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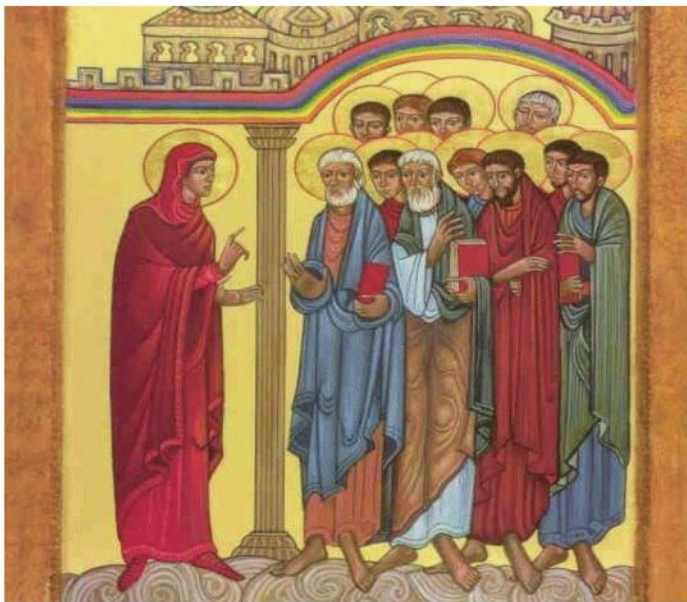
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**Sacristan**

Enzo Angeloni

APRIL 9, 2023 + EASTER SUNDAY



## MASSES FOR EASTER WEEK

**Holy Saturday, April 8th**

8:00 P.M. — Margaret Konkol by Bob & Mary Bestrycki

**Easter Sunday, April 9th**

8:00 A.M. — People of the Parish

10:30 A.M. — Vanda & Orlando Giorgetti

**Monday, April 10th**

8:00 A.M. — Henry and Bessie Smith by Family

**Tuesday, April 11th — No Mass Today**

**Wednesday, April 12th**

5:30 P.M. — Clara Talnagi by Margaret Conway

**Thursday, April 13th**

5:30 P.M. — Felix G. Froncek by Daughters

**Friday, April 14th — No Mass Today**

**Saturday, April 15th**

4:00 P.M. — James Nardelli by Carolyn Nardelli

**Sunday, April 16th**

8:00 A.M. — Michael Hrebin by Wife & Daughters

10:30 A.M. — Bishop John M. Dougherty, D.D. (Anniv.)



# ALLELUIA!

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**April 15th-**

4:00 P.M. - Lector-Livia Clark

Altar Server-Teresa Newberry

Communion Minister-Maria Ceccacci



**April 16th**

8:00 A.M. - Lector-Lou Margotta

Altar Server-Paul Szymonski

Communion Ministers-Shirley Sebastianelli

10:30 A.M. - Lector-Joseph Slish

Altar Server-Owen Slish

Communion Ministers-Margaret Conway-Jim Wallace



## SATURDAY CONFESSION TIMES

Fr. Gerard will be available to hear your confession from 3:00-3:30 P.M. on the following date: April 15th and 29th. He will be in his usual place near the sanctuary. As always, confessions are available by appointment, too.



## PARISH PRAYER LIST

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Margaret Smiegal	J A Adams	Shannon Kennedy	L.L.
Lois R.	Laurie Bransdorf	Jerry Fagnani	Sarah Kolojeski
Gina Taylor	Robert Are	Kaidence O'Donnell	John K.
Mark B.	Mary Zitts Brunetti	P.P. & J.P.	McKenna Hunsinger
Heather	Joe Garrick	Bishop James C.	Timlin
Eric K.	John P. Jones	Mary Ann Zigmont	T.B.N.
Julie A. Supplee	Joey Berical	Debbie Coons & Daughter	
Evie Dixon	Alicia Rinaldi	Greg & Laurie	Robert Mazzoni
Ivan W.	L.A. and R.A.	Eleanor Siniawa	M.U. M.S.
Michael C.	Tiahna Grace Jackson	Donna Frisch	Anthony Capasso
Michael D.	Mary Munley	Richard Williams	K. Gault
Maria W.	George Shaffer	Bill C.	G.R.S., Jr.
Joseph R.	Brendan Mellin	Elaine	Theresa Ofcharsky
Molly Evans	Ava Biancarelli	Jacqueline Kosar	Blazaskie
Rhonda Wassil	Tiffany Fagnani	Mary Pat Rudalavage	C.M.C.
Nancy V.	Brian Zebrowski	James Baker	Bigi Bob A.
Paul Washko	Deacon Jerry	Beverly Lepri	Gregory Rosetti
David Passeri	Michael Passeri	Paul Cacciamani	Sr.
Sue Wallace	Barbara Marcinko	Marie Homentosky	J.B. S.J.
Deborah Ann R.	Christopher Mortensen	All Suffering from COVID-19	

**All Active Duty Service Men and Women + The People of Ukraine  
All Lives Lost to Gun Violence in our Nation**

**O Lord, Blessed Mother, and All the Saints,  
hear our prayers for those on our Parish Prayer List.**

## FAITH FORMATION—2023

April-9-No Class Today-**Happy Easter!**

16-Class in Session-**Confirmation Practice-Peckville  
Candidates Only-12:00-1:00 P.M.**

23-Class in Session

24-Confirmation Practice-**Sacred Heart-Peckville  
Sponsors & Candidates-6:30 P.M.**

27-5:00 P.M. **Celebration of Confirmation  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish-Peckville**

30-Class in Session-Last Class of the year

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## GRADUATING SENIORS-SAVE THE DATE

The 2023 Baccalaureate Mass will be held on Sunday, May 21st at 10:00 A.M. in Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Peckville. This is for Queen of Angels Parish, Christ the King Parish, Holy Cross Parish, St. Mary's Parish-Dickson City, and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Queen of Angels contact person is Dina Angeloni-570-479-1846.

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## FIRST COMMUNION AT 10:30 MASS THIS WEEKEND

Fr. Gerard's great niece will be receiving First Holy Communion this weekend. She has been preparing over Zoom and Facetime with her Grandmother and Mother for the last two years and will be coming to Jessup from New Jersey to receive the Eucharist from the hands of her Uncle Gerard. Welcome to the Reinmann Family and especially Piper Joan Reinmann.

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## A HOLY WEEK AND EASTER THANK YOU

A great big thank you to all those who worked behind the scenes to clean, decorate, and reset all of our Holy Week celebrations. Many hard workers came together to make our celebrations appropriate and prayerful. A great big thank you to our Music Ministry and especially Elaine Safko for providing such a prayerful musical environment during Holy Week. And to all of our Liturgical Ministers, thank you for your willingness to serve during Holy Week. It is a lot of instruction, practice, preparation and liturgical choreography for one week. Well done good and faithful servants of the Lord.



## Scripture Reflection

The beginning of this gospel reading shows Mary of Magdala coming to the tomb early in the morning while it is still dark. The narrative quickly shifts to what is unusual about the scene—Mary noticing that the stone had been removed from the tomb. Without a doubt, that is a tremendous and paradigm-shifting occurrence. When Simon Peter and the other disciples arrive at the tomb and realize that Jesus is no longer dead and no longer house in the dark tomb, one layer of this incredible event is unveiled. Christ's physical resurrection demonstrates the mighty power of God. We bear witness to God's abiding love to humankind, a love that declares, "I love you so much that I will journey with you unto death and bring you out on the other side." + In a smaller, quieter way it is also quite moving to imagine Mary and the other women visiting the tomb and tending to Jesus' body in the days between the crucifixion and the resurrection. These women may have overcome fear of judgment or even violence from the community to go and care for Jesus' body. They may have had to overcome shame or embarrassment after watching their spiritual leader endure such an undignified execution. Then, of course, there is the soul-rocking grief of mourning a beloved friend. + The Easter story is overflowing with miracles, and perhaps one such miracle is that Mary and the disciples exhibit a love and devotion that was not extinguished by fear or by a gruesome and humiliating death. What love, what tenacity of spirit compels one to return and willingly encounter profound trauma again and again? Even without fully understanding what Jesus meant when he said that he would rise again, Mary of Magdala and the disciples returned to the tomb believing that their love held significance regardless of whether it could change circumstances. + This may evoke modern images of first responders working tirelessly at a scene of a disaster. Or medical professionals who provide palliative care to terminally ill patients. Or counselors and psychiatrists who provide treatment for people living with debilitating mental illness for which there may never be a cure. It is a beautiful aspect of our human nature that we are so often driven to return, to strive, to persist, and to care even against all odds. The kernel of hope that reveals itself during our worst moments is perhaps a glimpse of the divine likeness breathed into each of us by God at the moment of our creation. + Although this Easter narrative shows us a mournful vigil that culminates in an astonishing and miraculous revelation, let us consider how the spirit of resurrection is also present in the perpetual vigil—in the ways we keep showing us day after day to break chains, nurture relationships, and show mercy and compassion. Although we live in hope, it is true that we may not see the fruit of our labors. Or, as this Easter story also demonstrates, the miracle we receive may be grander than our imaginings. Let us nurture the hope that lives within our hearts while also placing our trust and our joy in the resurrection God has in store for us—whatever its form.

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## Questions to Ponder

We know so well how this story ends, but try to put yourself in the place of Mary Magdalene or one of the disciples as they put the pieces together for the first time. What would you be thinking and feeling as this absolutely unthinkable event unfolds? + Like the characters of this gospel, we also often encounter the risen Christ in oblique signs and symbols, things that are easy to overlook in our busy day. What in your life might be an overlooked symbol of resurrection?



**"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad."**

Psalm 118



### YOUR APRIL OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Once again, if your envelopes haven't arrived in a timely manner it is because they do not come as First Class mail. It might take a bit longer to get to you. As in previous months, please be patient. And a reminder, you can use the extra envelope from the previous month and use that for the Sunday Offertory until your new envelopes arrive. Remember to write your name and envelope number on that offering. Thank you.

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### 2023 PASCHAL CANDLE MEMORIAL-ROMAINE KOZIK

Thanks to the Kozik and Gasper families for donating the cost of our 2023 Paschal Candle. Once again, the 2023 candle is called "Genesis". As the first reading from Genesis for the Easter Vigil indicates, light was God's first creation. The undulating bands of color, punctuated by 22K genuine gold slivers of the moon, suggest the formless abyss giving way to the Creator's cosmic order.

### EASTER SEQUENCE



**Christians, to the Paschal Victim**

**Offer your thankful praises!**

**A Lamb the sheep redeems;**

**Christ, who only is sinless,**

**Reconciles sinners to the Father.**

**Death and life have contended**

**in that combat stupendous:**

**The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.**

**Speak, Mary, declaring**

**What you saw, wayfaring.**

**"The tomb of Christ, who is living,**

**The glory of Jesus' resurrection;**

**Bright angels attesting,**

**The shroud and napkin resting.**

**Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;**

**To Galilee he goes before you."**

**Christ indeed from death is risen,**

**our new life obtaining.**

**Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!**

**Amen. Alleluia.**

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### SUNDAY COLLECTION

April 2, 2023-Unavailable when the bulletin went to print .



### QUEEN OF ANGELS ROSARY GROUP

The Parish Rosary Group meets every Wednesday evening at 6:00 P.M. in the Grunick Center Eucharistic Chapel. It is cool in the Summer and warm in the winter. Bring a friend. Why not come to 5:30 P.M. Mass and then go to the Rosary next door for 6:00 P.M.! Make it your new routine...kind of like your weekly spiritual exercise. All are welcome.

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### OUR ANNUAL EASTER COLLECTION

One of the largest collections of the year is our Easter Collection. Your great generosity and sacrifices have been shown over many years. This collection helps the parish greatly by paying our bills through the month of April and beyond. Our increasing expense these months will be for electricity because of the use of the air-conditioning. God bless you and thank you for making such great sacrifices.

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### THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

An Easter activity that Fr. Gerard does every year is to sit and read through the whole of The Acts of the Apostles. If you cannot complete it in one sitting, take a few chapters every day. It is a great spiritual exercise for the Easter Season and to be inspired by the activity of the early church.

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### EASTER SEASON MASS SETTING

We will return to Mass of Christ the Savior for our Easter Season Mass setting. It can be found at the following numbers in your Breaking Bread-#914-Gloria, #917-Holy, Holy, #918-We Proclaim Your Death, #921-Amen and #922-Lamb of God. This will continue until May 28th-Pentecost Sunday.

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### LITURGY AND LIFE

New life is all around us, but we often fail to see it. The cycle of life is awe-inspiring yet overwhelming at times. Sometimes it is joyful and demanding, such as when caring for a baby through sleepless nights. At other times, it can be eye-opening, as when starting a new job or learning a new hobby or skill. Fr. Gerard has been taking small steps the last year and a half in order to heal his legs. He has experienced new life a little at a time toward continued healing. Take steps, even small ones, toward new life, this Easter Season.

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### INTERESTED IN RESERVING THE SANCTUARY CANDLE?

You notice that we have a weekly intention for our Sanctuary Candle. The intention can be for the living or the dead. It can be for healing or a special blessing for an occasion in a person's life. Call the Parish Office if you are interested. There are many weeks open throughout the year. The usual donation is \$5.00.

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### CEMETERY CLEAN-UP TIME

It's that time of year when we ask you to remove all of your holiday items from our cemeteries (St. Michaels' and St. Mary's) and the mausoleum. We will be getting ready for the Spring and Summer months. Do not put heavy items and dirt in the trash cans. Thank you for your cooperation.



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