

# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 21, 2019



Please pray for the soul of Alice Hanley.  
May she rest in the peace of our Lord.

## Pot Luck Dinner

The Easter Vigil Pot Luck Dinner will follow the Vigil Mass service April 20. Please bring a dish to pass--main dishes, side dishes, & desserts needed.

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus consist of a group of men within our local faith communities. As part of our mission, we are charged with serving the needs of our local churches and congregations. If you are interested in learning more and/or would like to join this organization, there will be a meeting on May 6 at St. Peter at 6:30 in the conference room.



## Rosary on Sundays

Please join the recitation  
of the Rosary Sundays at:

8:50 am before St. Peter's 9:30 am Mass  
10:40 am before St. John's 11:15 am Mass

## Reflections on the Easter Readings

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet the Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed." What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind. But notice the repetition of the word "tomb" (7 times in 9 verses). They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses" (Acts 10), the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan: to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44). Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them -- that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that the Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation.

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb and give thanks for "Christ our life," as Paul's Epistle calls Him. Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too, but we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come -- the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory." Dr. Scott Hahn

Rice Bowl checks due next Sunday.

[Please drop in the offertory basket.]

## Earth Day 2019 [earthday.org](http://earthday.org)

April 22 marks the 49th anniversary of the first Earth Day, and this year's theme is *Protect Our Species*. In the words of Pope Francis, "*Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another.*" (Laudato Si' 42)

Earth Day 2019 comes at a crucial time to advance and protect laws, policies, regulations, and international cooperation agreements for species protection from threatened rollbacks. Biodiversity and our natural world feed not only our spiritual wellbeing, but also our production of the most basic necessities like food, water, and clean air.

Some ideas: use old cds or dvds to decorate with permanent makers and hang with yarns inside or outside of your windows to prevent birds from colliding with them; build habitats for bees (which have experienced a significant decline worldwide); use bins, cardboard boxes, and paper bags to collect invasive plant species in your neighborhood; plant a wildflower garden; or find trash to use in constructing a watershed sculpture.

## Marriage Moments [Susan Vogt](#)

What a coincidence that Easter (the 21<sup>st</sup>) and Earth Day (the 22<sup>nd</sup>) are only one day apart. Easter reminds Christians of the resurrection ~ that the death of the body is not the end of the world. Earth Day reminds us all that we humans have a duty to protect our little part of the world, planet Earth.

## Next Marriage Encounters:

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Light for our Church and within our Marriages. Gift your relationship with a bright light by attending an upcoming Marriage Encounter weekend -- April 26-28 in Huntington NY or October 18-20 in Albany. For information, call Ed & Rhonda at 518.279.3243 or visit [wwmenyalb.org](http://wwmenyalb.org).

## Lobby for Life

Lobby For Life Day in Albany is on May 1. After the passage of the Reproductive Health Act, it is critical that we have a large turnout this year. There is a strong effort to get physician-assisted suicide passed as well as paid surrogate motherhood so we need to send a strong message to the politicians in Albany that we have not given up the fight and that we will continue to lobby to protect all human life from conception to death.

The bus will stop at Sacred Heart Church, 27 Harper Street in Stamford, at 7:30 am with a drop off near the New York State Museum. We will walk to the Legislative Office Building to hear speakers. [Lunch: bag lunch or fast food.] We will then gather to visit our legislators.

It is very important that we have a large group from Delaware County as there is a new Senator from that District, Jen Metzger, who voted for the RHA and needs to hear from us.

Tickets for the bus:

\$20 for individuals

\$10 each for families of three or more

To reserve a seat please call 652.4055.

## Family Perspective [Bud Ozar](#)

Millions of Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter with one person telling another: "*Mary told Peter*" and "*they believed.*" Faith is passed one person to another; it is caught, not taught -- parents are the most effective persons to pass faith to their children.

## Relic Pilgrimage of St. Vianney

Come to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception this Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> between noon and 7 pm for prayer and veneration of the incorrupt heart of St. Jean Marie Vianney. This is a sign of great holiness that holds a message of hope for all who approach it for veneration.