

Christ is Risen Indeed!

On this blessed Easter day, we are invited to walk in the light of the Resurrection. The empty tomb reveals a life-changing truth: death is defeated, and Christ's light overcomes all darkness. What seemed like loss on Good Friday has become the promise of eternal life.

Easter reminds us that God is always at work, even when hope feels distant. Just as the stone was rolled away, our burdens and fears can be lifted by His love. **The Resurrection is not just a memory but a living promise, offering renewal, forgiveness, and new beginnings.**

In uncertain times, Easter calls us to live with hope, sharing the Good News through kindness, compassion, and faith, as its joy fills our lives and communities.



I would like to sincerely thank our parish staff in particular Ernie Boucher, Dn. Ernie Gendron, Lisa DelGreco, Marianne Oien, Rob Fahey, and all those who were involved in planning and executing all the Lenten liturgies. Special thanks to the parish ministry groups who prepared and served our Lenten simple suppers of bread and soup, especially the Knights of Columbus. **Our parish is blessed to have four adults making their Confirmation** this year at the Easter Vigil - please pray for them on their continued faith journeys. **We are pleased to have five children who will be making their First Holy Communion on May 3rd at 11AM;** we truly congratulate each of them, their family members and those who instructed them. Special thanks to Pam Caradimos, Maureen King, Sheila Braley and Kathy Sargent-O'Neil along with all Faith Formation instructors.

On another note, I continue to encourage you to become a daily Mass communicant. If daily Mass is not possible, add at least one week day Mass to your schedule - it is a wonderful way to help you grow in your faith. In addition, I would recommend your consideration in joining a parish ministry - your involvement in parish life offers great personal satisfaction and sense of belonging. We have so many events and activities happening in our parish and your active participation is so very much needed and appreciated. We are only able to meet the needs of the community and our parishioners with involvement from the very people who support it.

I would also like to share a few upcoming opportunities for us to grow together in faith and fellowship. **On April 7th (Easter Tuesday), we will make a pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge and on April 12th at 3:00 p.m., Divine Mercy Sunday, we will gather for a Holy Hour, which will include the veneration of the relic of St. Faustina.**

Looking ahead, on Friday evening, July 17th, we will celebrate our Annual Dinner Dance at the Marriott Rosebrook Event Center. I warmly invite all of you to participate in this fundraising event. It will be a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our sense of community and share in the joy of being together.

Let us rejoice, for Christ has triumphed over death and opened for us the path to new life. May His peace dwell within you, His love sustains you, and His hope guide you today and always. Once again, Happy Resurrection and a Blessed Easter Season!

In Christ,
Fr George C