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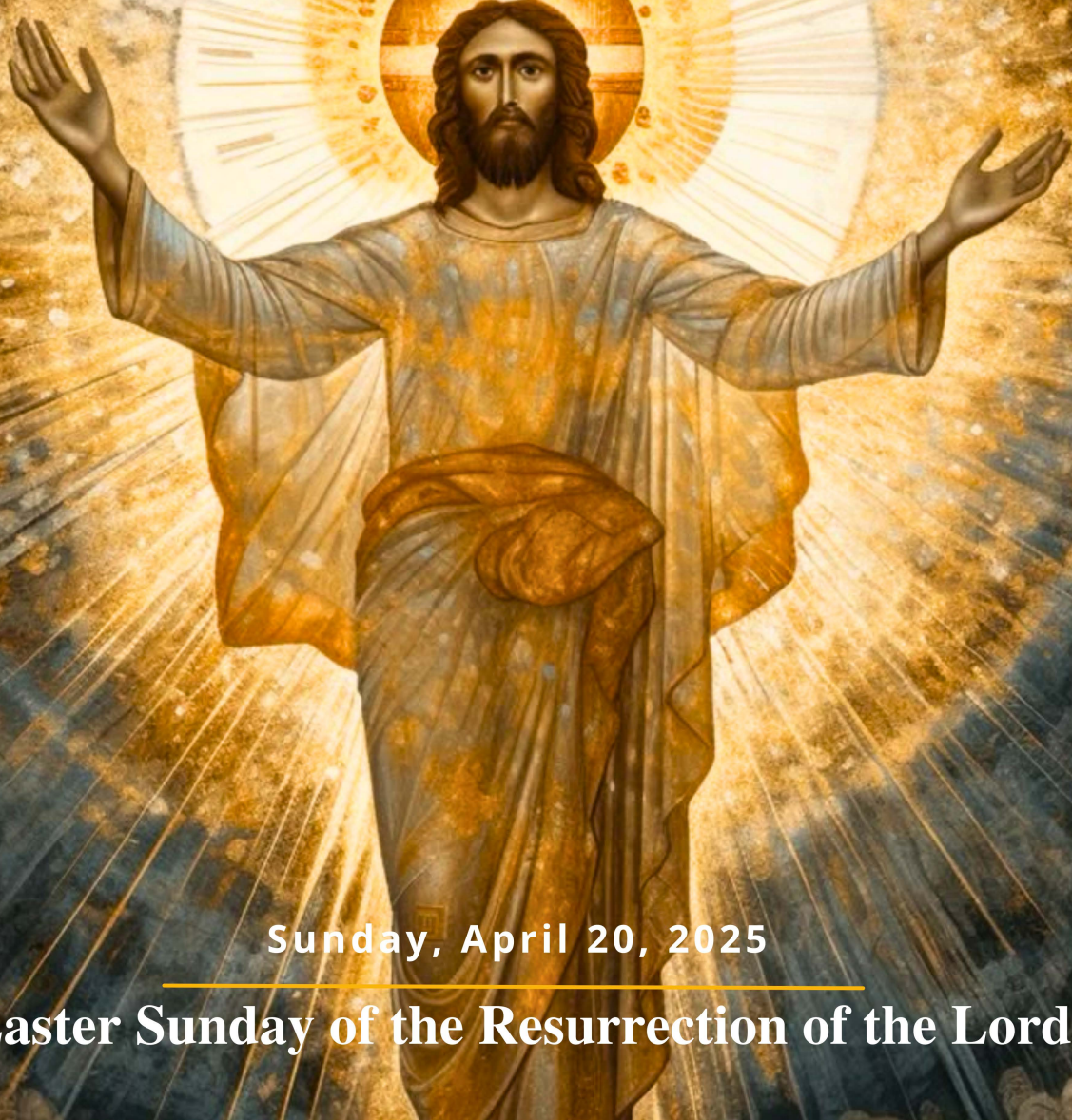
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Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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Mass Schedule:

Saint Anne Church

Every day: 8:00 AM

Tuesdays: 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM

Saturdays (Vigil): 4:00 PM

Sundays: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
and 6:00 PM

Saint Winifred Church

M, W, F : 8:45 AM

Saturdays (Vigil): 5:30 PM

Sundays: 11:30 AM

Confessions:

Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays: 5:15 - 6:15 PM

Saturdays: 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Saint Winifred Church

Saturdays: 4:45 PM - 5:15 PM

Eucharistic Adoration:

Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays, after the 8:00 AM mass,
with Benediction at 6:15 PM.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour:

Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays, at 3:00 PM

So the women hurried
away from the tomb,
afraid yet

filled with joy,
and ran to tell his
disciples.

(Matthew 28:8)



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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 21, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Gus & Martha Jablonski, *requested by their daughter, Pat*

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) The Frank Chirillo Family, *requested by Jane McClure*

6:30 PM (St. A) Mary Ann Dixon (AD), *requested by Joann*

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Deceased Members of the Ciccone Family, *requested by Theresa Muchler*

8:45 AM (St. W) Gabriel Lee Mortimer, *requested by his family*

Thursday, April 24, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Joseph McKeown, *requested by The Reffner Family*

Friday, April 25, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Deceased Members of the Werling Family, *requested by The Werling Family*

8:45 AM (St. W) Michael & Lena Marpes, *requested by their grandson, Bob Carlucci & family*

Saturday, April 26, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Sr. Carol Riley, *requested by Ed & Linda Boyle*

4:00 PM (St. A) Virginia Stang, *requested by Gary & Mary Ann Petrucci*

5:30 PM (St. W) Rachel Kosko, *requested by Joe Kosko*

Sunday, April 27, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Maureen Costello, *requested by Peter & Donna*

10:00 AM (St. A) Elizabeth Barnhart, *requested by The Barnhart Family*

11:30 AM (St. W) For the People of the Parish

6:00 PM (St. A) Kirk Engel, *requested by The Bobick Family*

In your prayers please also remember to pray for all the deceased
members of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish.

Parish News

From the Pastor *Jesus is Risen for You!*

Today and throughout the entire Easter season we will reflect upon the many encounters that various types of people had with the Risen and Glorified Christ following His Resurrection.

Just outside the tomb on Easter morning he met a former notorious sinner, Mary Magdalene. In the Upper Room He appeared to the Apostles who were gathered there with the Blessed Mother. Another time He meets the Disciples while they are at table and even has breakfast with them on the seashore!

On the road to Emmaus the Risen Christ enters into a dialogue between two friends who are conversing about everything that had gone on in Jerusalem the past couple of days. Only later when they break bread with Him do they realize that it is Jesus, raised from the dead.

A week later He is willing to allow "Doubting Thomas" to touch His glorified Body so that he would believe what the others have told Him.

And before He ascends into Heaven, the Risen Christ has a heart to heart talk with Saint Peter who had denied Him three times, offering Peter another chance to prove his love for Jesus and assuring Peter that he is still loved by God.

Therefore, we find that the Gospels report how the Risen Lord was willing to meet with saints and sinners, the faithful and the fallen, those who believed as well as those who doubted. He encountered them in the midst of their friendships and met with them communally and at table. Most beautifully, He reached out to those individuals who stood in need of special attention.

In the Gospels, the Risen Lord does not discriminate. And today, through our Easter Mass and the Easter Sacraments, as well as through our family celebrations and our private prayers and devotions, He wants to meet each one of us, no matter where we are in life, no matter what we've done, no matter what's been done to us - no matter what the level of our belief.

May we be open to the encounter and the possibility of another chance and to the opportunity be strengthened, consoled, forgiven and lifted up by the Risen Savior who lives and reigns, forever and ever! Amen.

Congratulations

At the Easter Vigil Mass

Nathaniel White

and

Kat Smith

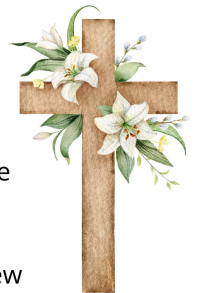
were received into the Catholic Church and received the Easter Sacraments. Their reception into full communion with the Catholic Church serves as a poignant reminder to all of the beauty and relevance of Catholicism. May their faith inspire each of us to renew our commitment to Jesus and His Church.

Please keep Nathan and Kat in your prayers.

Reminders:

The Parish office will be closed on Easter Monday.

Beginning Monday, April 21st, the upstairs church restroom will be closed for reconstruction and the installation of the elevator. The new downstairs bathrooms will be open, but until the elevator is operational, access to those restrooms will be limited to parishioners who can navigate stairs. This could be an issue for some for about a month. You may want to consider worshipping at Saint Winifred's or a neighboring church during that time frame.



Fish Fry Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who attended, and to the cadre of parishioners who generously volunteered an awful lot of time to cook, serve, bake, take orders and set up and tear down. Without a doubt, our Fish Fry has one of the best reputations around for good service, great food and hospitality. So "thanks" to everyone who played a part!

Parish Offertory April 13, 2025

Offertory: \$ 20,661.44

Utilities: \$ 287.13

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Online Giving with Faith Direct

For information about how you can give online, visit our website at stpaulofthecross.com/Support. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Ministry Announcements

Journey of Grief Ministry

"There are days when your absence is the loudest silence I've ever heard"

-Dr. Joanne Cacciatore



Our Spring bereavement program begins soon! We will meet in the DePalma room at 7:00 PM on the following dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, and June 5 & 12. If you have lost a loved one recently or even in years past, please consider joining us. This is a confidential, casual group setting where we will explore the pain, fear and tools to help you cope. You need not be a member of our parish to attend and there is no fee. If you are interested, please email Kathy at moozie1217@verizon.net.

Parish Trivia Night - April 24th, 7:00 PM

Trivia night returns April 24th at 7:00 PM! Test your practical and useless knowledge against other parishioners and friends. Participants compete in teams of up to 4 players. Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks are provided, but you can also BYOB to the Convent Dining Rm. To register, visit our parish website and search "trivia". Contact Lynne Aber with questions at (412) 833-3578 or laaber57@gmail.com. The team to beat is our February champion, "Three's Company Plus One."



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues., April 22

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration in St. Anne church
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour in St. Anne church
5:15 - 6:15 PM Confessions in St. Anne church
7:00PM St. Vincent de Paul meeting in the DePalma Rm

Wed., April 23

7:00 PM OCIA in the DePalma Rm
8:30 PM A.A. in the Convent Dining Rm

Thurs., April 24

6:00 PM First Holy Communion practice in St. Anne church
7:00 PM Spring Journey of Grief (session 1 of 7) in the DePalma Rm
7:00 PM Parish Trivia Night in the Convent Dining Rm.

Sat., April 26

11:00 AM Confessions in St. Anne church
4:45 PM Confessions in St. Winifred church
9:30 PM NA in the Convent Dining Rm

Sun., April 27

9:00 AM OCIA in the DePalma Rm.
NOON First Holy Communion Mass in St Anne church
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Divine Mercy Novena - Continues

Join the parish as we continue the Divine Mercy Novena be began on Good Friday, leading up to our celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, next week, April 27th. Our prayer schedule for this week is below. We hope to see everyone in person, but if you must miss a day, you can participate at home. The prayers can be found on our website. Type "Divine Mercy Novena" into the search field.

Day 3, Easter Sunday; Parishioners are encouraged to pray the Divine Mercy Novena at home with family this particular day since it's Easter Sunday.

Day 4, Easter Monday; We will pray the Divine Mercy Novena after the 8:00 AM Mass.

Day 5, Easter Tuesday; We will pray the Divine Mercy Novena after the 8:00 AM Mass, at 3:00 PM during Adoration and after the 6:30 PM Mass.

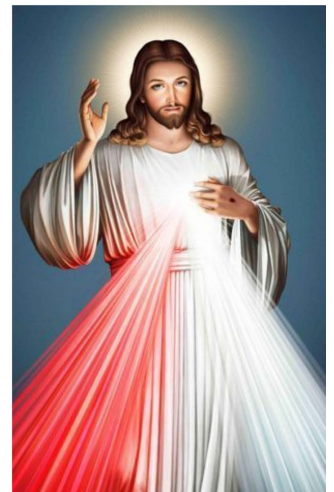
Day 6, Easter Wednesday; We will pray the Divine Mercy Novena after the 8:00 AM Mass.

Day 7, Easter Thursday; We will pray the Divine Mercy Novena after the 8:00 AM Mass.

Day 8, Easter Friday; We will pray the Divine Mercy Novena after the 8:00 AM Mass.

Day 9, Easter Saturday; We will pray the Divine Mercy Novena after the 8:00 AM Mass.

Divine Mercy Sunday, Holy Hour at 3:00PM with Exposition, Adoration, Prayers and Benediction.





Saint Paul of the Cross Parish Vocation Council New Member Wanted

At the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, Fr. Mike announced the creation of a Parish Vocation Council. The purpose of which will be to pray for, promote and support vocations to the Priesthood and consecrated life. Following the Mass, many people stepped forward to be a part of this crucial initiative. If you'd like to be involved in helping to foster religious vocations, please contact Joan Harrison at (412) 877-1990 or joanharrison35@hotmail.com with any questions.

Prayer of Saint John Paul II for Vocations

Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness, Lord,
SEND WORKERS TO YOUR HARVEST!

And do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors,
missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.
Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation,
help us to say yes to the Lord who calls us to cooperate
in the divine plan of salvation.

Amen.

Happy Easter

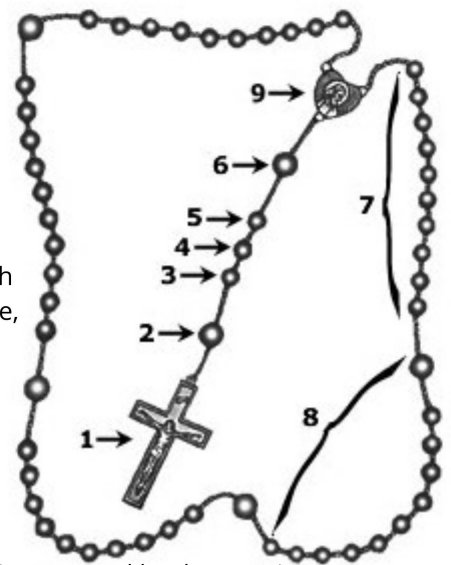


Not even the weather could dampen the spirits of the parish families who participated in our 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to Katie Boss, the parish council, South Hills Catholic Academy and everyone involved in creating such a fun event.

How to Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited using ordinary Rosary beads of five decades. During the Novena, the Chaplet will be preceded by a short prayer for the day's intention

- 1. Make the Sign of the Cross:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- 2. Optional Opening Prayer:** You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.
(Repeat three times) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!
- 3. Our Father:** Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.
- 4. Hail Mary:** Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.
- 5. The Apostles' Creed:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen
- 6. On the "Our Father" bead before each decade pray:** Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
- 7. On the "Hail Mary" beads of each decade pray:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- 8. Repeat** the prayers of Number 6 & 7, saying "Eternal Father" on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion" on the following 10 "Hail Mary" beads four more decades.
- 9.** At the conclusion of the five decades, **on the medallion** pray (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy mortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- 10. Closing Prayer** (optional): Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen



Our Lord said to Saint Faustina: *(excerpt from her diary)*

Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you ... Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death ... When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior ... Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy.... through the Chaplet you will obtain every thing, if what you ask for is compatible with My will (687, 1541, 1731).



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