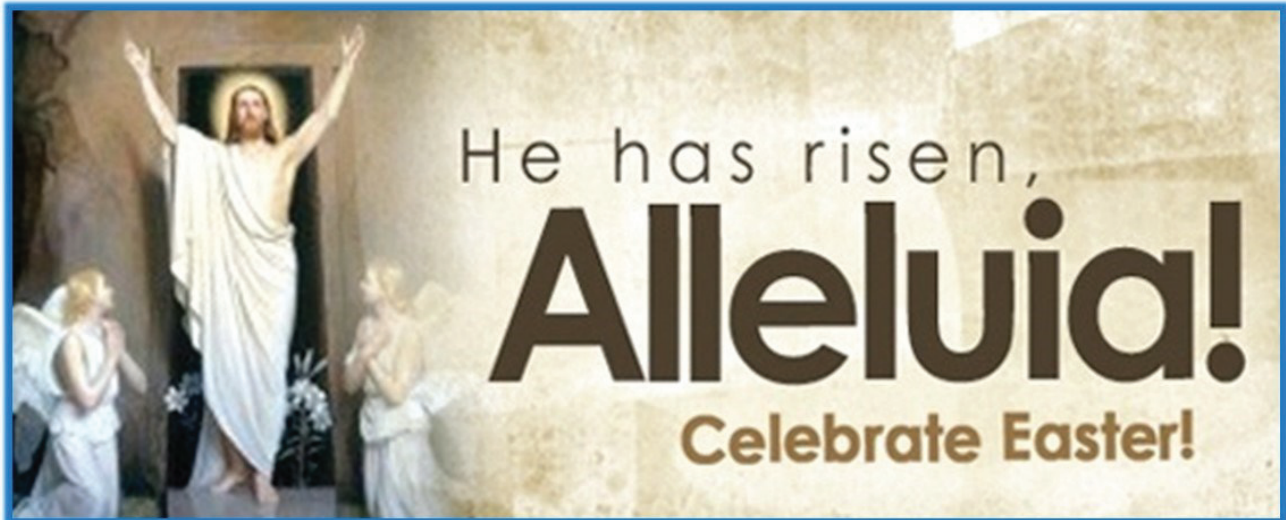


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In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially **Joseph Cormier**, whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last week.



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“TO THE HEIGHTS OF PRAISE!”

Middle School Youth Ministry

Friday, April 29th.

6:30pm-9:00pm

Adoration and Easter Party!

**Middle School students are invited to
join in an evening of praise in the
Church. Followed by an Easter party in
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“WE ARE THE EASTER PEOPLE AND HALLELUJAH IS OUR SONG.”

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