

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 POLISH

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least six months prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM
and
THURSDAYS BEFORE
FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS
7:00 AM
SATURDAYS
8:00 AM
SATURDAY
EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS
8:00 & 9:15 AM
10:30 AM (Polish)
12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
TUES. 12 to 2 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS
TUES. 2 to 3 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION
2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITE CHAPTER
1ST SAT. AFTER
8 AM MASS

Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

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- 6:00 am (PL) O boze bogoslawnienstwo dla Malgorzata i Tadeusz Osiniak
8:00 am + Joseph LaPurka
9:15 am God's blessings for St. Isidore Altar Rosary Society
10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
+ Zofia and Stanislaw Andrychowski
+ Stanislaw Terepka (6th A)
+ Wieslaw Luniewski / + Stasia Grabowski
+ Jan Harasimowicz i Pulchalski i Harasimowicz Families / + Monika Bałdowska (A) & Fam.
12 Noon + John Kujawski, Jr.

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

- 7:00 am + Robert Hartlett
+ Leokadia Wolniewicz i zmarlych z rodziny and Irena F.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

- 7:00 am Health & God's Blessings for Christine Arbour
+ Anne Kruel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

- 7:00 am Bday Blessings for Carol Pfaff / + Jim Massiello

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

- 7:00 am + Stanley Cichanowicz, Jr. (A)
+ Mary Rutkowski

FIRST FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

- 7:00 am Good Health for Marianna Czapla
+ Candida Immaculata Giordano

FIRST SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

- 8:00 am For the Intention Known to God
+ Margaret Gargilinski
Intentions of the Baltera and Errick Families
Intentions of the Massiello Family
5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
Good Health and Blessings for Christine Arbour
Blessings for the Witkop Family
Birthday Blessings for Michele Mainland
+ Mary Jane Kelly
+ Arthur (A), Lottie and Stanley Bullock

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

- 8:00 am + Wladyslaw & Jozefa Lul & Family
9:15 am + Charles and Dolores Van Rossem
10:30 am + Jadwiga (A) & Julian Bondarowicz
+ Ziggy Wilinski / + Teresa Lul
Za Członków żywego Różańca i Rodzinę Radia Maryja
+ Teodore & Stanislaw Szejter / + Stasia Grabowski
+ Edward i dusze w czyseccu cierpiace
Blessings and Health for Fr. Nicholas
12 Noon + Marguerite Parks (A)
2:00 pm Divine Mercy Reflection and Chaplet

IN LOVING MEMORY

Missalettes

Walter L. Kielkowski
Michael J. Kielkowski

Bread & Wine

Deceased Members of the Zilnicki
and Cichanowicz Families

Sanctuary Lamp

Vincent A. Doroszka, MD

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, April 1, 2024

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Adoration 12:00—1:00 PM
Millions of Monicas 1:00 PM—2:00 PM

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Confession 4 to 5 PM

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Carmelite Meeting 9 AM to 1 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,
11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn
20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk
24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk
24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn
21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,
19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
(1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



**PRAY FOR
OUR DECEASED**

Anne Kruel

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Daryl Alec * Christina Donovan * John Giordano * Harry Koehler * George Janis * Kathy D'Eletto * Maureen Booth * Richard Francis Harrison II * Ursula Mocniak * Joan Zaleski * Catherine and Charles J. Sehy * Madeline Galka * Grazyna Pawlak * Gillen Family * Blythe Fickenwirth * Irene Monahan * Jody Breitfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Perniciaro * Sammy * Brodie * Bob Rozanski * Dolline Welch * Sue Brooks * Cathleen Mickaliger * Joseph Stepnoski * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Eleanor Nystrom * Margaret McCarthy * Jan Suchta * Justin * Mike Smithwick * Dakota Harmon * Courtney Altman * Cole Faller * Claire Latour * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Anthony Naglieri * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Denise Babinski * Michael Alperti * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Tom Wisniewski III * Jean Reyes Carroll * Jeffrey Clark * James, George and Barbara Jaeger * Ernest and Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthall * Michelle Giaccone * Gloria Keller * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Connie Giordano * Krzysztof Olszowski * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacar * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Eleanor Koller * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angle * Marta Andreotta * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Grefe * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * The Huntley Family * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * Marcjanna Stolarzewicz * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:

1st Lt. Nicholas Santorelli, Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Brendan Fitzgerald, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Has been donated by
Rosemary Czulada in memory of
Joeseph, Sr., Jill Marie
and Joseph, Jr., Czulada



Christ in our Hearts Reflection

“O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen and you are abolished. Christ is risen and the demons are cast down. Christ is risen and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead. To him be glory and power for ever and ever.”

~ St. John Chrysostom

COLLECTIONS

Today, March 31: Sunday and Easter Gift
Next Week, April 7: Sunday and Monthly School

Thank you for your generosity!

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
January	\$ 27,130	\$ 22,356
February	\$ 25,967	\$ 25,208



To Our Welcome Visitors:

Welcome to St. Isidore!

May this be a sanctuary of peace and grace for you. If you attend our parish, will you consider registering with us? It is so helpful whenever the need arises for special sacraments, funeral masses and sponsor certificates. It also enables us to keep track of your donations when you use the envelopes we send you.

Please complete the lines below and drop it in a collection basket.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 7TH

Reflection and song 2:00PM—3:00PM led by:



Eileen Benthall, musician, published author, columnist in numerous print and online publications, speaker and advocate on WABC radio, Fox News and local media.



Dcn. Michael Hoonhout, Ph.D., will lead the reflection. Deacon Michael was a professor of dogmatic theology at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. Before that he taught at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington and the Catholic University of America. He obtained his doctorate in systematic theology from Boston College. Michael is married and was ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Join St. Isidore on **MAY 7** as we visit the Culinary Institute of America followed by a 2-hour relaxing paddle boat cruise on the Pride of the Hudson.



We begin our day on a private bus leaving St. Isidore parking lot at 7:30am and arrive at the Culinary Institute of America about 11:00am. Recently named one of **“The 56 Prettiest College Campuses in America”** by *Condé Nast Traveler*, CIA's 170-acre riverside main campus in Hyde Park, NY is the total package for college life with a culinary twist. Enjoy a 3-course luncheon served to you by the students in their beautiful dining room.



After enjoying the experience of the Institute, we continue on to the next part of our day arriving about 2:00pm at the Newburgh Landing in Newburgh, NY to enjoy the two hour paddle boat cruise on the Pride of the Hudson. Your Captain will present a narration of the sights along the River including Mt. Beacon, Bannerman Island, Storm King Mountain, Breakneck Mountain, The Catskill Aqueduct, World's End, Cold Spring, and West Point. Both the top and main decks have a fully stocked bar. After a relaxing day on the water, we return to St. Isidore about 7:00pm.

The cost for this day of adventure is \$235 per person.

Call the rectory at 631-727-2114 to reserve your spot. Payment in full is due on **April 1st**.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY

O Risen Jesus, make me worthy to share in the joy of Your Resurrection



This Photo by Unknown.

“This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be glad and rejoice therein”. This is the most excellent day, the happiest day in the whole year, because it is the day when “Christ, our Pasch, has been sacrificed.” Christmas, too, is a joyous feast, but whereas Christmas vibrates with a characteristic note of sweetness, the Paschal solemnity resounds with an unmistakable note of triumph; it is joy for the triumph of Christ, for His victory. The liturgy of the Mass shows us this Paschal joy under two aspects: joy and truth (*Ep: 1 Cor 5, 7, 8*) and joy in charity (*Postcommunion*).

Joy and truth: According to the vibrant admonition of Saint Paul, “*Let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven... but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*” In this world there are many ephemeral joys, based on fragile, insecure foundations; but the Paschal joy is solidly grounded on the knowledge that we are in the truth, the truth which Christ brought to the world and which He confirmed by His Resurrection. The Resurrection tells us that our faith is not in vain, that our hope is not founded on a dead man, but on a living one, the *Living One* par excellence, whose life is so strong that it vivifies, in time as in eternity, all those who believe in Him. “*I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, although he be dead, shall live*” (*Jn 11, 25*). Joy in truth: for only sincere and upright souls who seek the truth lovingly and, still more, “do the truth” can fully rejoice in the Resurrection. We are sincere when we recognize ourselves for what we are, with all our faults, deficiencies, and need for conversion. From this knowledge of our miseries springs the sincere resolve to purify ourselves of the old leaven of the passions in order to renewed completely in the risen Christ. Truth, however, must be accomplished in charity—*veritatem facientes in caritatem*, doing the truth in charity. (*Eph 4, 15*); Therefore the Postcommunion prayer that is placed on our lips is more timely than ever: “*Pour forth upon us, O Lord, the spirit of Thy joy, to make us of one heart.*” Without unity and mutual charity there can be no real Paschal joy.

The Gospel (*Mk16, 1-7*) places before our eyes the faithful holy women who, at the first rays of the Sunday dawn, run to the sepulcher, and on the way, wonder: “*Who will roll back the stone from the door of the sepulcher for us?*” This preoccupation, although it is well justified on account of the size and weight of the stone, does not deter them from proceeding with their plans; they are too much taken up with the desire of finding Jesus! And behold! Hardly have they arrived when they see “the stone rolled back.” They enter the tomb and find an Angel who greets them with the glad announcement: “He is risen; He is not here.” At this time, Jesus does not let Himself be found or seen; but a little later when, in obedience to the command of the Angel, the women leave the tomb to bring the news to the disciples, He will appear before them saying, “All hail!” (*Mt 28, 9*), and their joy will be overwhelming.

We, too, have a keen desire to find the Lord; perhaps we have been seeking Him for many long years. Further, this desire may have been accompanied by serious preoccupation with the question of how we might rid ourselves of the obstacles and roll away from our souls the stone which has prevented us thus far from finding the Lord, from giving ourselves entirely to Him, and from letting Him triumph in us. Precisely because we want to find the Lord, we have already overcome many obstacles, sustained by His grace; divine Providence has helped us roll away many stones, overcome many difficulties. Nevertheless, the search for God is progressive, and must be maintained during our whole life. For this reason, following the example of the holy women, we must always have a holy preoccupation about finding the Lord, a preoccupation which will make us industrious and diligent in seeking Him, and at the same time confident of the divine aid, since the Lord will certainly take care that we arrive where our own strength could never bring us, because He will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Every year Easter marks a time of renewal in our spiritual life, and our search for God; Every year we re-ascend the path toward Him *in novitate vitae*, in newness of life (*Rom 6, 4*).

(*St. Augustine's prayer*)-

“*Lord Jesus, good and gentle Jesus, who deigned to die for our sins and to rise for our justification, I beg You, by Your glorious Resurrection, to bring me out of the sepulcher of my vices and sins, so that I may merit to have a real share in Your Resurrection. O most kind Lord, who ascended to Heaven in the triumph of Your glory and are seated at the right hand of the Father, You who are all powerful, raise me up to You, so that I may run in the odor of Your ointments, run without slackening, while You call and guide me...give me the grace, O Lord, to cling to You, for he who adheres to the Lord is one spirit with Him.*”

(*Excerpt taken from DIVINE INTIMACY pgs. 405-407*)

Easter As A Rite Of Spring



Most major holidays have some connection to the changing of seasons. This is especially obvious in the case of Christmas. The New Testament gives no information about what time of year Jesus was born. Many scholars believe, however, that the main reason Jesus' birth came to be celebrated on December 25 is because that was the date of the winter solstice according to the Roman calendar. Since the days following the winter solstice gradually become longer and less dark, it was ideal symbolism for the birth of "the light of the world" as stated in the New Testament's Gospel of John.

Similar was the case with Easter, which falls in close proximity to another key point in the solar year: the vernal equinox (around March 20), when there are equal periods of light and darkness. For those in northern latitudes, the coming of spring is often met with excitement, as it means an end to the cold days of winter. Spring also means the coming back to life of plants and trees that have been dormant for winter, as well as the birth of new life in the animal world. Given the symbolism of new life and rebirth, it was only natural to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at this time of the year.

The naming of the celebration as "Easter" seems to go back to the name of a pre-Christian goddess in England, Eostre, who was celebrated at beginning of spring. The only reference to this goddess comes from the writings of the Venerable Bede, a British monk who lived in the late seventh and early eighth century. As religious studies scholar Bruce Forbes summarizes:

"Bede wrote that the month in which English Christians were celebrating the resurrection of Jesus had been called Eosturmonath in Old English, referring to a goddess named Eostre. And even though Christians had begun affirming the Christian meaning of the celebration, they continued to use the name of the goddess to designate the season."

Bede was so influential for later Christians that the name stuck, and hence Easter remains the name by which the English, Germans and Americans refer to the festival of Jesus' resurrection.

The connection with Jewish Passover

It is important to point out that while the name "Easter" is used in the English-speaking world, many more cultures refer to it by terms best translated as "Passover" (for instance, "Pascha" in Greek) – a reference, indeed, to the Jewish festival of Passover. In the Hebrew Bible, Passover is a festival that commemorates the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt, as narrated in the Book of Exodus. It was and continues to be the most important Jewish seasonal festival, celebrated on the first full moon after the vernal equinox.

At the time of Jesus, Passover had special significance, as the Jewish people were again under the dominance of foreign powers (namely, the Romans). Jewish pilgrims streamed into Jerusalem every year in the hope that God's chosen people (as they believed themselves to be) would soon be liberated once more.

On one Passover, Jesus traveled to Jerusalem with his disciples to celebrate the festival. He entered Jerusalem in a triumphal procession and created a disturbance in the Jerusalem Temple. It seems that both of these actions attracted the attention of the Romans, and that as a result Jesus was executed around the year A.D. 30. Some of Jesus' followers, however, believed that they saw him alive after his death, experiences that gave birth to the Christian religion. As Jesus died during the Passover festival and his followers believed he was resurrected from the dead three days later, it was logical to commemorate these events in close proximity.

Some early Christians chose to celebrate the resurrection of Christ on the same date as the Jewish Passover, which fell around day 14 of the month of Nisan, in March or April. These Christians were known as Quartodecimans (the name means "Fourteeners"). By choosing this date, they put the focus on when Jesus died and also emphasized continuity with the Judaism out of which Christianity emerged. Some others instead preferred to hold the festival on a Sunday, since that was when Jesus' tomb was believed to have been found.

In A.D. 325, the Emperor Constantine, who favored Christianity, convened a meeting of Christian leaders to resolve important disputes at the Council of Nicaea. The most fateful of its decisions was about the status of Christ, whom the council recognized as "fully human and fully divine." This council also resolved that Easter should be fixed on a Sunday, not on day 14 of Nisan. As a result, Easter is now celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the vernal equinox.