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THE

Resurrection



**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**

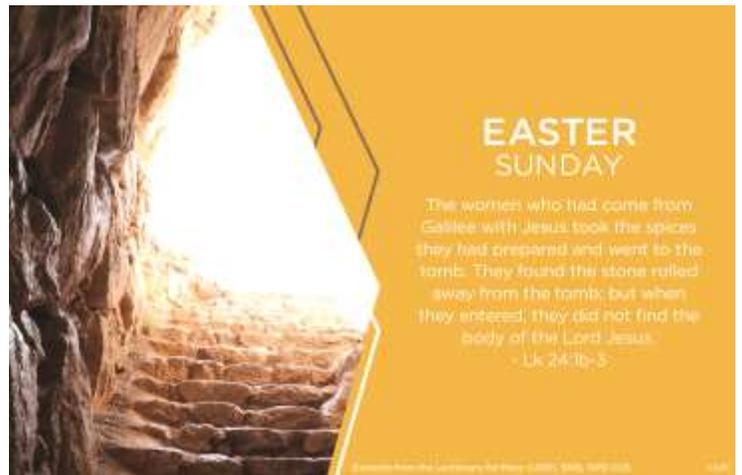
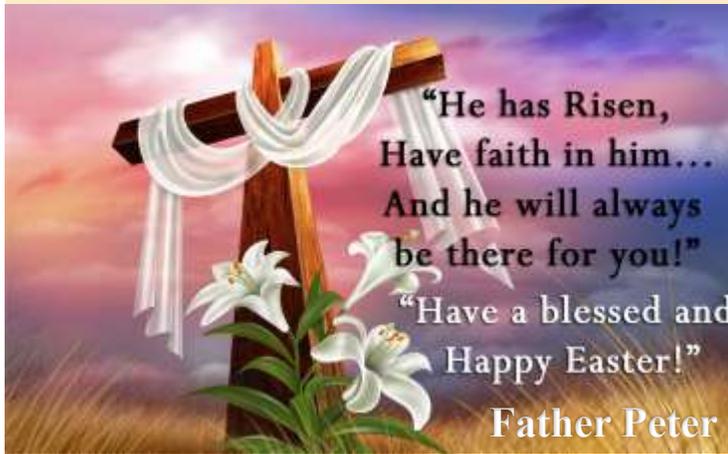
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*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns for
Cliff, Cindy, David & Cathy Studley
requested by Millie Studley.*



There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the **future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!**

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live. ©LPI



Mass Intentions

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16

7:00pm Kevin J. Ryan (req. by family)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

7:30am Healing for Andrea Cosby (req. by Dee Fumega)

9:00am James McCormack (req. by Sean & Betty Queally)

11:00am Marie & Pacific Giordano (req. by Rocca family)

MONDAY, APRIL 18

8:00am Frank Hogan (req. by family)

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

8:00am Cora Beloy (req. by Massimi family)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

8:00am Special Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

8:00am James McCormack (req. by Glynn family)

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

8:00am Special Intention

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

5:30pm **Kathleen O'Neill McManus** (req. by Neill McManus)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

9:00am John Hourican, 4th Anniversary
(req. by nephew, Bill Carello)

11:00am John Mahan (req. by family)

We welcome our newly baptized parishioner:

Lukas Fraczekiewicz



**Question from FR. PETER...
Are you a true Disciple of Jesus?**

One of my responsibilities as your pastor is to continue to invite every member of our OLSS family not just to “follow the Church rules” but more importantly to grow in friendship with Jesus.

It involves making a choice to follow Jesus in our daily lives - by trying to think like him, behave like him, love like him, forgive like him, die like him and live like him.

The weekend following Easter on Saturday April 23rd from 8:30am till 2:30pm we will host a guest speaker, Patrick Conley who will help us to reflect on opportunities for each of us to make a choice, a free, mature choice, to prioritize God, to leave other things behind and come to be with Him who we at least say with our lips is Lord and God. It's a chance for us to follow the apostles and become not just acquaintances of Jesus, not just groupies, but real true disciples.

**Saturday, April 23, 2022
8:30am – 2:30pm**

***Our Lady Star of the Sea*
“Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples”
Led by Patrick Conley, Catherine of Siena Institute
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.**

Leave It in the Tomb

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out. “I see you hiding in that tomb,” he says. “I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice.”

He says it a little more elegantly, I'll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you'd better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, “Great idea, Paul — but I'm pretty comfy here.” Because sometimes, it's just easier to stay in the tomb. It's easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there's anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It's a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn't rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

STEP INTO THE LIGHT. HE IS WAITING FOR YOU.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus. According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other “pale” (symbolizing water), with the words “Jesus, I trust in you” at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, “I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.” When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.



The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her diary entry 699: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

To read more about Sr. Faustina's revelations and diary entries please visit <https://www.sisterfaustina.org/content/st-faustina-diary>

<p>4/24/22 Divine Mercy Chaplet</p>		<p>3:00pm All are welcome!</p>
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	<p>Saturdays at 5:00 pm (prior to the 5:30 Vigil Mass) Live rosary in the Church until peace is restored in Ukraine and around the World. All are invited to join.</p>
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