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**April 2020 Parish Bulletin**

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### **CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, all in-person worship services  
are cancelled through May 31, 2020.**

April 5, 2020: Passion (Palm) Sunday  
April 12, 2020: Easter Sunday  
April 19, 2020: Second Sunday of Easter  
April 26, 2020: Third Sunday of Easter

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## Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

## **SUNDAY SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

Fr. Bill LaGrand, M.A.

**April 5, 2020 – Passion (Palm) Sunday:** The journey of Holy Week begins with the liturgy. While we listen to Matthew’s version of the passion, we embrace a week made holy by its celebration of the Lord’s gift of himself to us and everyone. (Matthew 21: 1-11/26: 14- 27)

**April 12, 2020 – Easter Sunday:** Can we commit ourselves to being a “life-giver” as Jesus was? Christ’s resurrection fills us with joy. It also animates us to go beyond being a believer. It asks us to do our Christianity and follow Jesus in being a “life-giver.” (John 20: 1-9)

**April 19, 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Easter:** Our culture and turmoil in society pose challenges to faith and provoke questions that begin with: “How can God allow . . .?” This Sunday, especially, reminds us that the gift of faith comes from God’s infinite mercy. (John 20: 19-31)

**April 26, 2020 – 3rd Sunday of Easter:** On our personal road to Emmaus, the risen Christ seems to come unfamiliar in appearance. We recognize Christ on the cross, but it is more difficult to recognize and see the Christ disguised in our everyday lives. We are more apt to see Christ in others if we try to be Christ to others. (Luke 24: 13-35)



## **The Resurrection of the Lord Writings for us to Ponder.**

***from: Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (Chapter 6, verses 8-11)***

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead,  
he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

The death he died, he died to sin once for all;  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

*In the same way,  
count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

***from the Resurrection Homily of Saint John Chrysostom (+407 AD)***

Come you all: enter into the joy of the Lord.

You the first and you the last,  
Receive alike your reward; you the rich and poor, dance together;  
you sober and you foolish, celebrate today;  
you who have kept the fast and you who have not; rejoice today.

The table is richly loaded: enjoy the royal banquet.  
The calf is a fatted one: let no one go away hungry.

All of you enjoy the banquet of faith;  
all of you receive the riches of his goodness...

Christ is risen and the demons are cast down,  
Christ is risen and the angels rejoice,  
Christ is risen and life is freed,  
Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead:

For Christ, being raised from the dead,  
has become our Leader and Reviver  
of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be glory and power for ever and ever. *Amen!*



## From the Pastor's Desk

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

**Congratulations!** Congratulations to our parishioners who have a special reason to celebrate this month!

Birthdays:           Jan Williamson – 4/9  
                          Rudy Schmid – 4/12  
                          Emily Jacobi – 4/19

Anniversaries:       +Carl & Rosann Swaringim – 4/3

**Sympathies:** The parish extends its deepest sympathies to our parishioners and friends who have lost a loved one:

Bishop Tom Coover and Family – on the death of his last surviving Aunt and Godmother  
At the request of Donald English, +Fr. Call offered a memorial mass for the repose of the soul of John Rygiel on March 15, 2020.

**Prayer Requests:** Please remember our parishioners and friends who have asked for prayers:

Fr. Tom Whitehead – dealing with health issues related to a cancerous tumor on his liver.

**Worship Service Times:** Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the local “Stay-at-Home” and “Social Gathering Limits,” we are unable to gather at church to celebrate the liturgy through May 31, 2020. For more information, please refer to my pastoral letter enclosed with the bulletin.