



Our Lady of Peace



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Divine Mercy Sunday Service

Next Sunday, April 19th 3:00 - 4:00PM

Livestreamed from Our Lady of Peace Church

3:00-4:00PM Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, which includes the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Confession by appointment only

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, 11:00AM Mass & 12:30PM respectively. A mandatory preparation class for parents is available (6-7PM):

2020: Call the office for info. Call the Parish office to register.

Sacrament of Matrimony An appointment with a parish priest six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Wednesdays 11:30-12:00 or by appt. Saturdays 8:30-9AM; 3:45-4:45PM

New Parishioners Welcome! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or online.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)

Anyone seeking information on becoming Catholic or completing one's initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office.

Prayer Request Line:**Day:** Kandace, 453-6515**Night:** Donna, 866-0792**Our Mission Statement:**

Our Lady of Peace is a Catholic Community of Faith called to proclaim the greatness of the Lord through Worship, Service, Education and Ministry.

CHRIST HAS RISEN

Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen, and you are overthrown. Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen, and life reigns. Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave. For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages. Amen.

—Byzantine Pentekostarion

West Millcreek Food Pantry

The following are suggested items to purchase for each week; you may buy what is on sale; all non-perishables are acceptable. CEREAL is needed.

April 2020

12th Spaghetti Sauce / Spaghetti

19th Mac & Cheese / Peanut Butter

26th Cereal / Baked Beans

Pantry is OPEN April 14 & 28**(every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those living in****Millcreek, held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 West 26th Street.**

The West Millcreek Food Pantry is asking for donations of the Reusable Grocery Bags.



Please place with food donations.

Thank you.

Sunday's Readings:**First Reading** - Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).**Psalms** - This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).**(1) Second Reading** - All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or***(2) Second Reading** - Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).**Gospel** - Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or*Matthew 28:1-10 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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Family Discussion of the Week: *Witness to Faith*

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and saw and believed. (John 20:8)

Adults: What is your experience of resurrection in your own life or the life of your family?

Kids: Jesus is with us today. How can you see him in the people around you in Church?

SEEDS OF FAITH

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter's speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul's letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture scholars call them *kerygmata*, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these *kerygmata* began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020

- John Staszak - Family
- Charles Dietz - Dietz Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020

- Edward & Mary Jane Brothers - Family
- Frank & Elsie Cardamone - Matt & Kathy Williams

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020

- Jean M. Yezzi - Family
- Rose Eisweirth - Fred & Evelyn Fried

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020

- Josephine & Fred Bandecca - Godchild, Leon
- John Griffin - Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020

- Major Tom Carr - Mom, Dad & Sister
- David Krasnesky - Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020

- Lee Silverthorn, Sr. - Carol Grieshaber
- Ed Wagner - Corky Young

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

- Parishioners
- Antoinette Berarducci - Ed & Rina Hoffman
- Jim Keim - Family
- George Malizia - OLP School Family

3:00-4:00PM Divine Mercy Service
~livedstreamed on our Facebook page

**These Mass intentions are being honored
daily by our priests in private.**

**The church will remain open for private
prayer daily from 7:00AM - 8:00PM.**

**The church office staff is only available
by phone or email: 833-7701 / olp@olp.org**

**Confessions are by appointment only - call
the Church Office 833-7701**

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in
memory of Peggy Pulice - Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory
of Major Tom Carr - Mom, Dad & Sister.

Readings for the Week of April 12th

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;
Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



OLP 31 Club

Praying for vocations every day of the year!

Members of the 31 Club agree to go to daily Mass on a particular day every month and offer that Mass for an increase of vocations to the Church. There is a great need for vocations in the Church today. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayer, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass. The 31 Club is a program of the Serra Club of Erie www.serraerie.org.

Upcoming Mass commitments:

Apr. 12: Rose B., Madeline H., Chris P.
Apr. 13: Sylvia B., Phyllis D., Joanie M., Charlie R., Sarah F., Glenn B., Donna R.
Apr. 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.
Apr. 15: Jean H., Mary Alice W., Loretta B., Mandy K.
Apr. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.
Apr. 17: Len & Cathy K., Helen W., Barbra W., Nancy D.
Apr. 18: Frank G., Carlee Y., Rachel O.

If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 397-6443. There are no dues and no meetings, only opportunities for grace and the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.

**When at Mass offer the Mass for
Vocations by praying the prayer below...**

○ God, who wills not the death of a sinner * but rather that he be converted and live * grant we beseech you * through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin * Saint Joseph, her spouse * St. Junipero Serra * and all the saints * an increase of laborers for your Church * fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls * through the same Jesus Christ * Your Son * Who lives and reigns with You * In the unity of the Holy Spirit * God forever * and ever. Amen. Serra Prayer for Vocations

From the Pastor's Desk...

To my Spiritual Family of Our Lady of Peace-

Happy Easter! I continue to hope and pray for the peace and safety of everyone. This is obviously a different experience of Easter for us but God's grace and love are not limited; even by a crisis of this magnitude. We have to allow the Holy Spirit to inspire us to celebrate fully the truth that Easter is all about... that Jesus has conquered everything that can separate us from the love of God- sin, death and yes, the corona virus! Let the peace and joy that God desires for us and for which He sent His Son, Jesus to save us, be yours this Easter.

I recently heard some of our leaders and others talk about something that has been discussed for decades but now has new relevance. When we talk about the "greatest generation" of Americans who lived in the early 1900's through the mid 1900's, we recognize a significant part of what made them great were the hardships and crisis' they endured- World War I, the Great Depression and World War II. These events formed them in perseverance, courage, hope, and strength, and the need for community to help them through. It remains to be seen how our Pandemic Crisis will compare to those enormous events but I believe this crisis will help form us in those same virtues. As I said two weeks ago in my letter, that's how the Pascal Mystery works- God brings new strength, growth and life from the suffering and even death that sin and darkness create and this is another way He will do that in our situation.

On another note, I recently mentioned that our parish staff and Pastoral Council wanted to look at ways we can reach out to members of our parish; particularly the vulnerable during the Stay at Home Order. If you would like to support this mission here are ways to consider helping:

ONE- If you are in need of assistance as far as finances, groceries, medicines or other needs please call the church and we will connect you with the local agencies that may be able to help.

TWO- Consider a donation to our OLP Needy Fund. I know it is a difficult time for many of us financially, but if you are in the space to donate please help us build up this fund. All money in this fund goes toward our fellow parishioners in need.

THREE- Can you volunteer your time to help with grocery, medicine or other essential need deliveries? There are ways that this can be done while still observing the guidelines for social distancing.

Please email the parish at olp@olp.org if you would like to aid in this ministry. We hope this can be a way to help us grow as a community in this difficult time and so allow the Paschal Mystery to be alive in us.

May God bless our world with health, protection and peace... and our Easter Octave ahead!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Peace, patroness of our parish & school.... pray for us!
St. Nicholas, patron of the Erie Catholic School System. pray for us!
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the Catholic Church of the USA... pray for us!

St. Joseph, universal patron of the church.... pray for us!

St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie.... pray for us!


Other notes from the pastor...

****We are now live-streaming daily Mass at 9am and Sunday Mass at 10am during the Stay at Home Order.** All livestreaming is done through our Facebook page (www.facebook.com), Our Lady of Peace Parish (look for our dove logo). Once on the page, if you "like" the page it is often easier to find it later. The Videos link can be found on the left hand side; this is where our previous livestreamed services are saved as well as our live events.


The website (www.olp.org) is updated regularly with spiritual resources as well as the recorded services. **ALL** these resources are under the Faith Formation tab, Spiritual Resources page. Click on the Daily and Sunday Mass Videos on the right hand side to link directly to our Facebook page.

****Bishop Persico has suspended all Scheduled Confession Times. Confessions are available by appointment only. Call Fr. Rich or Fr. Hoffman to make an appointment.**

****Easter Greeting "Christ Is Risen....He is Risen Indeed!"** Every Easter I talk about this traditional Paschal greeting which is still used in many Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches, and some Roman Catholic Churches. This greeting goes back to the early church and reinforced the ultimate significance of what we celebrate on Easter Sunday... that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the defining truth for all Christians. It was said in a dialogue form in which one Christian would greet another with "Christus resurrexit!" (Latin for Christ is Risen!) and the other would respond "Vere resurrexit!" (He is Risen Indeed!). This form of greeting reminds us that our identity as Christians should be the first and most significant dimension of who we are.

****Easter Octave** The celebration of Easter (like Christmas) cannot be limited to one day, so we as Catholics reserve 8 of them, **the OCTAVE of EASTER**, to celebrate as Easter Day. The celebration of this most central part of our Christian faith, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus, and its result, the conquering of sin and death FOREVER, requires a full week, plus one, to celebrate. We know that the celebration of the hope and joy the resurrection brings is what we celebrate EVERY SUNDAY (and what we celebrate for the 50 days of the Easter Season), but in these 8 days we amplify the FESTIVE REALITY of Easter. The most concrete way we celebrate the octave is at daily Mass where the prayers for Easter Sunday are said every day and we incorporate song throughout the liturgy. The Gospel readings at Mass recount many of the post resurrection appearances of Jesus to the apostles and disciples. Also, the Easter dismissal at Mass ("Go in Peace, Alleluia, Alleluia") is used all week. So consider celebrating Easter all week at daily Mass (through live-streaming of course!).

****Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena** During the Easter Octave we will live-stream the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm each day as part of the Novena leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday next week. As part of the devotion of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina was told by Jesus to promote 3-4pm as the Hour of Mercy since that is the hour that Jesus died on the cross. If you are unable to join us at 3pm, the video of the daily chaplet will remain available to watch on our parish Facebook page as well as on our website page.



****Walk Thru the Windows of OLP/Christian Song Recommendation**

I have been talking about learning about our beautiful windows at OLP since my arrival. I thought this time of limited freedom would be a great opportunity to finally do that. For the 30 days of April we will have a 5 minute explanation of each window given by members of our OLP clergy. There are 28 windows throughout the main church, chapel and vestibule and there will be an introduction and conclusion to the series to complete the 30 days. Each video includes an explanation of the window as well as a spiritual lesson; may our windows feed our mind and our soul. In connection with my encouragement last week to utilize this time of isolation to get more exposure to Christian music, I am recommending a Christian song with each window that will also be posted on Facebook. Keep an eye out for those recommendations and I hope they will inspire you as they have inspired me.

****Divine Mercy Sunday** Next Sunday, **April 19th** is the last day of the Easter Octave and the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday (St. John Paul II established that feast back in 2000 when he canonized St. Faustina). We will hold our **normal Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration virtually and it will include the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet from 3-4pm.** As we are not be able to have our normal confessions before and during the Holy Hour you are encouraged to call one of our priests to make an appointment.

****Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) 2020** So far we have received 453 pledges for \$176,016. Thank you to all who have responded! Our parish goal is 700 pledges for \$200,000. Every dollar raised over our assessment from the Diocese (\$151,719) stays in our parish to fund the project identified by our parish leadership, liturgical renewal. More specifically a new gold processional cross; restoration of the church tabernacle, crown, all our candle stands, holy water fonts, and other items for the sanctuary; replace the altar server albs; and acquire new altar cloths and banners for our sanctuary.

****Parish Needs** We know these are difficult times for everyone, including you and your family. Our Lady of Peace is committed to the spiritual care of our parishioners and the faithful in our community. We operate solely on your generosity which enables us to meet our financial obligations. During this crisis please consider signing up for our EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer), the link is on the website under the About tab. The church remains opens daily for personal prayer, and offertory envelopes can be placed in the labeled boxes near the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Blessed Mother statues. We have a donate button on our website under the about tab. We are grateful for your support of the ministry of Our Lady of Peace Church.

CALENDAR UPDATES DUE TO COVID-19...

- **ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED until further notice**
- **FIRST COMMUNION on April 26th POSTPONED**
- **FIRST COMMUNION on May 3rd PENDING**
- **Eucharistic Adoration CANCELLED until further notice**
- **OLP School Classes: SUSPENDED until April 30th**
- **OLP Faith Formation: SUSPENDED until April 30th**
- **First Reconciliation (Saturday, March 21st)
POSTPONED until further notice**
- **Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Persico
(Monday, April 20th): POSTPONED**
- **OLP Crusader Derby (Saturday, May 2nd) CANCELLED**
- **REBOOT with Chris Stefanik (May 15th) POSTPONED**

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

All Faith Formation Classes/Retreats are cancelled through April 30th. The Confirmation Mass scheduled for April 20th, has been postponed. Once more information is available families will be notified.

For more info please contact Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director,
at 838-9983 or tammie.mang@olp.org

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel tells us that several arrived to discover the tomb in which Jesus was buried was now empty.

What does an empty tomb mean for your family?

Failure, loss, defeat? Or victory, life and resurrection?

Scripture says that he "had to rise from the dead."

Families, too must rise above disappointments
and be Easter people all year long.

Request Regarding Convalescent Home Residents

In an effort to have the most up-to-date information regarding OLP senior parishioners who now reside in Nursing / Convalescent / Rehabilitation centers, we ask that either the person or their next of kin please let us know of their location information. Our parish has been trying very hard to stay connected to our elders as a serious part of our mission to minister to parishioners in special living facilities. We want them to know they are not forgotten.

The situation is that many of the community living centers do ask for the resident's "religion", but few, if any ask their "parish." That makes a quick phone call or roster of OLP residents very difficult to produce. If and until that changes, we ask that a designated person please phone our office or drop us an email with the elder parishioner's ***name, facility, room number, and room phone number (if applicable).***

Thank you for your assistance. Several quick minutes of your time will mean a great deal to a senior OLP parishioner.



"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."

~12 Corinthians 12:9

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Calling: 833.7701 x 201 or **E-mailing:**

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As most of our communications will be by EMail please make sure the office has your current email.

We are sending weekly emails with updates as they become available and resources you can use to strengthen your Spiritual life while you are away from Mass. Our website (www.olp.org) is updated regularly.

If you have not downloaded **MyParishApp** please see below, we will use the App as well to communicate during this time.

To the right are directions on how to log into **FORMED**, which is one of our greatest resources.



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Our OLP app is available to download for iPhone and Android smartphones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via FaceBook or Twitter. **Download the myParish app by texting APP to phone number 88202.** You will receive a reply with the app link to download. Once downloaded, select Our Lady of Peace, Erie, PA.



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April 5, 2020 Child Abuse Prevention Month - Reporting

Suspected Child Abuse is Everyone's Responsibility: It is every adult's moral responsibility to report suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the 2019 state report there were 5,102 substantiated reports of child abuse in Pennsylvania in 2018. Over 47% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse. *To report suspected abuse of a minor, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7).* Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to learn how mandated reporters in the Erie diocese are required to report suspected child abuse.

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Child Abuse Prevention Month - Preventing Child Abuse is

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OLP Casserole Club

COVID-19 is certainly changing everyone's lives. Maria House Project is grateful for everything Our Lady of Peace parishioners have been doing for over ten years by providing **casseroles**. Because of the current conditions the **Casserole Club** program will be on hold until our nation and our world recovers. It's hard to put into words what can and should be said during this time. Pope Francis had an inspirational quote from his TED talk on April 27, 2017, that might fit this time:

"To Christians, the future does have a name, and it's name is Hope. Feeling hopeful does not mean to be optimistically naïve and ignore the tragedy humanity is facing. Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness, that doesn't dwell on the past, does not simply get in the present, but is able to see a tomorrow."



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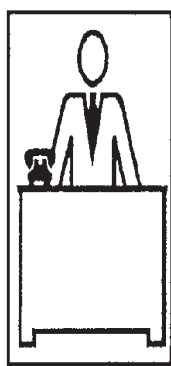
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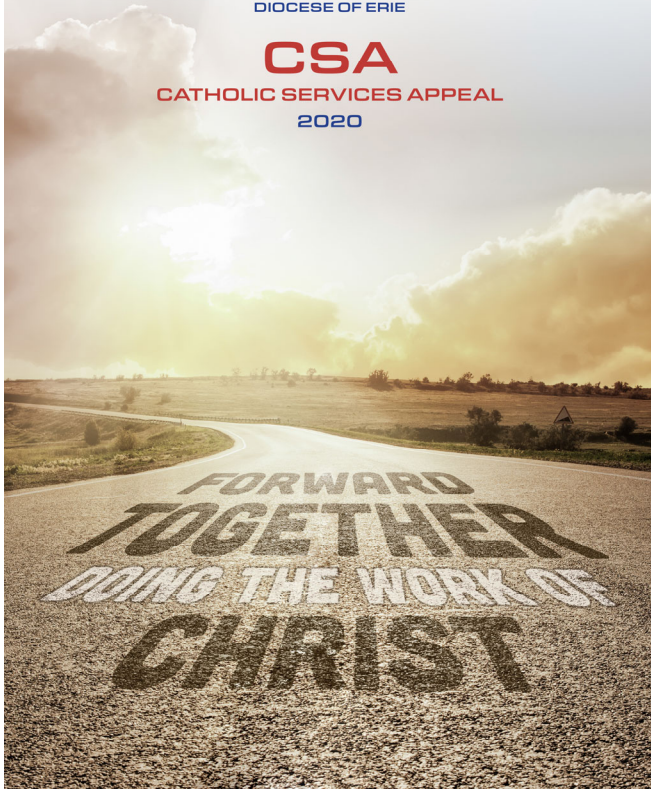


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Forward Together: Doing the Work of Christ

The Catholic Services Appeal (SCA) is the annual fundraising campaign for the 13-county Diocese of Erie. Parishioners are asked by Bishop Lawrence Persico for financial support that extends beyond individual parishes to fund the projects, ministries and departments of the diocese. *The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the church.*

The 2020 Catholic Services Appeal Commitment Sunday was held last weekend in our parish. The church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish project of which we are focusing on liturgical renewal. More specifically we will purchase a new gold processional cross; restore the original church tabernacle, crown, candle stands and holy water fonts. We will also replace the altar server albs and purchase seasonal liturgical altar cloths to enhance our worship space.

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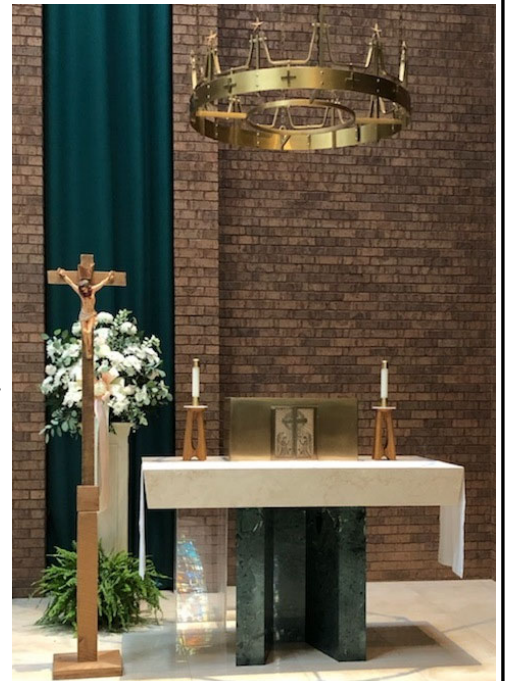
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- The Catholic Schools Office supports Catholic education in 32

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- Clergy services provide ongoing education to priests and deacons, as well as guidance and assistance to parishes, institutions, pastors and people throughout the diocese.
- Tuition assistance programs help make Catholic education a possibility for families throughout the diocese.

Scan the QR Code
to watch the CSA video, which
is approximately 4 minutes.



Happy Easter

We prayed, fasted and gave alms - and now we celebrate the Risen Lord! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share what we have with our global family.

Please return your Rice Bowl to the large "Rice Bowl" which is in the church vestibule. Thank you for all the you have done during this Lenten season.

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