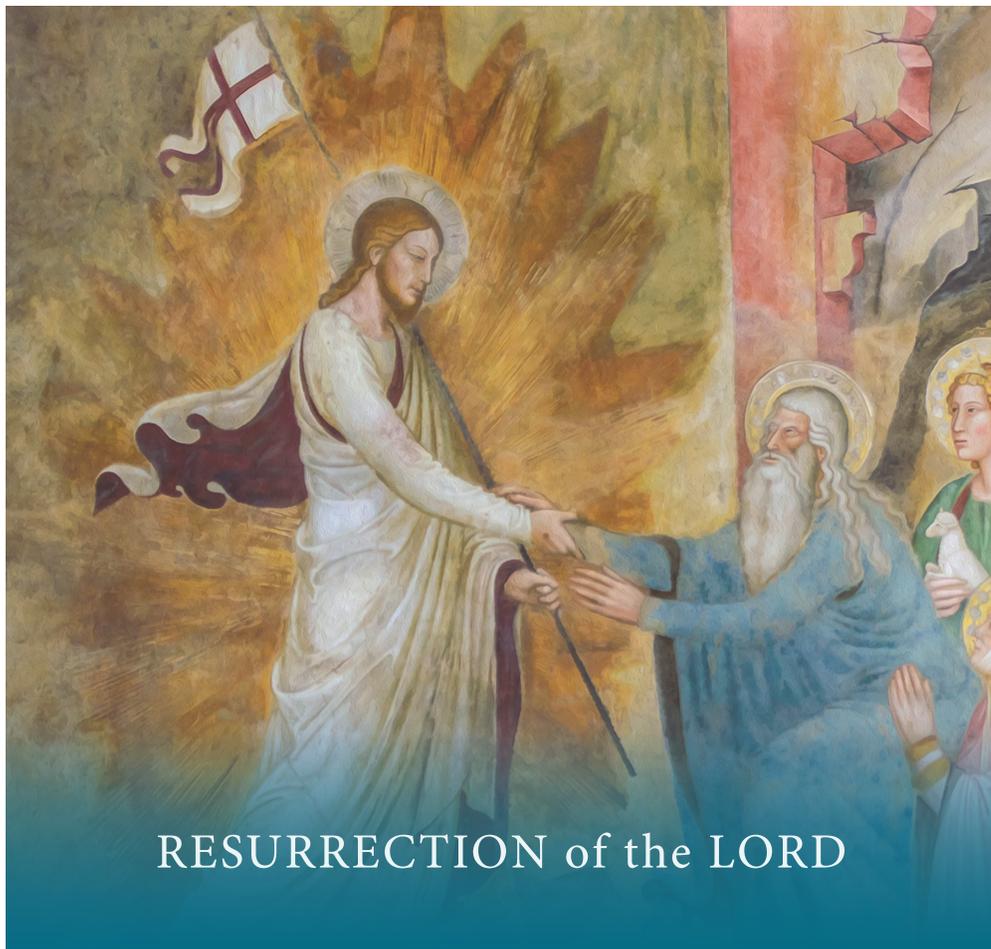


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RESURRECTION of the LORD

APRIL 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: LEARN YOUR WHISPERED NAME

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection, and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts, talents, expertise, and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all,

Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows

from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven.

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- APRIL 3 HOLY SATURDAY**
8:00 p.m. Veronica DiCola†
Vigil Mass Rick & Robin Targosky
- APRIL 4 EASTER SUNDAY**
8:00 a.m. Thanks for recovery and return to our church
9:30 a.m. Stephanie Phillips Eddy†
Mom & Dad
11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving for our parishioners
- APRIL 5 MONDAY**
8:00 a.m. Drew & Diane Haaser
Joan Lemasters
- APRIL 6 TUESDAY**
8:00 a.m. Bob & Bernadine Miller†
Miller/Porter families
- APRIL 7 WEDNESDAY**
8:00 a.m. Don McCormick†
Ellen McCormick
- APRIL 8 THURSDAY**
8:00 a.m. Charles Freeman†
Mary Ruth Whorton
- APRIL 9 FRIDAY**
8:00 a.m. Gary Dobbs†
Jan Dobbs
- APRIL 10 SATURDAY**
4:00 p.m. Jim Campbell†
Kathy & Denny Phillips
- APRIL 11 SUNDAY**
8:00 a.m. Opal Romanoski†
Suzanne Artimez
10:00 a.m. Zachary Materkoski†
Curia Family



Christians Worldwide Celebrate Easter With Spirit, Originality

Christians across the globe will be celebrating Easter Day with some traditions that may surprise you. Easter traditions in the United States are said to have come from German immigrants and their stories of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase." Here are just a few Easter traditions from other countries for you to enjoy:

BERMUDA

Festivities begin with a [Good Friday Kite Fest](#) where celebrants fly homemade kites. Folks also eat codfish and traditional hot-cross buns, and on Easter Sunday attend sunrise services on beaches across the island.



Legend says Kite Fest comes from a Bermudan teacher's creative effort to illustrate the Ascension of the Lord.

ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA

Antigua covers its streets in [colorful carpets](#) during Holy Week to prepare for its Good Friday procession. The long carpets are made from flowers, colored sawdust, fruits, vegetables, and sand. They're often covered in scenes that are important to the artists who create them.

MEXICO

Easter celebrations in Mexico vary across regions, with one tradition involving [blowing up giant papier-mâché Judases with fireworks](#).

AUSTRALIA

In 1991, Rabbit-Free Australia launched a vigorous campaign to replace the Easter bunny with the [Easter bilby](#), or rabbit-eared bandicoot. Rabbits are widely considered pests for destroying

crops and land, and bilbies are endangered, so the change began. Companies now make chocolate bilbies for Easter and donate proceeds to protecting bilbies.

FLORENCE, ITALY

In Florence, locals keep a 350-year-old Easter tradition known as [Scoppio del Carro](#) or "explosion of the cart." An

ornate cart packed with fireworks is led through the streets by people in 15th century costumes before stopping outside the Duomo. Florence's Archbishop then lights a fuse during Easter Mass that leads outside to the cart and sparks a lively fireworks display.

The meaning behind the custom dates back to the First Crusade and ensuring that there would be a good harvest.

HAUX, FRANCE

Each year a [giant omelet](#) is served up in this town's main square. The omelet uses more than 15,000 eggs and feeds up to 1,000 people. The story goes that when Napoleon and his army were traveling through the south of France, they stopped in a small town and ate omelets. Napoleon liked his so much that he ordered the townspeople to gather their eggs and make a giant one for his army the next day.

To read the source article visit <https://www.womansday.com/life/travel-tips/g2175/easter-traditions/>.

—Excerpted from Women's Day Online: CHRISTY PIÑA, ALEXIS HOBBS/2021

The Sanctuary Candle
 beside the tabernacle burns
 this week for
Stephanie Eddy

Prayer REQUESTS

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Eleanor Smith, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Bill Fowkes, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Mike Morris, Sami Wilson, Bob Kleinedler, Kathryn Ferrera, Chuck Taskalines, Celeste Evans, Phil Remke, Suzy Lunau, Sara Walters, Ashton Gardill, Liza Coe.

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Bill Tennant, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Marie Lohri.

Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.

CALENDAR

Live broadcast of Easter Mass with Bishop Brennan

10:30 a.m. April 4

WTRFDT3/ABC - Wheeling

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Listings at DWC.ORG/HOME/MASS/

Knights of Columbus - FREE, first-year, online membership KOFC.ORG/JOINUS

Bible Study Session Resumes

Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life Wednesdays 9 a.m. /Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Church Hall

Friday, April 30 DWC Tuition Assistance Deadline FACTSMGT.COM

Friday, May 14 Deadline for bringing donations of rosaries and religious medals for the poor of Zimbabwe.

LECTORS

April 10 4:00 p.m. **B. Blake**

April 11 8:00 a.m. **R. Scherich**

10:00 a.m. **L. Niemiec**

OFFERING MARCH 21, 2021

Envelopes	\$1,417.00
Loose Offering	\$198.00
Church Repair	\$30.00
Catholic Relief	\$5.00

OTHER COLLECTIONS:

Easter Flowers	\$655.00
Memorial	\$1,850.00
Candles	\$63.00
Candles - St. Joseph	\$15.00
Online Giving	\$25.00
Attendance	151

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THANK YOU

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact W.Va. Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to contacting civil authorities, report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH WITH

your time and your donations as we restore traditions while still managing pandemic restrictions.

We are especially grateful for those who patronized and worked the Lenten fish fry, as well as those who made sure there were plenty of pierogis to sell.

Gratitude also for those who delivered Easter flowers to our shut-ins and care home residents, those who decorated the church with flowers by memorializing family and loved ones, and those who prepared our beautiful church for Holy Week celebrations. Special thanks to the Eucharistic ministers, lectors, servers, ushers, cantors, accompanists, and PSR teachers who helped make Holy Week events in the church a reality. Add to the list the families with children who actively participate. Not to be forgotten also are those who keep the everyday tasks and missions going throughout. We are blessed to have each other, one and all.

Thank you!



THE EASTER SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS

weekend is to benefit the [Education of Seminarians](#) fund.

Giving to the education of our seminarians supports their training and formation. This is especially important during a time when upbuilding of vocations is critical to our church. Thank you for your support.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.



HAPPY EASTER SFX!

Next Sunday is the Feast of Divine Mercy, which ends this upcoming week known as the Easter Octave. Every day in the Octave is a continuation of Easter Sunday itself, with each day being another solemnity or "little Easter." The Feast of Divine Mercy is especially important because of its call to accept God's mercy. This time also begins the 50 days of the great feast of Easter that ends with Pentecost. So, be sure to keep celebrating and wishing everyone a happy Easter!

SEEING EVERYONE BACK IN THE CHURCH THROUGHOUT HOLY

Week is a long-awaited blessing that has inspired us to resume all Masses in the church, at least for the time being. This decision comes as more of you choose to vaccinate against Covid-19, which we believe is the key to returning safely to our pews.

Keeping Masses in church will still depend greatly on wearing masks, distancing, and using hand sanitizer upon entering and leaving. Cleaning also must continue. These measures remain necessary to protect those in our church and in your own families who are unvaccinated, as well as those at high risk for contracting Covid-19. We also encourage forming seating pods with those of like vaccination status since mixing seating with vaccinated and unvaccinated people is most unsafe for those at higher risk.

We believe and pray these steps, under current conditions, will work with your ongoing support.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

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