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**He is Risen!**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia**

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION



## Monday, April 21

**8:00** Franciszek Rebisz *req by the Rebisz Family*  
Vito Colangelo & Margharita Colangelo *req by the Family*

## Tuesday, April 22

**8:00** Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Wednesday, April 23

**8:00** Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Thursday, April 24

**8:00** Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Friday, April 25

**8:00** Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Saturday, April 26

**5:00** Leo & Eda Martin *req by Lenora Paolin*  
Leona & Omer Thibodeau *req by the Family*

## Sunday, April 27 Sunday of Divine Mercy

**8:00** People of the Parish

**9:30** Luigi Marco, Antonia & Giuseppe Lazzarin *req by Louise Marcon*  
Maria & Mario D'Amario & Bev & Butch Brown *req by the Family*

**11:30** Leo & Eda Martin *req by the Family*  
Nick & Nancy DiPaolo *req by John DiPaul*



### 2025 is a Special Year

This is a Jubilee Year in the Church. It is centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and

help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

### Church Envelopes and Income Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Income Tax Receipts from the back of the Church. Offertory Envelopes are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.

Project Share is looking for Volunteers in their Food Room and Warehouse. If you can commit to 3.5hrs a week for at least 6 months, please consider helping them out. The Hours of Operation are Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 3:30pm. Contact Karen Misek at 365-880-4726 or email [volunteer@projectshare.ca](mailto:volunteer@projectshare.ca) For more details, please read the Posters on the Church



Bulletin Boards at either the Back or Side entrances of the Church.

### Parish Registration

Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am new in the parish and wish to register \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to use contribution envelopes \_\_\_\_\_

I have recently moved \_\_\_\_\_

I have changed my phone number \_\_\_\_\_

We have married & wish to update our information \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not leave the Church Bulletins in the pews.  
If you do not wish to take it home, please return it to one of the tables at the doors of the Church. Thanks

Please pray for those who are ill. We are currently updating our sick list. This will be limited to parishioners and family members who are hospitalized or chronically ill. Please be advised that only an immediate family member can request a name to be added to this list.

Mary Power, Carl Lundrigan, Emma Corfield, Norah Marrie, Jeanne Lea, Joe Antonio, Theresa Prentice, Anna Tartaglia, Joyce Weaver, Leonardo Gualtieri, Muriel Lafford, Isabell Frost, Robert Orsini, Rick Woram, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Norm Scott, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, Scott MacLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Leila Khan, Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, David Gallina, John F, John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, D.D., Rita Ross, Leon French, Tony Cuvieello, Kelsey Liles, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanuz, Judy, Jadwiga Wozniak, Kerrie Szuch, William JA DeFoe, Betty Crete, Sister Prem, Bob Marshall, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Karen Bradley, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Arlene Collee, John Calder, Maria Guerin, Gregory Roulston, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, S.H., Francesco Albanese, Julie Nicholson, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Margaret Waghorn, Evelyn Rose Baker, Patricia O'Reilly, Fran Smelko, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Faith Amadio, Vanessa Athoe, Walter Wallace, Marie Brooker, Francois Chayer, Samuel Potapczyk, Jozefa Bilski, Elda Schneider, Susana Flego, Patricia Flego, Cynthia Alegre

Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

### Collections

April 13<sup>th</sup> : \$8,405.35

Giving Bowl: \$10,013.35 (to date)

Development & Peace: \$2,813.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2025

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:

**Sunday April 27, May 18 & June 22.**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, April 22, May 6 & June 10 at 7:00 pm.

*Sacrament of Baptism... Congratulations on the birth of your child! If you wish to have your child baptized, please register in the parish (if you haven't already done so). One of the parents must come into the parish office, meet with the pastor or his designate, so we can complete the proper forms, and gather the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a mandatory evening of preparation for parents and Godparents!*

### Sacramental Dates for 2025

First Communion: Sunday, May 25, 2025 @ 9:30am & 1:30pm

Mandatory Preparation Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Confirmation: Saturday, November 15, 2025 @ 5:00pm Mass

(If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)

**Perfume Allergies...** We have some parishioners who are very sensitive to perfumes and colognes. When you are readying yourself for Mass, maybe consider just a little dab!

### Holy Rosary

Every weekday morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.

**Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!**

Please refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events.





Dear Friends!

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!!! On behalf of Fr. Joi and our staff, I wish you all a very **Happy and Blessed Easter!** Today is the most joyful part of our faith. **He is Risen from the dead! Alleluia!**



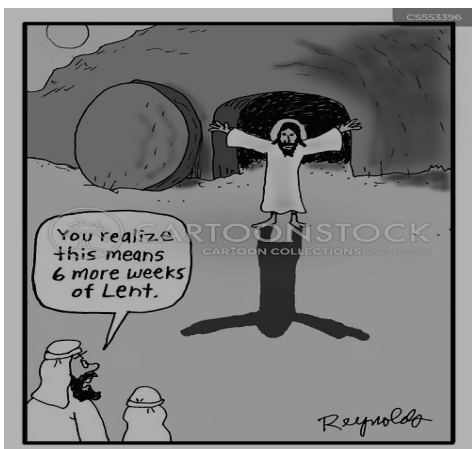
Darkness into Light!!! Sorrow into Joy!!! At our Good Friday Liturgy, a Cross covered with a red cloth was processed up the aisle and unveiled in three stages! At each stage the priest sang, **"Behold, behold the wood of the Cross, on which is hung our Salvation!"** Then we venerated the Wood of the Cross! He died this death for me and you! Then, at the Easter Vigil a fire was lit, and blessed... and a new Paschal Candle was carried into a darkened church. And its light illuminated the dark as we lit a candle from our Source of Light! Ironically, in the same three places where the cross was unveiled, the priest now sang, **"Christ our Light!"** Our Lord and Saviour, who hung upon the Cross on that dark Good Friday... brings light into our lives... into our world! Darkness into Light! Sorrow into Joy!

And the joy today is that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia! And we have risen with Him. Risen to a new life, the life of baptism, the life of Jesus Christ! We are an Easter people, because we have received the resurrected life of Christ at our baptism. What does that mean? It means that we who possess the life of Christ, are called to make the Kingdom of God a reality! To continue his mission and ministry. Christ has called us out of darkness and death and given each one of us the ability to make his presence real for others. We pray today for the courage to bring his New Life to others.

Easter Sunday is a great day, especially in this **Year of Hope**, to re-commit ourselves to live this new life, spread this new life, and to allow Christ to use us to transform the world. And God knows there's much transforming that needs to be done. Look at the pain and devastation with ongoing war in many parts of the world. Even in Jesus' ancestral land. Look at the challenges to our economy, and the challenge with international relations. Look at the challenges to the sanctity of human life. Look around our own country and town at the poverty, the drugs, the crime. Maybe look at the imperfections or tensions in our own families and relationships.

My prayer is that we will find the strength in the Risen Christ this Easter to transform ourselves, so that we may bring his light and hope to any darkness we encounter! The tomb is empty. The Saviour Lives. May His Life change us, and send us out to change the world. Alleluia. Happy Easter!

Fr. Gerard



Easter reminds us that God's love is stronger than any suffering or darkness we may encounter. - *Saint Padre Pio*

Easter proclaims that nothing is impossible with God and that His love can overcome all obstacles. - *Saint Francis of Assisi*

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of our Christian faith and the source of our eternal hope. - *Saint Leo the Great*

### Welcome !!!

This Easter Vigil we will celebrate Baptism for:  
**Gustaf Lagerquist; Bimbo Olukoya Solanke; Angel Rylie Toulabian Cayetano; Charlee Baglieri; Iris He; Lithie He; and Keenan Kates.**

Congratulations, and may God bless them on their faith journey!

### Family Prayer for Easter Dinner

Dear Lord: With great joy, we come to our Easter dinner. We continue our celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. We rejoice also in the resurrection of spring, as birds, flowers and fields, and trees, come alive after the long sleep of winter. May we share with them the great joy of life. Thank you Lord for gathering our family together today to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and the precious gift he gave to us on the Cross. We thank you for this meal. We ask you to bless our food, bless the hands that prepared it, bless our family, bless our home, and help all those who hunger for food this day! AMEN

### Carmelites in Niagara Falls- 150 Years

This year the Carmelites are celebrating 150 years in Niagara



Falls. There are three events planned to celebrate this milestone: **St. Pat's** (May 3<sup>rd</sup>); **Mount Carmel/Our Lady of Peace** (June 18<sup>th</sup>); and **Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre** (October 26<sup>th</sup>).

On **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM** we will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Patrick's in honour of our Carmelite presence in Niagara Falls, particularly here at **St. Patrick Parish** (1875-2025). A wine and cheese/dessert reception will follow in the parish hall. We are asking for some volunteers to make desserts/cookies, and some volunteers to help set up and clean up. If you can assist, please let the parish office know at your earliest convenience. If you have any photos of Carmelites over the years, please pass them on to us. We will scan them and return them immediately.

### Easter Call to Serve

Your community needs you to share your gifts! Please consider being a minister in your community as **Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Funeral Server, or usher**. Give your name to the parish office and we will train you!

### Federal Election- April 28, 2025

As Canada prepares for the April 28<sup>th</sup> federal election, we are all urged to get involved in the electoral process. This could be the most consequential national vote in generations. Let's all exercise our rights. Get out and vote. Be heard. Know the issues. Make a difference.

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