



EASTER Sunday



**ALL MASS INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN
RESCHEDULED**

Saturday, April 4th, Vigil of the Lord's Day

4:00 p.m. - NO MASS

Sunday, April 5th, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30 a.m. - NO MASS

Monday, April 6th, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

Tuesday, April 7th, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

Wednesday, April 8th, Lenten Weekday

12:10 p.m. - NO MASS

Thursday, April 9th, St. Francis of Paola

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

Friday, April 10th, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

Saturday, April 11th, Vigil of the Lord's Day

4:00 p.m. - NO MASS

Sunday, April 12th, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:30 a.m. - NO MASS

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE
LORD
APRIL 12 2020**

Easter Sunday celebrates the core of Christian faith: belief in Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. All four Gospel accounts begin their Resurrection narratives with the experience of the empty tomb. In John, we hear the reactions of Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple. Mary of Magdala, reports immediately to the other two that "they have taken the Lord from the tomb." Clearly, she does not yet believe that Jesus has risen. Simon Peter reacts by investigating the tomb itself. But all he discovers is "the burial cloths" and the "the cloth that covered his head." The Beloved Disciple also enters the tomb and likewise sees the burial cloths. But John tells us that "he saw and believed." John also sees us that "they [Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple] did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." While none of the three followers yet understands, the Beloved Disciple alone believes without understanding.

In the First Reading from Acts, we hear part of a speech that Peter delivers in the household of Cornelius, a God-fearing Gentile centurion who comes to believe in Jesus, though he does not yet have understanding. Peter recounts the public ministry of Jesus, from the activities of John the Baptist to the resurrected Christ's apostolic commission to preach to all people. Peter had eventually come to believe and understand that "everyone [Jew and Gentile alike] who believes in him [Jesus] will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

We learn in these readings that the Resurrection of Christ often surpasses human understanding. Even more important that understanding the Resurrection is *believing* in it.

In remembrance of those who died,

Jean Lamberti & Ralph Carrano

May they rest in peace.

Question of the Week

How can I come to a deeper and firmer belief? How can I guide others in their faith?

Sanctuary Lamp

*Sunday, April 5, 2020
In Memory of
Charles Morro*

Readings for the week of April 12, 2020

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

Weekend of April 5, 2020

**Weekly Collection \$657.00
Monthly Collection \$361.00**

**One collection this weekend
Weekly Collection**

**One Collection Next Week
Weekly Collection**



PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

“We are Easter Christians, and ALLELUIA is our song!” So would claim St. Augustine in the 4th century when he, himself, realized the power of Easter. St. Augustine had come to faith late in life, and for him the Easter message was one of power and unlimited possibility. Once he realized the power of the Easter message, that Jesus had suffered, died and rose from the dead for him personally, his life was changed dramatically. He went on to become one of the great doctors of the early church. In the late 1800’s, a German philosopher by the name of Friedrich Nietzsche, one of the fathers of existentialism, would state: **“I could believe in Christianity if Christ’s disciples looked more redeemed!” The challenge for all of us latter day Christians is to let the message of Easter permeate our entire beings as did St. Augustine so long ago.**

As a people, we are living in a time wherein our world, our country and our state are in much grave concern, much on edges and very much worried, and rightly so, over the spread and the control of the Coronavirus. As a community of faith, while the virus is preventing us from coming together to celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the dead, which is the heart and center of our faith, but us as Christians, despite all of this, the Easter message is one of hope and good news. That despite the tragedy, suffering, sadness, grief, pain and hopelessness of Good Friday, when all seemed lost and hopeless, Jesus triumphantly rose from the grave. Jesus has overcome the world.

Today, Easter Sunday, Christians throughout the world celebrate an event that has changed the course of world history forever. Today we look to the empty tomb and realize that victory falls to those whose cause seemed hopeless! The terror of Good Friday and Calvary gives way to the triumphant victory of an Easter Sunday and an empty tomb! Good Friday is symbolized with blood and nails. Easter is celebrated with fresh living water and lilies, new life! **Today we celebrate the fact that love is, indeed, more powerful than hate; hope stronger than despair and trust can overcome any obstacle!**

Just like the women of old that we read of in the Gospel, we all approach the tomb wondering: “Who will roll us back the stone?” They went expecting to discover a dead and decaying body that they planned to anoint with burial oils! Wonder of wonders...they found the tomb empty and were greeted by an angel inquiring: “Why do you seek the living among the dead?” “He is risen!”

Today we are invited to reach back ritually and recall the day of our baptism! For it was in baptism that we were buried with Christ, and it is through baptism that we share His resurrected life even now! The First century Christians changed the face of society because they let the power of the Risen Christ permeate their beings! People looked at these new followers of Jesus and exclaimed: “See how they love one another!” The challenge for us today is just as real and more so in these trying times.

With the Coronavirus running ramped, the world needs desperately not to just hear the Easter message...the world needs to experience it by the way that we live!... As Friedrich Nietzsche, said: **“I could believe in Christianity if Christ’s disciples looked more redeemed!” The challenge for all of us latter day Christians is to let the message of Easter permeate our entire beings our entire lives.**

In these days of much uncertainty and stress my we place our hope and trust in “Jesus who is risen from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father in glory.”

I extend to all on behalf myself, Deacons Norman Singer, Terri, Kathy and Paul of the St. Michael Parish our deepest prayer that The Risen Christ May Keep You Young... For God’s Greatest Glory! A Young That Is... Active, Optimistic, Energetic, And Filled With Love!

Happy Easter! Fr. Roy



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OFFICE OF
THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Christ is Risen!” Even though we have to practice “social distancing” we are always spiritually close as members of the one Body of Christ. Baptism makes us a family in faith, and at Easter we joyfully proclaim the glorious news that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. In the midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic, Easter this year may be unlike any other, but the light of the resurrection remains undimmed, the cause of our joy undiminished, and the strength of our faith unbroken.

The world turns on the fundamental Easter truth that changes everything and that explains who we are and where we are headed: “Christ, yesterday, today and forever!” On Easter Sunday the Church exults in the joyful proclamation that He is truly risen from the dead. God gave His Son to be the sacrifice that takes away our sins, and has raised Him up as the victor over sin and death, so together we cry out: **Alleluia!**

In a world filled with uncertainty, doubts and darkness, where bitter division appears to be getting the best of us, where, out of indifference to faith and worship, so many people are faced with inner spiritual and moral destitution, we have a duty to proclaim from the housetops: “Christ is Risen.” He is the answer to the deepest longings of the human heart, and he never abandons us. He is the only Way, the only Truth and the only Life. As he told us: “No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Our mission is always to make the Gospel credible to others by loving God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for Him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

Along with you I look forward to the day when we can once again celebrate the Holy Eucharist and the other sacraments together. In the meantime, please be assured of my prayers with you and for you, especially for all those suffering grievously as a result of the pandemic. May the Risen Lord deliver us from all evil and bestow on us the peace and joy that only he can give.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

April 12th – Easter Sunday

The Lord has risen! It is true! Pray for those who are called to priesthood and religious life. Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister? Contact **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, phone 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

MASS BOOK

The Mass Book is open for all registered and non-registered parishioners for 2020. Weekday masses and Sanctuary candles are available. Come to the rectory from 9:30am – 12:00 noon Monday thru Friday, or call the Rectory at 203-562-7178 to book your masses.

All Masses must be paid in full at the time of booking.

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Or place in offertory basket.

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