

*Easter Blessings*



*From Saint Mary's, Nutley*  
*April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021*



## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses will be held in the Church until further notice.

### Saturday, April 3

8:00PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, April 4

7:30AM People of the Parish

10:00AM People of the Parish

12:00PM People of the Parish

### Monday, April 5

12:10PM Paul Harrison

### Tuesday, April 6

12:10PM Olympia Seritella

### Wednesday, April 7

12:10PM Rev. Timothy J. Horgan

### Thursday, April 8

12:10PM Elizabeth Cox

### Friday, April 9

12:10PM Mildred Aiguier

### Saturday, April 10

5:00PM Diane Cassidy

### Sunday, April 11

7:30AM Umberto Paniccia

10:00AM Peter Brown

12:00PM Sharon Harrison

Hosts for each Mass have been donated by  
The Rosary Society

### STAY CONNECTED WITH ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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### ST. MARY'S CHURCH IS SERVED BY:

Rev. Thomas D. Nicastrò,  
*Parish Administrator*

Reverend Ralph Siendo,  
*Parochial Vicar*

Deacon Ron Ronacher  
Deacon Carl Lordi

Anthony G. Armando,  
*Director of Faith Formation*

Patrick Perrone, *Trustee*  
Anne Scheidel, *Trustee*

### PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

145 St. Mary's Place

Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm

*Closed on Fridays*

### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!!

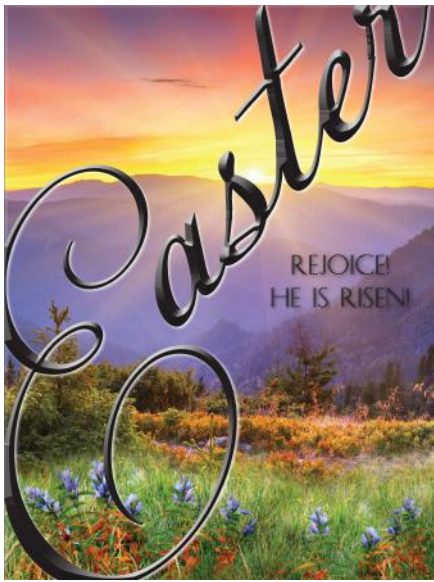
St. Mary's is switching to a new communication tool called **Flocknote** to send out our parish emails. To be sure you don't miss out on our weekly emails, please add [mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com) to your address book or safe senders list to ensure that the emails are landing in your inbox, and not going into spam. We started using **Flocknote** last week, so you can also do a search of your email for *St. Mary's Parish* to see if our emails ended up in a different folder instead of your inbox. Thank you for helping us stay connected to you!

*Vigil Lamps for the Week of  
April 4 – April 10*

Blessed Mother Lamps donated  
In Memory of  
**Joanne Follet**

St. Gerard Lamp donated in Honor of  
**Deacon Ron's  
37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**

Divine Mercy Lamp donated in Honor of  
**Deacon Ron's  
37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

### ***“THE LORD HAS INDEED RISEN, ALLELUIA”***

Truly this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. The Resurrection of our Divine Lord Jesus is truly the basis of our faith. St. Paul tells us without Jesus' victory over death our faith is in vain. Our future resurrection is guaranteed and secured by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each and every year as we celebrate Easter, we recall how the blood of the Lamb has redeemed us. Truly this is a celebration of great joy and thanksgiving. Without Jesus Christ, humankind was plunged into darkness. The Resurrection is our great light for all the world. At the Easter Vigil we heard the words, “May the light of Christ rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts

and minds.” Jesus' Resurrection is a call for each one of us “to be a light for others” and to carry “the light” to others.

“What Easter celebrates is the faith that Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ comes into our lives. The readings at the Easter Mass tell us how the risen Christ came into the lives of the first disciples. The faith tells us He comes into our lives.”

The central way He comes into our lives is through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. “We gather at Mass not just to recall how he came to others but to have Him come to us. Easter is the day of days to stir up our faith and meet Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.” Every Sunday we celebrate a “little Easter” on the first day of the week, the day Jesus rose from the dead. When Jesus promised the Eucharist he said, “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has everlasting life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” “Through the mystery of the Eucharist, the Resurrection is ours.”

St. Paul tells us quite clearly to be intent on the things above since we are children of the light, who is Christ. We should then live our lives in such a way to always keep the light of Christ, which we received at our baptism, always burning brightly.

Easter is springtime. Spring brings new life and new hope! Hopefully our Lent was a “daily dying to self and will point to our final dying with Christ at the end of our life in this world.” May our prayer this Easter be that the “Father watches over the Church and brings us all to the glory of the Resurrection promised by this Easter Sacrament.”

On this glorious day of days, the words of Psalm 118:24 are most fitting. “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“Easter Sunday makes us turn to the words from the Book of Psalms- words of rejoicing that were sung by King David long ago. The words are an exhortation to all of us to rejoice because, ‘This is the day which the Lord has made.’”

Today heaven and earth are rejoicing at the Resurrection of our Lord...Millions who adored the cross on Good Friday are also rejoicing as they keep on wishing each other a ‘Happy Easter’ which is another way of saying ‘He is Risen’...Isn't it wonderful. These happy words are repeated over and over again throughout the centuries.

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The Gospel gives us in simple and clean words the story of Easter. It tells us once more about the irrefutable happenings that took place on the third day after the Crucifixion of Jesus.

“To us who believe with a faith that surpasses understanding, we find in the Easter message, evidence that is strong and definite, namely, that the man in Palestine was in truth the Son of God. He died on the cross and thus opened the gates of eternal life to those who believe in him... Jesus today and always is indeed ‘the Resurrection and the life.’ (Jn 11:25)”

Beginning today the “Regina Coeli” replaces the Angelus during the Easter Season. “Alleluia for he whom you did merit to bear has risen as He said. ...Let us resolve to live this Easter period very close to Our Lady.”

On behalf of all our priests, Fr. Ralph, our resident Fr. Matthew, myself, Deacon Ron, Deacon Carl and the entire staff here at St. Mary’s, we wish you all a joyful and blessed Easter Season filled with the Peace of the Risen Lord Jesus. Alleluia!

Reverend Thomas D. Nicastro  
Parish Administrator

### *Easter Greetings From Pakistan*

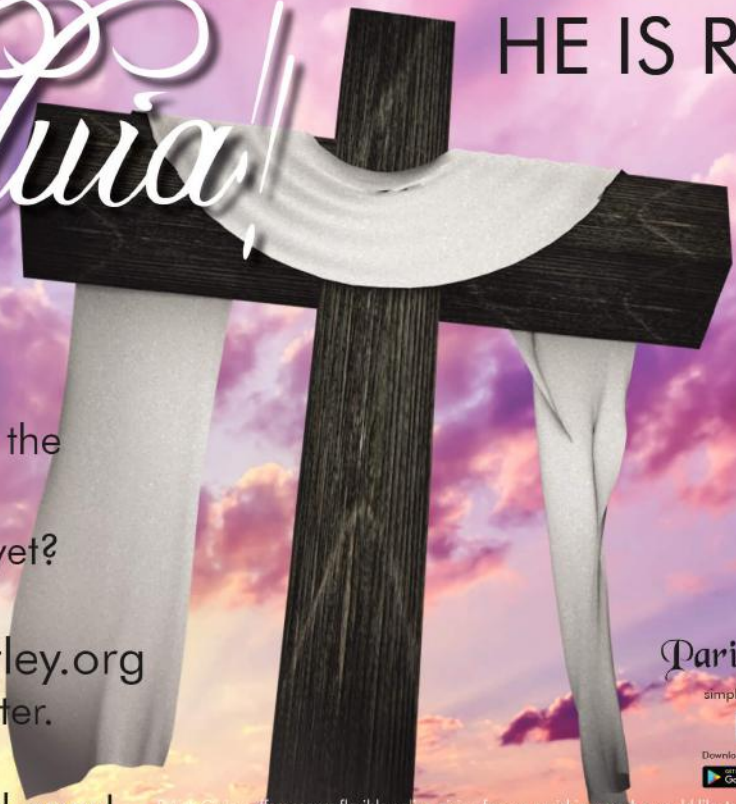
Alleluia, Christ is Risen!!! As I celebrate Holy Week and Easter here at my new parish, I think about all the services and my friends at St. Mary’s. I wish you all a Blessed Easter. You are always in my prayers and I know you are praying for my parishioners and me. Happy Easter! God bless you! Please stay safe and well!  
Father Shamas Simon



*We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.* ©JPPC

*Alleluia!*

HE IS RISEN!



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It's convenient, safe and easy!

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Help us to make our spiritual home of St. Mary's Church look beautiful for the Easter Season by making a donation of Easter Flowers. You can find Easter Flower Donation envelopes in both vestibules of the Church.



# Annual Appeal <sup>the 2021</sup>

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

The 2021 Annual Appeal helps to fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins.

Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our ministries and programs need your support.

To Donate: <https://www.rcan.org/ways-to-give>

## Save the Date



St. Mary's Rosary Society invites all members of the Rosary Society to attend the Crowning of Our Blessed Mother, Sunday, May 2, before the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please be in your seats by 9:20 a.m. as we will crown Mary and recite the rosary at 9:30 a.m. There will be no procession before and no social following the Mass. We ask that everyone in attendance follow the Guidelines for attending Mass at St. Mary's that can be found on the parish website.

All members of the parish are also welcome to join us to honor our Blessed Mother!

## MERCY HOUSE DONATIONS

If you remember, one of the charities we assisted during the Christmas season was The Mercy House of the Archdiocese of Newark, which provides support to individuals and families in need. During this pandemic, the need has grown for so many more families. They asked if St. Mary's Parish could again be generous in helping these families. One area especially of need:

### **New summer t-shirts and/or shorts (Boy and Girl Sizes 2T – 16)**

We are requesting these items to be returned, unwrapped to the drop-off boxes in the Church vestibules or the Parish Center by Sunday, May 2.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S WISH LIST

From time to time, I will list things we are looking to purchase for the Church or to enhance the beauty of St. Mary's. I will not order anything until someone expresses interest in donating the necessary funds so it will not cost St. Mary's anything.

All donated items can be in memory of or in honor of a person or family.

1. Refinish statue of St. Jude to match St. Anthony, St. Gerard and St. Francis
2. Donations for Our Lady's Chapel in the old Baptistry location
3. Outdoor Shrine of the Blessed Mother
4. Vigil Lamp & Pedestal for St. Anthony
5. Vigil Lamp and Pedestal for St. Jude



**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**EASTER SUNDAY    APRIL 4, 2021**

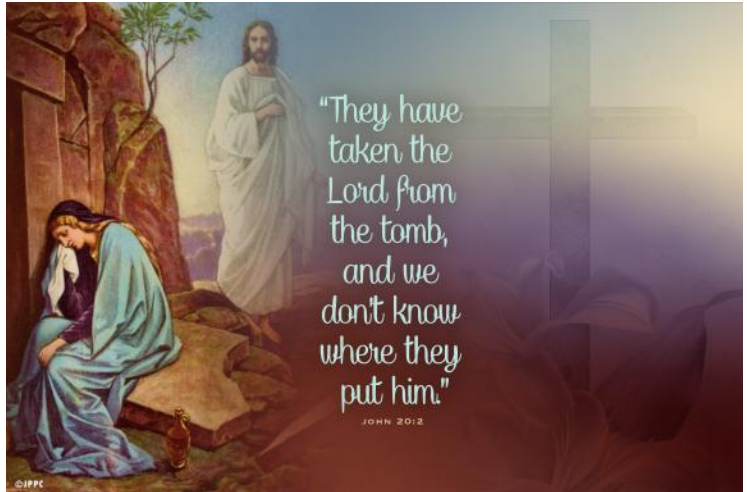


**Reading I: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43**

Peter's sermon contains the heart of the Apostolic preaching message, with the added promise of forgiveness of sin for all believers.

**Reading II: Colossians 3: 1-4**

The promises of the Messianic age are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. At the end of time, Christ and all the believers in Him will appear in glory.



**The Gospel: John 20: 1-9**

In John's gospel, written the last of the four, the full meaning of Easter is the completion of Jesus' return to His Father. Only then will the disciples "remember" and understand the meaning of these events. Meanwhile, "the Beloved Disciple" immediately believes in the resurrection, as opposed to the doubt of Thomas.



*Father, Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill, whom we now remember in a special way:*

*Giovanna "Jeannine" Atzeri  
Jennie Casiello  
Ernest Del Guercio*

*In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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