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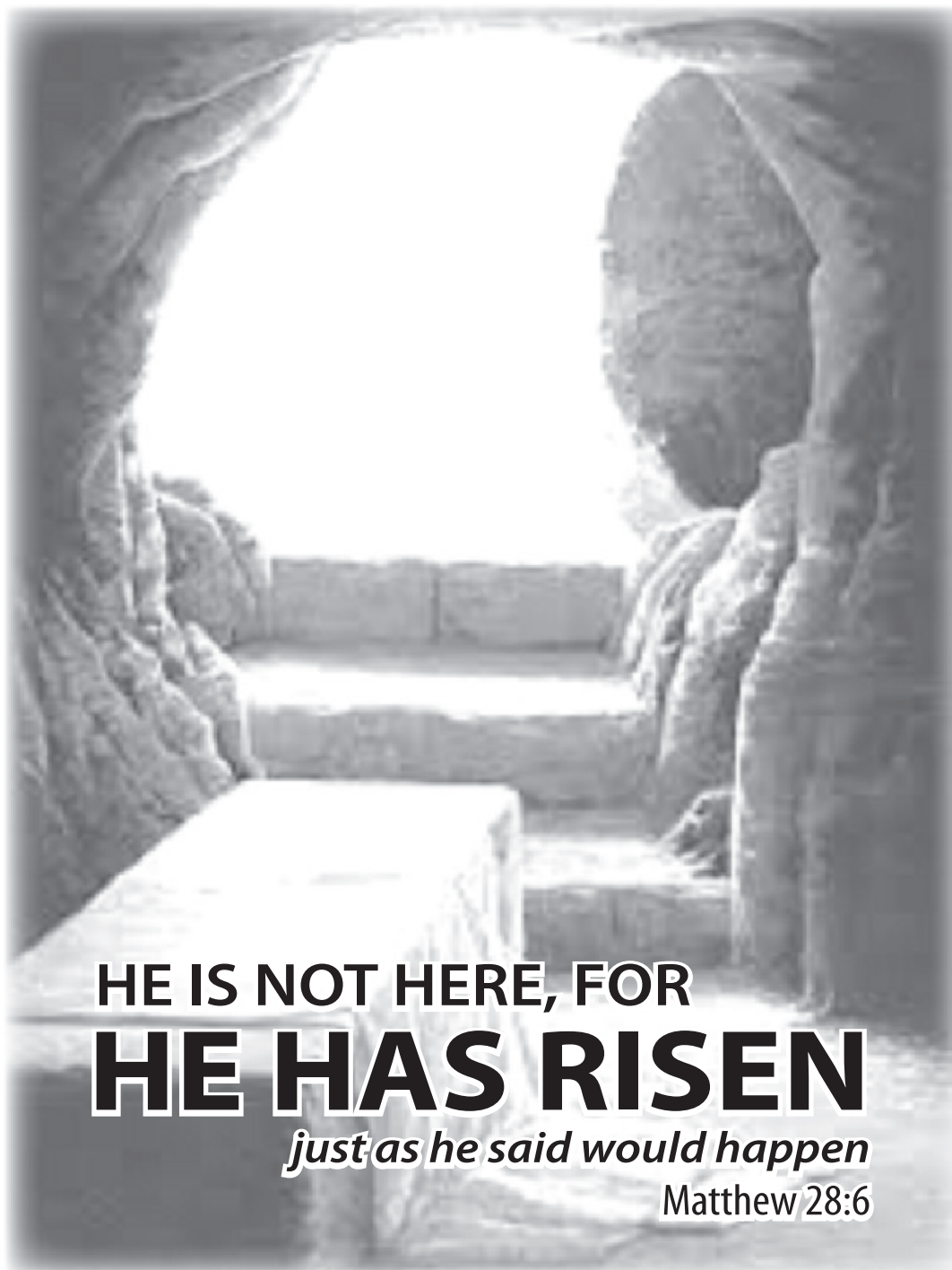
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**HE IS NOT HERE, FOR
HE HAS RISEN**

just as he said would happen

Matthew 28:6



PASTOR'S EASTER MESSAGE

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia!!

Dear friends in Christ,

The church beckons us in a special way this holy season of Easter, to rejoice with our Blessed Mother. We rejoice because 'he who she did merit to bear, has risen as he said'. We celebrate with our mother Mary, the Mother of the Church, because of the fulfillment of God's promises in her son for the good of mankind.

My dear friends, we embarked on the Lenten journey these last 40 days, immersing ourselves in the spirit of the season and asking God to help us prepare ourselves body and soul, to celebrate these paschal festivities worthily. We thank God for that opportunity, and we pray that this opportunity he afforded us will help deepen our faith and commitment to his ways.

Easter is a celebration of God's love and faithfulness to the covenant he made with our fathers in faith. Let us, as we celebrate this unmerited love, make a commitment to love and appreciate ourselves and each other. The sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary and his resurrection on the third day is the greatest of miracles. A miracle that assures us that if we keep the faith, that we would inherit the beatific vision. His suffering reminds us that after the cross comes the crown.

Let us dear friends, unite ourselves and our various challenges with the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we will with him rise in glory.

Do have a wonderful Easter celebration, for he has risen! Alleluia!!

Fr Emeka Onyeogubalu



Easter...it's not about the bunny, it's about the lamb.

Lectors

April 6th/7th - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

5:00 pm	President: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu
	#1 Myles Bunbury #2 Peter Stoop
8:00 am	President: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu
	#1 Malachy Okafor #2 Monica Mullane
10:30 am	President: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu
	#1 Harrison Peiris #2 Mark Ferreira

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled,
Please ensure that you have found a replacement.*

Dates to Remember

April 7th - Divine Mercy Celebration

April 13th/14th - First Communion

April 21st - Confirmation



***The St. John the Apostle – Divine Mercy
Cenacle invites you to a celebration here
at the Church on
Divine Mercy Sunday April 7th
at 2:30pm***

Come and receive God's abundant mercy on this feast day. It includes a Reflection, Eucharistic Adoration, Veneration of the Image of our Lord, Reconciliation, and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

All are welcome!



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy There will be no Children's Liturgy this weekend, so families can celebrate in the Church together. It will resume again next **Sunday, April 7th.**

Children's Liturgy takes place at every 10:30am Mass. Kindergarten aged children through grade 6 are welcome to join us in the main hall for a child friendly liturgy. Parents are welcome to attend with younger children!

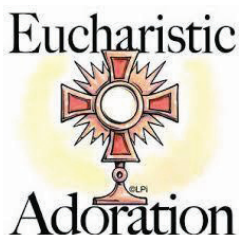


SUNDAY SMILE

Why should you never tickle an Easter egg? It might crack up!

What day do Easter eggs hate the most? Fry-day.

What kind of bunny can't hop? A chocolate one!



EVERY **FIRST FRIDAY** OF THE MONTH
After 9am Mass until 10:30am.

Come spend some time with our Lord.

AROUND THE DIOCESE:

Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Come and discover what the Diaconate is all about. Information sessions will be held at St. Mary's Parish – 100 Young St. on **Tues. April 2nd** from 7-9:00 pm and the Diocesan Centre – 1209 Michael St. North on **Sat., April 6th** from 1-3:00pm. Contact Deacon Charles (Chuck) Fink for more information and to register:
CharlesFink@ottawacornwall.ca

Chesterton Academy of Ottawa presents "12 Angry Jurors", by Reginald Rose, adapted by Sherman L. Segal, **April 12th and 13th at 7:30pm**, Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 194 Fourth Avenue. Admission: \$10 minimum contribution; no advance reservations required. More information:
chesterton.ottawa.drama@gmail.com.

A Concert to benefit the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund: An unforgettable evening of music with the talented Inuk soprano Deantha Edmunds. This in-person event will take place at the Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica on Sussex Drive on **Friday, April 19th at 7:30pm**. Tickets \$25-\$50. Go to IRFconcert.eventbrite.ca for details and to buy tickets.

Mass Intentions

Sun. March 31st – 8:00am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sun. March 31st – 10:30am

✠ George Nyvlt by the family
For all Priests by San Aye and family

Thurs. April 4th – 9:00am

✠ Michele Terese Sciortino by the Egan family

Sat. April 6th – 9:00am

For the protection of all human life.

Sat. April 6th - 5:00pm

✠ Adele White by Peter White
✠ Carmen Beach by the family

Sun. April 7th – 8:00am

✠ Marguerite Hill by the family
✠ Carl Dervin by Lynn Harriet-Dervin
For the intentions of Jean Barton on her 100th birthday by Rosemary and Jerry Fikis

Sun. April 7th – 10:30am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

✠ indicates deceased

Donations: Pre-authorized Debit (PAD) is available for you to make your monthly/bi-monthly contributions to our parish for both the Sunday collection and Building Fund donations. This means that once we have the necessary information and set it up, the transfer will be automatic from your bank account to the parish bank account. Please see the information and application forms on the bulletin board at the entrance to the church or on our website.

**The Parish Office is closed
on Easter Monday.**





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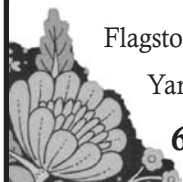
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