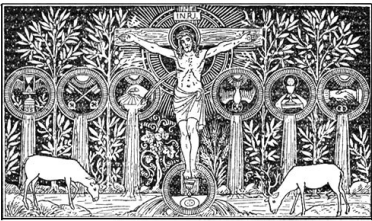




Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

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Authentic faith, Welcoming and Engaging



**Think of Sacraments.
Think of Divine Life.**

Sacrament of Baptism.

The sacrament through which God, in Jesus Christ, makes us His sons and daughters. To prepare for

reception, call Father Edison @ 924-7111.

Sacrament of the Eucharist. The sacrament through which God, like a responsible parent, feeds us, with food from heaven: His Word, and the Body and Blood of Jesus.

- **Weekend Masses:** Saturday at 4:30 PM, Sunday at 8:30, 10:30 AM and 5 PM. Onsite and livestreaming on YouTube: Saint Patrick's Victor.
- **Weekday Masses:** Monday-Wednesday, Friday at 8:30 AM. Onsite and live on YouTube: Saint Patrick's Victor.
- For First Holy Communion, call Donna DeJoodé at 924-2800 for more info.
- Family members may bring Holy Communion to other family members who are sick and homebound.

Sacrament of Confirmation. The sacrament through which God by the gift of the Holy Spirit strengthens us to give faithful witness to our Catholic Faith. To prepare for reception, call Elizabeth Johnston @ 924-2800.

- Children, older than 7 y/o, and adults who needs to be baptized, receive Communion and/or be Confirmed, call Deacon John @ 924-7111.

Sacrament of Reconciliation. The sacrament through which God's mercy and love, justice and truth heals the wound of human sin. *Generally offered an hour before each Mass.* Please give the priest fifteen minutes before Mass to prepare for Mass.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The sacrament through which Jesus continues to heal the sick among us. Anointing is offered at each Mass on the first weekend of the month. Or call Fr. Edison @ 924-7111 to schedule an anointing.

Sacrament of Marriage. The sacrament through which God calls a man and woman to become visible signs of His Love. Call Fr. Edison or Deacon John @ 924-7111 for more info.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. The sacrament through which the mission Jesus entrusted to the apostles is continued in the Church. To learn more about vocations to the ordained ministry, please call Fr. Edison or Deacon John @ 924-7111.

Never miss an opportunity to celebrate a sacrament.

Year of the Sacraments

Christ, Catechesis, Celebration

XXX. The One Priesthood of Jesus Christ

Catechism 1544-45: *Everything that the priesthood of the Old Covenant prefigured finds its fulfillment in Christ Jesus, the "one mediator between God and men." The Christian tradition considers Melchizedek, "priest of God Most High," as a prefiguration of the priesthood of Christ, the unique "high priest after the order of Melchizedek"; "holy, blameless, unstained," "by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified," that is, by the unique sacrifice of the Cross.*

The redemptive sacrifice of Christ is unique, accomplished once for all; yet it is made present in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Church. The same is true of the one priesthood of Christ; it is made present through the ministerial priesthood without diminishing the uniqueness of Christ's priesthood: "Only Christ is the true priest, the others being only his ministers."

Although the Chosen People is referred to as a kingdom of priest, God still set apart the Levites among the twelve tribes to repeatedly offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. The priesthood finds its perfection in Jesus Christ whose once-for-all sacrifice of the Cross is continually perpetuated in the Eucharistic sacrifice.

Catechism 1546-47: *Christ, high priest and unique mediator, has made of the Church "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father." The whole community of believers is, as such, priestly. The faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the faithful are "consecrated to be ... a holy priesthood."*

The ministerial or hierarchical priesthood of bishops and priests, and the common priesthood of all the faithful participate, "each in its own proper way, in the one priesthood of Christ." While being "ordered one to another," they differ essentially. In what sense? While the common priesthood of the faithful is exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace - a life of faith, hope, and charity, a life according to the Spirit -, the ministerial priesthood is at the service of the common priesthood. It is directed at the unfolding of the baptismal grace of all Christians. The ministerial priesthood is a means by which Christ unceasingly builds up and leads his Church. For this reason, it is transmitted by its own sacrament, the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Through Baptism and Confirmation, every Christian shares in the priesthood of Jesus Christ. By the distinct call and sending by Christ, through Holy Orders, men continue to exercise the mission that Jesus entrusted to his apostles.

Liturgy & Sacramental Life

because Jesus taught us to pray

HOLY MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday April 3 - Easter Vigil

8:00pm - Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Sunday April 4 - Easter Sunday

8:30am - Greg Mulson by Mark and Perri Geiser

10:30am - Parishioners of St. Patrick's

5pm - Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Monday April 5

8:30am - No Mass

Tuesday April 6

8:30am - Keegan Lynch by Helen Barnes

Wednesday April 7

8:30am - Call the Parish Office for your Mass intention

Thursday April 8

8:30am - No Mass

Friday April 9

8:30am - Call the Parish Office for your Mass intention

Saturday April 10

4:30pm - Barnes and Leonard Families by Helen Barnes

Sunday April 11 - Second Sunday of Easter

8:30am - Elizabeth Parkes by Mark and Perri Geiser

10:30am - Steve Didas by Didas family

5pm - Nathan Marcum by Mercurio family

For Mass intentions, please
email catherine.fafone@dor.org

We Lift Each Other in Prayer

Carol Estes, Jim & Kathy Heilmann, Bill & Marlene Goodermote, Frank Acquilano, Daniel Haldeman, Joseph Felice, Helen White, Jerry Martin, Ann Amico, Dick Ashlaw, Michael Keane, Carole Annesi, Martin Neenan, Ann Spadaro, Jim McMahon, Caroline Gillen, John Becker, Christine Palmer, Bev Henehan, Stephen & Marian Melenric, Karen Wicks, Linda Gensiejewski, Duane Pancoast, Pat Cargnoni, Vickie Petilli, Alice Rizzo, Paul Sanelli, Stephen Vacanti, Charles Callari.

Note: This list of parishioners who are ill appears once a month in the bulletin. Please help keep this list up-to-date by informing the Parish Office at the end of the month if you want your name to be kept.

Daily 3 PM Prayer Intentions

Please include any of these intentions at your daily 3 PM prayer:

- That I may be attentive to those who are ill, by lifting them up in my prayers and reminding them of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick,
- For the sick, particularly those with no one to pray for them,
- For a blessed Easter season, that every Christian may recommit himself or herself to the faith of Jesus and His Church,
- For vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life,
- For souls in purgatory,
- For the dead: for Louis Therrien.

Let us be known by our praying for each other.



Catechism 101

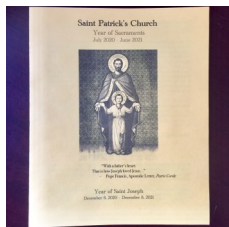
- **Why is Holy Orders the sacrament of apostolic ministry?** (CCC 1536) Holy Orders is the sacrament of apostolic ministry, because through it the mission entrusted by Christ to His apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of times.
- **Why is the sacrament of Holy Orders called "orders"?** (CCC 1537) The sacrament of Holy Orders is called "orders", because it incorporates into the order (= body) of the deacons, priests or bishops. In Roman antiquity the word "order" (Latin: 'ordo') designated an established civil body, especially with governing functions.
- **Why is ordination not a simple election, designation, delegation, or institution by the community?** (CCC 1538) The ordination is not a simple election, designation, delegation or institution by the community, because it confers a gift of the Holy Spirit that permits the exercise of a "sacred power" (Latin: *sacra potestas*).

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of April 10 – 11

Ministry	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:00 PM
Sacristan (1)	Teresa Sheffer	Ken Reasoner	Ena Gill	Fransia Aquila
Lector (1-2)	Sarah Parsons	Devin Barrett	Rachel Eilertsen	Rob Sokolowski
Communion Minister (1)	Bob Muto	Perri Pease	Dave Avery	
Ushers (2)	Pat Bolger, Bill Clifford	Mark Weigert, Bob Kolb Wayne Brotsch	David O'Hare, Joe LeMark Adline Nwugwo	Phim Dalupang, Jack Miller
Cantor (1)	Joan Morrissey, Joan Caputo, Maureen Bolger	Darlene Butler, Amy Kotlarz, Nerina Bellinger,	Childrens Choir, Elizabeth Johnston	Eva Moore, Lula Dalupang, Rob & Ruby Sokolowski,

Note: Ushers/Greeters, we appreciate you helping parishioners to their pews during this time.

If interested in serving as liturgical minister during the weekend Masses, please give the coordinators a call. See page 5 for contact info.



Year of Saint Joseph Parish Guide

If you missed the bulletin insert on the Year of Saint Joseph, copies are in the rack by the church side door on top of the ramp, and posted on the parish website.

What you will find in the guide are some ideas on how to celebrate the year dedicated to Saint Joseph. Your creativity will allow you to get to know better the foster father of Jesus and the husband of the Blessed Virgin.

Would you consider consecrating yourself and your family to Saint Joseph? This means that you are placing yourself and your family under his protection and care. And you do this by praying the Prayer of Consecration found in the guide.

For additional resources, visit the USCCB website as well as the Diocese of Charlotte website dedicated to this year - yearofsaintjoseph.org.

Saint Joseph, pray for us!

Did you know that since COVID started,

- We resumed public celebration of the Mass in the parish, with the initial 10 persons, on Pentecost Sunday, the weekend of May 30-31?
- 9146 is the cumulative head count at the weekend Masses (taking head count resumed last September 6)?
- 13 Baptisms have been celebrated at weekend Masses?
- 10 Funeral Mass have been celebrated in church?
- The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation has been consistently celebrated an hour before Mass, in the Family Room?

Year of the Sacraments

July 2020-June 2021

April: Holy Orders

3-4: Jesus Christ, the High Priest

10-11: As the Father has sent me,
so I send you.

17-18: You are witnesses of these things.

24-25: Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd

- May: Matrimony

*The sacraments teach us how to live;
the martyrs teach us how to die.*



Altar Servers

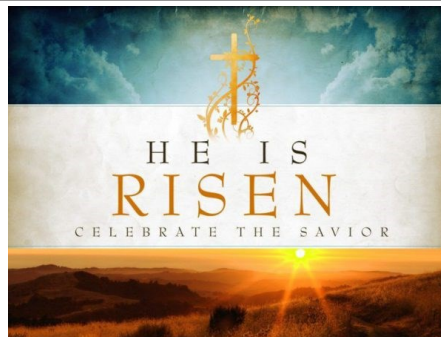
We are planning the return of altar serving at the weekend Masses. And so we call on current and prospective altar servers to contact Mr. Pat Bolger for re-training. You may reach him at 924-9351. We would like to hear your thoughts about replacing the current albs with cassock and surplice.

Re-training incorporates COVID safety guidelines.



Monthly Rosary with the Knights of Columbus

Join the knights in praying the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the 4th Sunday of each month, after the 8:30 AM Mass. Save the date this month: April 25. The intention is to ask Blessed Virgin Mary to guide our local, state and federal leaders that decisions be made for the common good and not for political gain.



On behalf of your parish, cemetery and preschool staff,
I greet you and your loved ones with Easter life and light.

Happy Easter!

- Father Edison

**As more parishioners are
returning to Sunday Mass, do sign-up
for Mass ahead of time. Why?**

- 1. Help us in our prep for Mass.**
- 2. Guarantee yourself a seat.**

**Once we reach capacity,
walk-ins will not be allowed in.
Thank you for your cooperation.**

Membership & Parish Life because Jesus called a community

Why do we exist as a parish?

In order to love God with all that we are,
to love our neighbor as ourselves,
to make more and better disciples, and
to learn and teach how to keep
Jesus' commandments.

Our Mission is based on Matthew 22: 34-40, 28:16-20.



St. Patrick's Tote Bag

Now available! This stylish, handy durable tote bag is yours for only \$5.00. Proceeds of the tote bag go toward our CMA goal. Thank you for your support! Bags are in the Alcove and donations can be put in collection box near bags.

Ongoing Christian Formation

because Jesus taught us his way of life

Formed.org

1. It is easy and free! Go to Formed.org/register.
2. Enter access code: 3KRJJK (capitalized).
3. Enter your email and password (you need these to log in later). Enjoy and share the faith.

Featured Resource



Called. Every baptized Christian is supposed to make the priesthood of Jesus real in this world. However, God calls some men to serve the Church within Holy Orders, acting in the person of Jesus to give the grace of the Sacraments to all. How can young men know if they're called to this special role?

Saint for the Month of April -

St. Gianna Beretta Molla Shortly before their 1955 marriage, Gianna wrote to Pietro: "Love is the most beautiful sentiment that the Lord has put into the soul of men and women." In the next four years the Mollas had three children: Pierluigi, Mariolina, and Laura. Two pregnancies following ended in miscarriage. Early in her fourth pregnancy, doctors discovered that Gianna had both a child and a tumor in her uterus. She allowed the surgeons to remove the tumor but not to perform the complete hysterectomy that they recommended, which would have killed the child. Seven months later in April 1962, Gianna Emanuela Molla was born at the hospital in Monza, but post-operative complications resulted in an infection for her mother. The following week Gianna Molla died at home, and was buried in the cemetery of Mesero. Gianna Emanuela went on to become a physician herself. Gianna Beretta Molla was beatified in 1994 and canonized 10 years later. Her liturgical feast is celebrated on April 28.



Sacraments of Service Sacraments of service are sacraments at the service of others' holiness and salvation; unique ways God calls us to live out our baptismal calling more profoundly; a particular vocation (or calling) that helps those who answer it achieve the universal call to holiness. When someone answers God's call and receives one of these Sacraments, we celebrate what will be their ultimate means of sanctification. We are rejoicing because they have found the path that will lead them to Heaven!

DID YOU KNOW?

Bible Verse for the Month of April

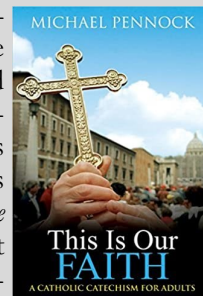
"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mark 10:43-45



Adult Formation Resource

This is Our Faith: A Catholic Catechism for Adults.

This is a bestselling overview of the Catholic faith for those preparing entry into the Church, as well as for both newly initiated and lifelong Catholics who wish to understand Church teachings more clearly. This revised and updated edition strengthens one of the strongest endorsements of the book: that it communicates important Church teachings in an engaging and understandable manner.



Happenings This Week

- ★ **Parent-led Catechesis**—Tues 4/6, 6:15p
Sun 4/11, 3:00p
- ★ **Confirmation YR 2**—Rehearsal, Tues 6:30p
- ★ **LifeTeen**—Sunday 4/11, 6:30p

Social Ministry & Outreach

because Jesus called us to serve

Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard

We are grateful for your support of our local food cupboard. During Lent, many have benefited from your generosity, that is, the canned goods collected during the season of almsgiving.

Know that collection bins are by the church side door and in the Alcove hallway to receive your donation of non-perishable food items to the food cupboard.

Thank you!

Stewardship

because Jesus gave us gifts to share

We are grateful...

- To the Liturgical Ministers who helped during the Sacred triduum: Nancy Kolb, Betty Przepiora, Pat Bolger, Rob Heiler, Helen Barnes, Sandy Brannigan, Teresa Sheffer, James Hood, Iljeoma Nwugwo, Eddie Gartland, Bob Muto, Deacon John, and Ena Gill. To Carl Galland and our parish music ministry.
- To our teens who did yard clean-up during their Life Teen evening. Thank you, Garen Sinden, for the assistance.
- To our teens who led the Stations of the Cross last Friday. To Elizabeth Johnston for coordinating the event.
- To the daily Mass participants on Fridays for the praying the Stations of the Cross after the Holy Mass.
- To parishioners for the ongoing donations to the Building Fund.

THANK YOU!

Sunday Collection Revenue

July 2020 - February 2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Regular Envelopes	\$ 161,074	\$ 176,536	\$ (15,462)
Loose Plate	\$ 8,836	\$ 32,692	\$ (23,856)
Electronic (EFT)	\$ 148,722	\$ 138,000	\$ 10,722
Holy Days	\$ 3,216	\$ 4,500	\$ (1,284)
Christmas	\$ 14,874	\$ 14,000	\$ 874
Easter	\$ 35	\$ -	\$ 35
Total	\$ 336,757	\$ 365,728	\$ (28,971)

2021 Building Project

Towards the end of 2020, we have asked your thoughts about what of our projects to tackle this year. Thanks for the input from the Pastoral Council and other parishioners.

We will be prioritizing the work on the exterior of the church. The cracks on the exterior wall of the church are getting worse each winter and we will not be able to address interior wall issues until we fix these cracks.

For this project, we will be utilizing our Building Fund, surplus from the previous budget, and some of our stable patrimony. We have an allotted Building Fund to which parishioners can make a donation anytime of the year. Call Rich O'Donnell for more information.

Also, we are planning on creating an outdoor Stations of the Cross, using the set of stations that we had in church. We envision creating the pathway by the Marian Grotto. Watch out for further details on this exciting project.

Saint Patrick's Cemetery Update

For the safety of motorists and pedestrians, the cemetery remains closed for construction work.

Additional work may delay the opening of the cemetery.

Thank you for your understanding.

**2020-21 CMA Update**

As of March 26,
we are just \$ 20K close
to our goal!

We need the help from new
donors to make our goal.

To make your donation online,

visit stpatriksvictor.org.

**Your Gift of Presence**

March 27-28 to be reported

Sat 4:30: XX (XX% of capacity)

Sun 8:30: XX (XX% of capacity)

Sun 10:30: XX (XX% of capacity)

Sun 5:00: XX (XX% of capacity)

Your Gift of Treasure

March 27-28: to be reported

Budgeted, without EFT: \$3,980.00

Upcoming Second Collection: April 4th for the Holy Land

Thank you for generosity.

Our Parish Ministries: Serving God and Neighbor

Call. Ask. Discern. Serve like Jesus.

I. Liturgy and Sacramental Life

Altar Linen	Sue Stehling / 924-3409
Altar Servers	Pat Bolger / 924-9351
Baptism Preparation Team	Judy & James Miller / 924-8158
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Lynn Foley / 259-3823
Church Cleaners	Lei Dalupang / 224-6091
Communion Ministers (EMHC)	Liz Gartland / 329-3168
Funeral Liturgy Team	Coordinator Needed
Lectors	Thom & Margie Rafferty / 734-2818
Liturgy Committee	Nerina Bellinger / 742-8023
Marriage Preparation Team	Gayle & Brian Reh / 924-4804
Music Ministry (choirs, cantors)	Carl Galland / 924-7111
Sacristans	Ena Gill / 733-6650
Ushers & Greeters	Sante DiCarlo / 742-3118
Visitation Ministry	Helen Barnes / 298-2247

II. Membership and Parish Life

Coffee Hour Team	Patty Weigert / 924-7393
Funeral Brunch Team	Kelly Mason / 924-3532
Knights of Columbus	Wayne Brotsch / 924-3855
Membership Team	Coordinator Needed
Parish Life Committee	Coordinator Needed
Women's Group	Judy Klein / 924-7022

III. Ongoing Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation Group	Sam & Tina Condo / 678-4472
Bible Study	Anne Leitner / 742-3417
Catechists & Aides	Donna DeJoode / 924-2800
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Carolyn Robinson / 924-2800
Confirmation Coordinator	Elizabeth Johnston / 924-2800
Faith Formation Advisory Board	Donna DeJoode / 924-2800
Parish Christ Life Team	Sam Condo / 678-4472
Preschool	Donna DeJoode / 924-2800
RCIA Team	Deacon John Payne / 924-7111
Youth Ministry	Elizabeth Johnston / 924-2800

IV. Social Ministry and Outreach

Assisi Ministry	Marcie Hamilton / 924-1528
Community Dinner	Jean Acquilano / 645-7998
Giving Garden	Dan & Karen Lynch / 314-5098
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary E 742-2949/Mary S 924-7724
Prison Ministry	Helen Barnes / 298-2247
Social Ministry Committee	Joan Muto / 924-2501
Family Promise of Ontario County	Joan Trost / 924-3092

V. Stewardship

Buildings and Grounds Committee	Joan Oliphant / 742-3452
Cemetery Board	John Butler / 924-7111
CASE Review Board	Cathy Fafone / 924-7111
Finance Council	Richard VanKuren / 742-2317
Parish Gardens	Becky Fountain / 281-8004
Parish Magazine	Father Edison / 924-7111
Parish Office Volunteers	Ev DeVelder / 924-2903
Pastoral Council	Thomas Kolb / 662-7126
Money Counters	Marge Gawronski / 398-7802
Stewardship Committee	Dave Keebler / 208-6923

Looking for second collection envelopes?

Please find them at the entrance tables
a week before the collection weekend.

Let there be light...

In the light of the Risen Christ

*We are witnesses of all that he did
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.
This man God raised on the third day
and granted that he be visible,
not to all the people, but to us,
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
He commissioned us to preach to the people
and testify that he is the one appointed by God
as judge of the living and the dead.
To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.*

- Acts 10:39-43

Who are we in relation to Jesus Christ risen from the dead?

We are his martyrs (witnesses)! From the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Saint Peter preaching to the members of the house of Cornelius. He identified himself and his companions as witnesses of Jesus Christ. The word from which *witness* comes from is the Greek “martus” from which we derive the word “martyr.” Martyr and witness are synonymous!

Martyrs are those who knew Jesus personally—called and formed by him to be His disciples. They heard and listened to his teachings, saw his actions and miracles, lived their lives with him, and for these reasons, the apostles had the privilege and authority of putting into writing and transmitting the way of life (tradition) that they received from Jesus.

Brothers and sisters:

*If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.*

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ your life appears,

then you too will appear with him in glory.

- Colossians 3:1-4

We are *His brothers and sisters*! Jesus taught us to call His Father our Father. On the Cross, in entrusting the Beloved Disciples to His Beloved Mother, Jesus entrusted every one of His disciples to the Blessed Mother. Jesus made us His brothers and sisters, making us brothers and sisters to one another.

Because we not only live an earthly life but destined for a heavenly life, as Christians, we rightly see ourselves as brothers and sisters in Christ. We are the family of God. We are the Church. In a time of individualism, we need to recover a stronger sense of communal life in God as His Church.

In recent interviews with prospective godparents and sponsors, it brings me joy that many of them have a strong sense of affiliation and commitment to the parish. The reality is Jesus did call individual disciples but he formed them in a community, the Church. That Jesus is our head, and we are members of His Body, we really cannot not live in community, that is, as Church.

Parish Office & Preschool Information

Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

(lunch time: 12:30 PM - 1 PM)

Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Parish Office Phone: (585) 924-7111

Parish Office Fax: (585) 742-3296

Faith Formation & Preschool: (585) 924-2800

Stay Connected

- Parish Website: www.stpatricksvictor.org
- Parish Facebook Pages:
St. Patrick's Church /
Saint Patrick's Victor Youth Ministry
- Parish Youtube Channel:
St Patricks of Victor NY
- Parish App: Text 'App' to 88202



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Director of Christian Formation and Preschool	
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Finance Director	
Wayne Sweet	wayne.sweet@dor.org
Building Maintenance	

Keep your parish staff in your daily prayers.

*On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,
“They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him.”*

- John 20:1-2

We are *seekers of Jesus*— we cannot exist without him. Before Jesus was revealed as raised from the dead, even for a moment, the women and the apostles could not part from his already entombed body. This was how impactful Jesus was to the first disciples. This is how impactful Jesus should be to us, present-day disciples.

This Easter, we are reminded that Jesus is not entombed but raised and ascended to God the Father. May we continue seeking Him and find Him ever waiting for us, giving His Eucharistic Body for our food and nourishment.

Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen! Alleluia!

- Father Edison