



# EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 17, 2022



## † MASS INTENTIONS †

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|-------|------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat.  | 4/16 | 8:00 PM  | <b>Easter Vigil</b>                                        |
| Sun.  | 4/17 | 7:30 AM  | Edward and Mary Harvilla by Sally and Les                  |
|       |      | 1:00 AM  | David and Helen Mahon by Their Children                    |
| Mon.  | 4/18 | 7:00 PM  | Mike and Helen Michalesko by Jack and Lynn Jastremsky      |
| Tue.  | 4/19 | 7:00 AM  | Carmelita "Dolly" Stefanick by Her Husband John            |
| Wed.  | 4/20 | 7:00 AM  | John and Anna Serock and Daughter Mary Grace by Her Family |
| Thur. | 4/21 | 7:00 AM  | David Karnatski by His Family                              |
| Fri.  | 4/22 | 7:00 AM  | Robert Hludzik by Mary Ann                                 |
| Sat.  | 4/23 | 4:00 PM  | Charles and Mary Boyle by John and Pat Herkalo             |
| Sun.  | 4/24 | 11:00 AM | Stanley Potosky by the Turri Family                        |



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$4,262.00; Loose \$157.00; Dues \$2,875.00; Care and Education of Priests \$197.00; Ukraine \$5.00; Other \$95.00 Holy Land \$165.00; Easter Flowers \$342.00; Holy Thursday \$148.00; Good Friday \$170.00; Poor Box \$175.05

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of David and Helen Mahon by Their Children



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week in Memory of Robert Hludzik by Mary Ann



**OUR 2022 PASCHAL CANDLE** has been donated by Dan Ravina in Memory of Charles and Mary Ravina and Daughter Jennie and by JoAnne Korol in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:** The **April 23rd** First Eucharist Practice for all 2nd Grade Students is **CANCELLED**.

There will be First Eucharist Practice for all 2nd Grade Students on **April 24th at 8:30 AM**.

The **Sacrament of First Eucharist** will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 1st**, at the **11:00 AM Mass**. Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.

Attention all 8th grade Confirmation families: The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be administered on **Saturday, June 4th, at 11:30 AM**.

**Have a Blessed Easter!**



Our Parish Community-Service Coordinating Team is requesting coffee and tea (all flavors, regular and decaf) for the month of April. Thank you for any donations you can provide to assist those in need in our community.



Meeting  
Reminder

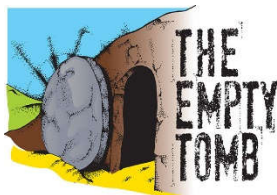
**COMMUNITY-SERVICE TEAM** will meet on Wednesday, April 20th, at 6:00 PM in the church.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet on Wednesday, April 20th, at 6:00 PM in the church basement.



### A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:

Happy Easter! It is nice to see the church filled with people. The real hope will be that next weekend the church will be just filled with people. Easter is a recommitment for each of us to say He died and rose so that I can live forever. Hopefully that message will resound not only this Easter Sunday but every Sunday of the year. My blessings to each and everyone of you on this Easter Sunday.



### A VIEW FROM THE PEW, HE IS NOT HERE.

He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again'. Luke 24:6-7. Have a Blessed Easter!



All donations for Ukraine can be placed in the container in the back of the church. We are grateful for your generosity to those in need.



**MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS** will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 27th, in the Saint Joseph Room of Good Shepherd Church. Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd office at 570-788-3141. Please plan to attend the Baptismal Preparation Class well in advance of your baby's birth so that you are aware of all the information necessary to schedule your baby's baptism.



**PARISH RUMMAGE SALE** will take place in the parish center Monday, April 18th, through Thursday, April 21st, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** Our phones have been ringing off the hook from our elderly and shut-in parishioners thanking us for the beautiful Forget-Me-Not bags that you donated as well as the Easter lily and palm. They were overwhelmed by your love and generosity. It is no small thing to be loved and remembered. The Messengers of Hope thank you for your wonderful support of our treasured elderly and shut ins. Sincere thanks to the Community-Service Coordinating Team for delivering to our shut-in parishioners and to Paula Gallagher and Mary Lloyd for delivering to our nursing home residents. It's so wonderful to be remembered throughout the year by our parish family!

**\*\*\* DEADLINE FOR DONORS OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGNE PLAQUE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH.** Make sure you have your green form in the office if you want to have your name or the name of your loved one on the plaque! If you need a copy of the form, it is on the parish website [www.ourladyfreeland.org](http://www.ourladyfreeland.org) under **Events**.

❖ **Dear Deacon Jim,**

*In the Apostles' Creed, it says Jesus "descended into hell" Why did Jesus descend into hell if he is divine?*

❖ **Response**

This is certainly a valid question and I can understand that the wording in the Apostles Creed may be a bit perplexing. To address this question, we must first examine the word hell as it is used. Typically, when we hear the word hell, we immediately associate it to the place of eternal damnation for those judged to have committed mortal sins without repentance and rejected God.

However, in the Old Testament, hell (Sheol in Hebrew or Hades in Greek) is referred to as "*the abode of the dead*". This hell was for both the good and the bad. It was the nether world, which consisted of both the righteous and the unrighteous who were deprived of the vision of God. We find In the later writings of the Old Testament, a distinction is made between where the good resided in hell versus where the bad was, the two being separated by an impassable abyss. The section for the unjust was named Gehenna, where the souls would suffer eternal torment by fire.

Our Lord attested to this "*abode of the dead*" understanding of hell. Recall the parable of Lazarus, the poor beggar, who sat at the gate of the rich man, traditionally called Dives (cf. Lk 16:19ff). Lazarus dies and is taken to the "land of the dead" and is comforted at the bosom of Abraham. Dives dies and goes to the "land of the dead"; however, he finds eternal torment, being tortured in flames. Dives see Lazarus and cry out to Abraham for relief. However, Abraham replies, "My child, remember that you were well off in your lifetime, while Lazarus was in misery. Now he has found consolation here, but you have found torment. And that is not all. Between you and us there is fixed a great abyss so that those who might wish to cross from here to you cannot do so, nor can anyone cross from your side to us."

So, Jesus' descent into hell means that Jesus "*sojourned in the realm of the dead prior to his resurrection*" (CCC 632). Like all men, Jesus experienced death, and thus his soul joined others in this realm. But as the Catechism points out, "he descended there as Savior" and preached the good news to the spirits imprisoned there (1 Pet. 3:19).

The Jews referred to the righteous abode as "Abraham's bosom." It is these spirits to whom Jesus preached the good news when it is said Jesus descended into hell. "It is precisely these holy souls, who awaited their Savior in Abraham's bosom, whom Christ the Lord delivered when he descended into hell" (CCC 633).

*Deacon Jim*