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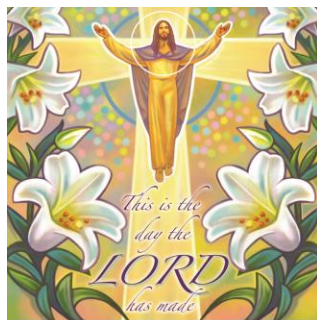
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2024

- FIRST READING: Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).
- PSALM: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).
- SECOND READING: All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4).
- GOSPEL: Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each respond to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION

Christians acclaim faith in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The crucified Lord, buried in the tomb, has risen to new life. By baptism we share in this new life. As we stand today and renew our baptismal promises, we acclaim a sure and certain faith in eternal life. Death no longer has power over us. We reject evil and sin, and profess faith in our God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Life Giver. We have been claimed for Christ. We are people of life. Our sung alleluias give witness to the Christian faith, we have died to sin and live in the Easter Lord.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	4/01	
TUES	4/02	7:00PMKnights of Columbus meeting
WED	4/03	
THURS	4/04	11:30AMChristian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
FRI	4/05	
SAT	4/06	3:00PMConfession
Next Sun	4/07	



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (April 1st – April 7th)

MON	4/01	7:50AM	+ (A) Bob Macy – (Family)
TUES	4/02	7:50AM	+ Kay Paige (Ed Spinda)
WED	4/03	7:50AM	Good Health for Eileen Majcher
THUR	4/04	7:50AM	+ Kevin Gritzer – (Marshall Family)
		12:00PM	+ Christian Mothers
FRI	4/05	7:50AM	+ (B) Olga Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)
SAT	4/06	4:00PM	+ Anna & DoanId Kris – (Family)
SUN	4/07	7:30AM	+ Fr. Bernard Gratten (1 Month mind) – (Ralph & Vicki Bretz)
		10:30AM	+ (A) Jospeh Gorka – (Suzan Mulkey)



Sunday, March 31, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! This event is the greatest event in our Catholic faith. It is through the resurrection that Christ defeated sin and death and opened for us the gates to eternal life. All of God's promises are fulfilled through this glorious event. We have been preparing for 40 long days, through prayer and penance, so that we might be better prepared to receive Christ this day, and to better prepare our hearts to one day rise with Christ in eternal life. Today, we do not fast, but rather, celebrate and rejoice because of our great and merciful God!

The meaning and joy of Easter is not just a "one-day" affair, but is an essential element of our Catholic faith. We are called to live out the joy of Easter all year long.

Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by the way we live our lives and how we respond to Christ each day. Happy Easter!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (March 23RD & March 24th, 2024)

Weekly	\$ 3,756.00
Building Fund	\$ 77.00
Fuel	\$ 25.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 95.00
Easter	\$ 280.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.

REGINA CAELI - The Regina Caelis is said beginning Easter Sunday until Pentecost. It is said standing:

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
R. For He whom you merited to bear, Alleluia
V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia
R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us Pray: O God, who through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given joy to this world; grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the same joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held Tuesday, April 2nd at 7PM in the Church Hall.

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting on Thursday, April 4th starting at 11:30AM.

A Big Thank You for the Children's Easter Party

A special Thank You goes out to everyone involved in making this year's Easter Breakfast Party a success. The KOC cooks out did themselves on the food, everything was delicious!! The kids enjoyed their bag of goodies. A great time was had by all, we appreciate your generosity.

Summer Basket Bash

The **Summer Bash** has been set for **July 20th & 21st 2024**. We are asking again for **Themed baskets at least \$25 in value**. The next meeting is **Sunday, April 28th at 6PM**. Anyone interested in helping plan or working the Bash please attend the next meeting. This is a Church Fundraiser; we will need as many hands as possible. It is your chance to *Get Involved!*

We will once again be selling chances on our Money Raffle tickets. They will be \$2.00 a ticket and we would like to have the help of all our parishioners by asking you to sell or buy 10 tickets, if possible. Tickets will be available in the next few weeks. Winner will be drawn on Sunday July 21st.

Catholic Ministries Drive

Encountering Christ.

Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! Our target goal for the Catholic Ministries Drive for 2024 for **St Therese is \$24,902.00**.

Families and the Gospel - (John 20:1-9)

That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John "did not know" what to do. In family life there are confusing moments when "we don't know" what to do. Like the apostles we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.



Dear Parishioners,

May the Risen Lord be with all of you.



Easter is a time of renewed life for our souls. Just as nature bursts forth with life after the winter, so too our souls need to celebrate and renew the life of Christ in us.

St Paul says, "For Christ our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (1 Cor. 5:7-8)

May the leaven of Christ's Resurrection fill your hearts and homes with His joy and peace throughout the Easter season and in all our days. This is the wish of Fr Balestino and myself for all of you and your loved ones.

Easter blessings to one and all.

Fr Balestino

St. Therese Christian Mothers Flea Market & Bake Sale

Our Flea Market and Bake Sale will take place **Friday, May 4TH** and **Saturday, May 5TH** from 9 to 1PM in the Social Hall.

Gathering Dates TBA



Once again, we ask that ALL items be clean and in good repair. We will not take anything that is dirty, torn or damaged. Thank you so much for your cooperation. Start your spring cleaning! **Please omit clothing, shoes, TVs, computers, car seats, and outdoor grills as we are unable to sell these items.**

St Anne Christian Mothers Basket Party



Sunday, April 14, 2024 Held at St. Therese Social Hall -

Admission \$10 -- includes a lite lunch +25 chances on over 100 baskets!

Addition basket tickets -- \$5/for 25 chances Tickets on Large Prizes also available to purchase

Doors open at 11:00AM - Drawing will begin at 2:30PM

Tickets also available Sunday at the door

If you would like to pre-purchase a ticket for Sunday Email Janet at ruby731@atlanticbb.net

Soft Walk Through - Saturday evening, April 13 From 4:30PM - 7:00 PM 25 basket chances for only \$5 --- No meal Chances on Large Prizes also available.

Community News & Events



Military Share Food Distributions

In partnership with Veterans Leadership Program and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

All veterans in need of food are welcome
Johnstown Military Share 12PM
April 29th, May 31st, and June 24th
727 Goucher St. Johnstown

ABORTION: "God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end; no one can under any circumstance claim the right directly to destroy an innocent human being."

"Some of the littlest things take up the most room in your heart"