



Learning “Alleluia”

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I overheard this conversation in a coffee shop:

Child: Mom, I wouldn't have to go to school today. I could stay home with you.

Mom: I know, Joe, but I think Mrs. Burns would miss you.

Child: But won't you miss me, Mom?

Mom: Sure, Joe, but I know you'll be back in the afternoon, and I can be with you then.

Child: But I could help you in the kitchen.

Mom: What do you think you'll be doing in school today? It's getting close to Easter. I bet Mrs. Burns will let you make bunnies.

Child: Yeah, maybe. Mom, I think my tummy hurts.

Mom: Oh, I think it'll get better once you're busy in school.

Child: Mom, couldn't I stay home with you today? I'll miss you.

Mom: I know you will, Joe, but it's only for a couple of hours. How's your apple juice?

Child: OK. Mom, I think it would be OK if I stayed home today.

By the time they left, it looked as if Joe was going to school. Joe was learning an important lesson in life. Sometimes we have to do what we don't want to; we have to go into what seems to be “the tomb of death” if we're going to find life.

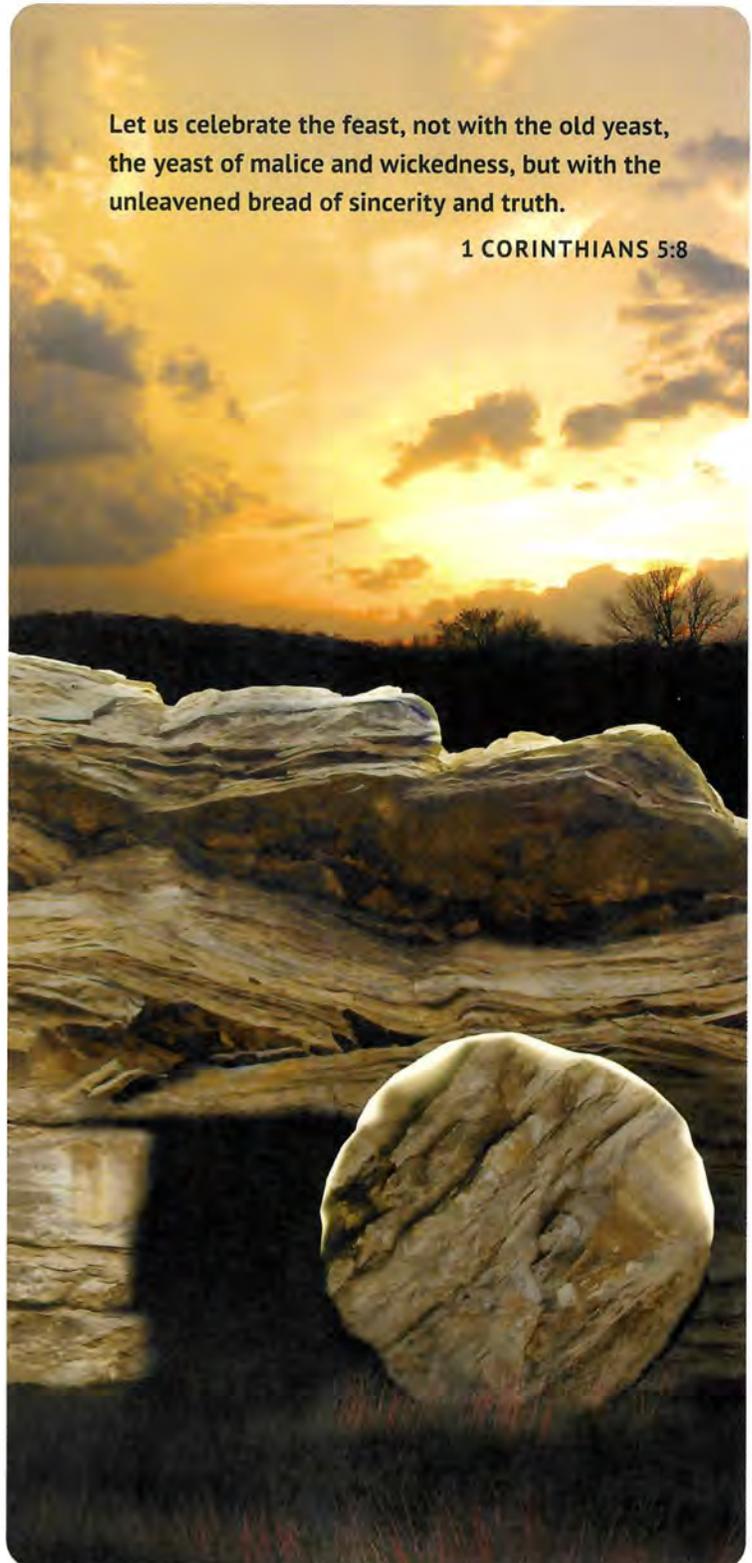
Easter's Gospel is that of Peter and John going and finding the tomb empty. Curiously, they didn't become believers until they entered the tomb, until they entered death's home. It's how faith happens, finding life when we expected only death and recognizing the hand of God in it. ●

Reflect

Have you ever had a Lazarus Experience—called out of a dark place into the light?

Let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:8





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On this holy day, and in this season of renewal, we pray in thanksgiving for the many blessings You give us. May our words and deeds today, and always, serve as reminders of the transformative power of Your love. Amen.

**CONFESSION: SATURDAY 3:00 - 3:30 AND BY APPOINTMENT ONLY,
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Office Hours: Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm**

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, April 8, 4pm - † **Deacon Don Hammond** by Sacred Heart
Sunday, April 9, 11am - † **Nancy Oliver** by Sacred Heart
Tuesday, April 11, 6pm - † **Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**
Thursday, April 13, Noon - † **Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**
Saturday, April 15, 4pm - † **Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**
Sunday, April 16, 11am - † **Helen Myers** by Cathy & Jimmy Hillyer

Upcoming Church Events

Fri, Apr 7, 3 pm Good Friday
Sat, Apr 8, 8 pm Holy Saturday
Sun, Apr 9, Easter
Tue, Apr 11, 6:45 Parish Council meeting
Thu, Apr 13, 6 pm Finance council meeting
Apr 17-21, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian out of town
Sat, Apr 22, St. Joseph Work Day
May 1-4, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral Council
Sat, May 6, Confirmation Retreat

Tue, May 9, 6:45 pm Parish Council meeting
Fri, May 19, 6 - 8 pm Murder Mystery Dinner
Sun, May 20 Faith Formation Family day (after Mass)
May 22 - 23, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian at Priest Retreat

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HE IS RISEN"

Matthew 28:6

Glorious and Grace-filled Easter Greetings, Hallelujah! Today is the Feast of Easter, the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live.'" (John 11:25). Today, we remember Jesus' s ultimate sacrifice and praise God for the gift of everlasting life! It is with great joy that I wish to extend warm wishes for a beautiful and happy Easter to all visitors, parishioners, and staff.

In the Easter Gospel, Mary Magdalene visits Jesus' tomb on the first day of the week and finds the stone removed from the entrance. She runs to tell Peter and the beloved disciple, who both go to the tomb and find it empty, with the burial cloths lying there. Although they do not understand what has happened, the beloved disciple sees and believes, while Peter remains puzzled. I wonder, do you relate more to the beloved disciple or Peter?

Our Easter readings center on the goodness, power, and saving work of God throughout history, culminating in the ultimate victory of Jesus over sin and death through his Resurrection. The readings emphasize the importance of faith and trust in God, dying to sin and being raised to new life through baptism, and seeking heavenly rewards rather than earthly ones. The Resurrection is at the heart of our Christian faith and assures us that death does not have the final say. Christ's Resurrection gives us hope and comfort that even in the midst of suffering and death, God will never abandon us! But we must do our part and turn our hearts to God, letting go of our sin and selfishness and embracing Jesus' holy example of a life lived in service, love, and righteousness.

As we conclude our Lenten journey together, I wish to express my gratitude to all who accompanied our people throughout this season of renewal by sharing their God-given gifts and talents. I would like to thank in a special way: Our Liturgy committee, Sacristans and office staff for preparing our Masses, prayer services, and keeping our people informed through emails, church bulletin, and social media throughout Lent and Holy Week. A special recognition for those who have decorated our Narthex and Sanctuary and all the hours of work that were involved in making our church so beautiful and liturgically appropriate for the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. Thank you to our choir for assisting us as we entered into our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection through the gift of music. Thank you to those who participated as lectors, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and hospitality ministers. We offer our gratitude to all those behind the scenes who coordinated numerous Lenten activities for our parishioners, such as:

- Stations of the Cross – Women's prayer group, Men's Prayer Group, Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, Youth, Pastoral Council, and Anchor Prayer Group
- Lenten Resource Table – Faith Formation Program
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
- Hunger Challenge – Youth Ministry

Together we have been blessed to use our time and talents to praise and adore our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we spend this Easter celebrating the joyful news of our Risen Lord, I encourage you to devote some time today to remembering our call to peace, love and forgiveness and to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the great gift of Jesus in our lives.

Happy Easter!

Father Sebastian



Easter Flower Offering In Memory / Honor of.....

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By Jocelyn & Servillano Garcia

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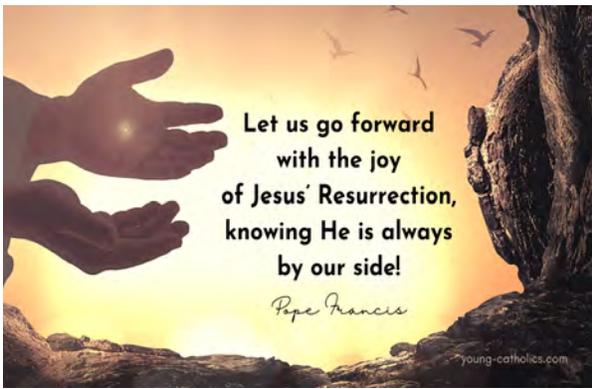
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Maddox Family, Josephine Monorchio**

By Mary & John Chote



REJOICE AND BE GLAD

So let us rejoice and be glad this Easter, as we celebrate the triumph of Jesus over sin and death. Let us give thanks to God for the gift of new life, and let us renew our commitment to follow Jesus, the risen Lord, wherever he may lead us. May the hope and joy of Easter fill our hearts and our lives, now and always.

Reflection Questions for Easter

- In what ways does the risen Christ appear in your life?
- What does the Resurrection mean to you personally?
- How has the message of Easter transformed your life?
- What areas of your life need transformation through the Resurrection?
- How can you share the message of the Resurrection with others effectively?
- How has the Resurrection brought you hope during difficult times?
- What steps can you take to deepen your faith in the Resurrection?
- In what ways can you live without fear, trusting in God's presence in your life?
- How can you be a source of new life and hope for those around you?
- How can you keep the joy of Easter alive in your heart all year round?
- Where do you turn for guidance and clarity when life becomes confusing?
- What practical ways can you spread the Good News of the Resurrection in your daily life?

[Easter 2023 - Young Catholics \(young-catholics.com\)](http://young-catholics.com)



Religious Education

Spring break is here! How will you incorporate your faith?



ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Many families hit the road during spring break and whatever the destination, there's bound to be a bit of time in the car that needs filling. Along with the usual snacks, games, movies and other entertainment, slip a little faith focus into the mix.

- Start the trip with a prayer for safe travels.
- Sing some favorite hymns. Ask if you can borrow a hymnal from church. (Be sure to return it!)
- Pray a Rosary together when tempers get short.
- Listen to the local Catholic radio station as you pass through an area.
- Play "spot the Catholic church" as you enter a town.
- List all the towns you pass through with Catholic names, such as St. Paul, San Jose.
- Remember to say grace before meals and evening prayers before bed.

[Spring break is here! How will you incorporate your faith? - Teaching Catholic Kids](#)

Schedule:

Faith Formation

Apr 9 & 16
No Class

May 7

Youth Sunday:

May 21

Youth Ministry:

Apr 23

May 4, 21, 28

Confirmation

Retreat

May 6

9 am - 4 pm

Youth Ministry



We had a great group come together last night, March 31, for the annual **Mercer County Hunger Challenge. Heaven Sent Ministries** coordinates this event each year at Johnson's Chapel. Volunteers come together to sponsor the cost of the food and help pack the meals to be sent to starving children.

Thank You! to the Pace Family for graciously purchasing the tables for this event. "We are humbled and grateful."

Adult Faith Formation

Women's Group

Next meeting
TBD

Men's Group

First and Third
Thursday at 10
am in the Narthex

Book Study

April 9
May 3 (last
session) in the
Conference Room
at 6 pm



Our next RCIA lesson will be Sunday, **April 23** at **9:45 am.**

All are welcome to attend.
Any questions contact Laura Wyatt at 304-425-3664 or lwyatt@sacredheartpinceton.org

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“Formed” for Kids



Based on the award-winning Bible! Join Minno kids Margot, Lexi, Miguel, and Logan as they continue their journey through Jesus' life and learn the story of Easter. This gentle retelling—from Jesus' miracles to the greatest miracle of all—His resurrection, will help kids understand why Jesus came to earth to be our Savior and our friend.



Join Brother Francis as he celebrates the power and splendor of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in this moving and instructive animated presentation!

This episode includes:

An animated presentation of key points in the life of Jesus Christ, His Death on the Cross, triumph over death, and Ascension to the Father. A visual representation of how we celebrate Holy Week and the Easter Triduum "He Is Risen!"—a joyful, visualized song that fills our hearts with praise to God. Steeped in Scripture and instruction, Brother Francis: He Is Risen! is a wonderful reminder of the reality of God's power and presence!

Weekly Offering



	weekend Apr 1-2	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,793.00	50,763.16	43,750.00
Loose Offertory	190.00	1,436.40	1,225.00
Easter Flowers	50.00	1,071.00	1,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 5,033.00	\$ 53,270.56	\$ 45,975.00
Tender Mercies	20.00	625.00	750.00
Dioc: Holy Land	210.00	210.00	725.00
Attendance:	4pm: 75	9am: 145	

**Second Collection - April 7
Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land**

Support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

Parish Council

Deb LaMothe (Chair)	Vickie Blankenship
Harold Cofer	Gerry Cosgrove
Mike Flanigan	Renee Green
Anthony Heltzel	Zack Romano
Santina St. John	
Ad Hoc:	Gina Boggess
Kim Hickman	Laura Wyatt
Susie Pace	

Finance Council

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Richard Flanigan	Kevin Garrett
Shelby Neri	Gene Richardson
Frank Sinicrope	Fred St. John
Kirt Suehs	
Ad Hoc:	Kim Hickman

April Ministry Schedule

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
4/7 3 p G. Friday	A. Dumapit John Cox	H. Cofer	Kim Hickman	TBA	C. Pace B. Fanning	Cosgrove
4/8 8 p Vigil	M. Gapersich M. Flanigan	Anthony Heltzel Kirt Suehs Yvonne Suehs	S. Neri	N/a	T. Byron M. Shay D. Richardson	
4/9 11a Easter	G. Boggess	Harold Cofer G Richardson Gerry Cosgrove	Wyatt	T Wyatt	C. Pace B. Fanning	
4/15 4 p	M. Tinio	K. Bailey V Manley M Flanigan	J Gaspersich	N/a	C. Pace	Choate
4/16 11a	D Lamothe	Pat Caccamo Laura Wyatt B Picknally	S Neri	T. Wyatt	D. Richardson	

Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

Parishioners:

Catherine Belcher
Ruth Boyd
Deloris Caccamo
Ron Ciccolini
Romulo DelaRosa
Dale & Mary Lu Geiger
Angie Grbac
Cynthia & Gordon Harmon
Cyndi Jones
Nancy Larkin

Valarie Laxton
Christina Laxton
Robert Laxton
Kaitlyn Laxton
Keith Laxton
Jim Lintz
Jim & Diane Luciano
Fr. Greg Lyttle
Jaelynn Mendoza
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Dr. Jun Neri
Patricia Nester
Esther Piconi
Alan Rieger
Deborah Saffell
Jacob Santon
Gareth Settle
Felomina Yongque
Carrie Yurkovich
Jane Walthall



Friends and Family

.Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)
Mary Berentes,
Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills)
John Bowers
John Caccamo (brother of Pat)
Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx)
Irene Charney
Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills)
Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)
Matthew Cosgrove (Jim Cosgroves nephew)
Linda Cunningham
Rachel Denton
Kimiko Fetro (friend of Bill Picknally)
David Frei & Mary Piper (son-in-law & daughter of Carrie Yurkovich)
Kyle Geiger
Mike Goff
Myles Harris
Velma Hartwell
Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's granddaughter)

Brenda Ivelise
Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)
Langan Family
Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)
Richard Lockhart
John Mills (brother of Gary Mills)
Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich family)
Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx)
Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores Caccamo)
Carolyn Munther (mother of Lisa Black)
Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter),
Rex Neely
Allan Perry
Agnes Sedi
Sherry Sisk
Bryan Staten
Agnes Tokarski (Bill Picknally's sister)
Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon Buttaci)
Richard Wentz (brother in law of Rick & Laura Wyatt)

In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

The Parish Office
(304) 425-3664

Bluefield Parish Office
(304) 327-5623

Kim Hickman
(304) 920-2440

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying: The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

Dear Padre,

Why should I believe Jesus founded the Catholic Church?

What a great question, especially during our Easter season, when the readings at Mass are about how the early Church discovers its mission and identity. Jesus intended to found a Church to carry on his mission.

Jesus chose twelve men to accompany him and learn from him. He passed on his mission to them: "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me" (Luke 10:16). Jesus called Simon Bar-Jonah "Peter," meaning "rock." Indicating his foundational role, Jesus said to Peter, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

Throughout the New Testament, we read how the apostles in their turn passed on their authority to other individuals by the laying on of hands (Acts 6:6; 13:3; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6). Initially, the only two orders were bishops and deacons, but soon priests were also ordained to share some of the authority of the bishop and to be his assistants.

The Church would exist and do Jesus' work until the end of time. The whole Church, the "Body of Christ," as Paul would call it (1 Corinthians 12:27), would be Christ acting in the world on his behalf. The Church and all its members are to be "the light of the world" and "the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13-16). ✨



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16
<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</i>					
Acts 2:14, 22-32	Acts 2:36-41	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-26	Acts 4:1-12	Acts 4:13-21	Acts 2:42-47
Mt 28:8-15	Jn 20:11-18	Lk 24:13-35	Lk 24:35-48	Jn 21:1-14	Mk 16:9-15	1 Pt 1:3-9
						Jn 20:19-31

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The peace Jesus gives to us at Easter is not the peace that follows the strategies of the world, which believes it can obtain it through force.... This peace, in reality, is only an interval between wars....The peace of the Lord follows the way of meekness and mildness: it is taking responsibility for others.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, APRIL 13, 2022