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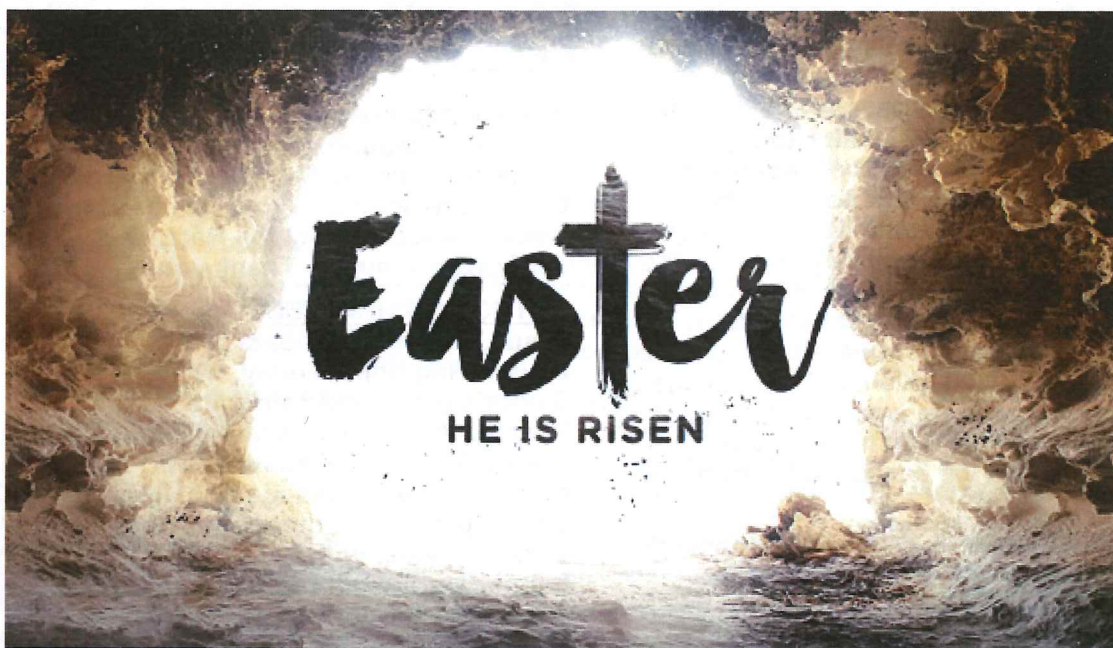
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Mass Schedule

St. Mary's Cattaraugus: 11:15 AM Sunday

St. Joe's Gowanda: 8:30 AM Weekdays
(Thursdays—Communion Service Only)

4:30 PM Saturday

8:00 AM Sunday • 9:30 AM Sunday

Confessions: Saturday 3:45 PM at St. Joseph
or by appointment.

RCIA: Please contact the Rectory.

Baptisms: Make personal arrangements at the
Rectory. Parents & sponsors must be practicing
Catholics.

Marriages: Couples should apply at the Rectory
at least 4 months in advance. Pre-Cana or
Engaged Encounter Conferences are necessary.

April 21, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 21, 2019 at 11:15 AM

1. Keith Young+ by Peter & Michelle Illig

Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 11:15 AM

1. Gloria Schreiner+ by The Wilder Family

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection

\$ 1315

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Last Week's Attendance

86 worshippers at 11:15 AM Mass on 4/14

Daily/Weekly Reflection: We now begin a celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord for the next seven weeks - when we mark the Ascension forty days after Easter and culminating in the celebration of Pentecost on the fiftieth day after Easter. This week, we begin that deepening realization of, and reflection upon, the meaning of the gift of life we have received in God's raising Jesus from the dead so that we might have eternal life.

Just as it difficult for many of our cultures to face the reality of death, it is difficult to accept the reality of life after death. St. Paul invites us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end. This week let us try to open our hearts to a deeply-felt sense of what a difference it makes that the tomb is empty, that Jesus is alive, that he allows us to recognize him in the breaking of bread, and that he missions us to proclaim this Good News.

Each morning this week, we can pause for a moment and simply thank God for our being alive today. Even more, we can thank God for the life that Jesus won for us. Throughout the day, and at different brief moments, we can remember that this is Easter Week and ask to live more freely today, more gratefully. We can name the grace in our own terms and in the context of what we are experiencing, what gets us discouraged or what gives us life. Overall, we want to live the freedom we have been given. If death has no hold on us, so many of our fears would melt away. If we realized our ultimate home is in heaven, our spirits would be lighter and we would walk around more gratefully.

So, as we go through this week, we can let ourselves believe in the Resurrection that was won for us.

"Lord, I believe in the gift of life you have given me in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus." We can say this act of faith, or sing any of the wonderful Easter songs in the back of our minds, as many times as it takes to let ourselves feel the effects of Easter.

Perhaps we had a difficult Holy Week or Easter. There might have been loneliness or family conflicts. Perhaps we are facing a chronic illness or deep struggles with a loved one, or we are grieving the loss of a loved one. These, and many other struggles can challenge our Easter hope and joy. This is the week to place our trust in the one who is now alive, so that we can live forever. We can ask for the gifts of hope renewal these days. In giving thanks, we can ask that our hearts be opened even more to receive the gift of his Spirit.

Creighton University Weekly Prayers—<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer>

Easter Sunday

OUR PRAYER CORNER

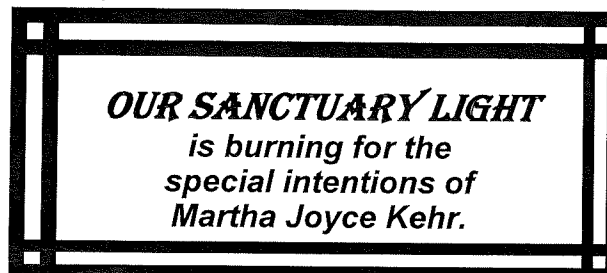
Please pray for those who are ill or recuperating:

Sandy Agnew, Bob Biels, Jennifer Gardner, Mary Geise, Art Gernatt, Kristen Gernatt, Althea Herrington, Lori Hinsvark, Marian Illig, Bryon Ivett, Kathy Kaminski, Joey M. Kehr, The Kehr Family, Duane Kelley, Sandra McCord, Leo Minner, Duane Moore, Jeanne Paquet, James Parisi, Peter Radwanski, Andy Rupp, Hubert Schickel, Jennifer Schneider, Bill Siperek, Tonya Tackentien, Brynn Taylor, JoAnn Termini, Chris Waugh, Bob Wittmeyer.

Please pray for all those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, especially Lee Lawton and Pat Vogl.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died, those in the military or in service to our country and their families who mourn them.

Please take a moment to call and request that a family member or dear friend be added to or taken off the prayer corner in the bulletin. Thank you for continuing to inform us of parishioners, family and friends in need of prayers.



If you would like to remember a loved one or if you have a special intention, please call the Rectory or put a note in the collection with the name/reason for the Sanctuary Candle intention and your name. The cost is \$5 for one week. Please contact the Rectory if you would like to verify your request. Thank you.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Jesus, through his death and resurrection, gave us unwavering hope. Today, we rejoice in our Lord and Savior's glory, and celebrate his promise of eternal life! We also want to thank you for following the example of Appeal Patron St. Faustina, who devoted her life to sharing Jesus' message of divine mercy. Thank you for showing mercy to those most in need in Western New York. Together with your generous support, we are helping our neighbors find hope. Thank you for your continued support of the 2019 Appeal!

DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The first Sunday after Easter was designated Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope Saint John Paul II in the year 2000 and is a means of obtaining special graces. We are called to venerate God's great mercy especially in these times. The devotion will be on April 28th this year. We will pray the Devine Mercy chaplet at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday, APRIL 27th at 3:45 PM.

USCCB—WORD OF LIFE: "Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life."