

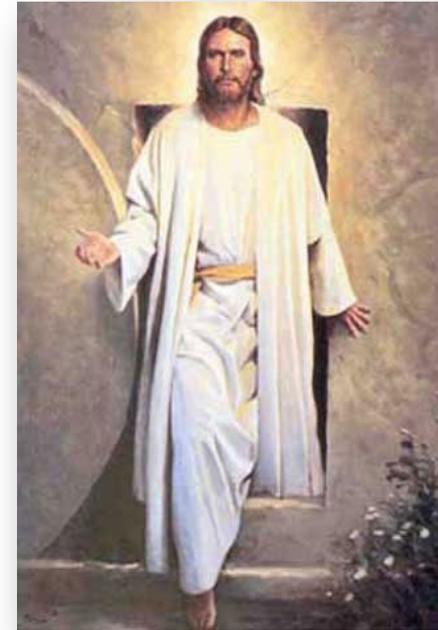
Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Jodi Aerts
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Dylan Anderson
Robert Berry
Patricia Bonnewitz
Millie Budney
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Sandra Burke
Julie Byron
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Justin Curtis
Tony Donehoo
Carol Donato
Islea Duncan
Alan Ekberg
John Evans
Kathy Evans
Glen & Kathy Nosti
Linda Gardner
Elizabeth Gillam

Lorraine Brennen Gilliam
Lynn Goss
Kathleen Hamilton
Jeanne Harper
Jeannine Iannaco
Pablo Ignacio
Patrick Ignacio
Meja Irvin
Leslie Jarrett
Carolyn Martin
Jamie Martin
Greg Moore
Kathleen Moore
Beverly Moyer
Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
Don Notestein
Patsy Notestein
Angel Ortiz
George Perry
Wendy Pessaro

Gary Peters
Laurie Peters
Frank Powell
Nelson Sanchez
Princess Sanchez
John Seaquist
Ray Servis
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Louise Williams
Michael Williams
Travis Williams
Betty Jo Wolfrum

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



Alleluia!

*The Lord is
Risen!*

*He is risen
indeed!*

Alleluia!

*Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024*

April Birthdays

Maria Leslie (April 3)
Pat Bonnewitz (April 5)
Kathy Ford (April 7)
Wesley Garcia (April 11)
Gloria Bowden (April 12)
Luke Ford (April 13)
Matthew Clark (April 13)
Beatrice Heady (April 13)
Yvon Page (April 13)
Kellie McCabe (April 13)
Ann Baaun-Gaydos (April 18)
Avery Lecco-Smith (April 18)
Scott West (April 21)
Kaydence Lecco-Smith (April 22)
Robert Berry (April 26)
Allen Lecco (April 27)

April Anniversaries

Paul & Cecilia Harmon (April 18)
David & Ann Gaydos (April 24)
Ray & Bernadette Servis (April 26)

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Holy Eucharist
Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Thursday 12:15 PM

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact
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A Pastoral Moment with Fr. Jim

Happy Easter! Alleluia! The Lord is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Thank you for a wonderful Lent. And now we really celebrate! Last week, Passion Sunday, I left you with Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and a woman names Salome. They went to the tomb bringing spices to anoint the body of Jesus. But, He is not there! He is risen, Alleluia. The question I always like to ask is: What to they do with the spices?

The empty tomb validates all that Jesus did including empowering people. Remember in John 6, "You give them something to eat!" Remember Lazarus coming from his tomb: "Untie him and let him go free!: Remember the young girl raised from the dead: "Talitha Kaum!" (Little girl, arise!) Remember his message to the parents of that young girl: "Give her something to eat!" Jesus was always empowering others.

Last Sunday, in the Passion, the curtain in the "Holy of Holies" where only the priest could go was torn. The "Holy or Holies" was now accessible to others. We have a priesthood all our own by the suffering and death of Our Lord, Jesus Christ! No more elitism of leadership - but a challenge of all to make the Risen Lord present by our actions.

And, just what is that action? ANOINTING! With the oils and spices meant for the body of the Lord, we now anoint the world. Anoint by your affirmation that spouse who is a caregiver for a suffering ill spouse. Anoint by your support for those parents who are loving, raising and caring for their children with disabilities. Not only anoint with food those who are hungry, but listen and anoint their stories no matter how old the stories get.

"Bless your heart"" (like my friend Laura says) we say to the grumpy, antagonistic person who gets on our nerves. Anoint with prayer and never stop praying for those in Palestine, Israel, Ukraine and Russia. Constantly show signs of the Risen Christ with you.

Make friends and send love to that relative who ignored you and makes you feel like no love is lost. Do it now and they will see a connection between the empty tomb and Easter.

There is no shortage of those needed oils and spices. If your spice runs low, dig down deep and as Paul would say, "Speak to the hope that is within you." Some are on the road to Emmaus. There was the death of Earl Fishback and others. Anoint them by walking with them.

The Lord is Risen! He is risen indeed! People will know when you share your oil, spice and love.

Announcements & News

Planning Fun Summer Events: Mark your calendar: We will meet at 6:30 pm on **May 1st** to plan some fun activities for the summer such as Hill Cats' Trip, Altar Server Outing and Holiday Lake Mass/Cookout. Please join us for a fun evening of planning.

Calling all Golfers! The 3rd Annual Holy Cross "Fairways to Heaven" Golf Outing is almost here! Come participate on **Friday, May 10th** in a fun outing of Catholic fellowship at Ivy Hills Golf Club. Tee time is 1:00 pm. The cost is \$50 per person which includes all fees plus a box lunch, prizes and a social following play. Gather a foursome and send your entry form to Holy Cross Church. Entry forms are available in the commons. **Deadline** for signups is **May 1st**. Need more information or help in putting a team together? Contact Paula Warwick at 434-941-5088.

Hospice Volunteers Needed! Have you ever considered being a hospice volunteer? Average volunteer time is only 2 hours per month! If you are interested, please call Centra Hospital @ 434-315-5052 and ask for Robin McLane (a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church).

