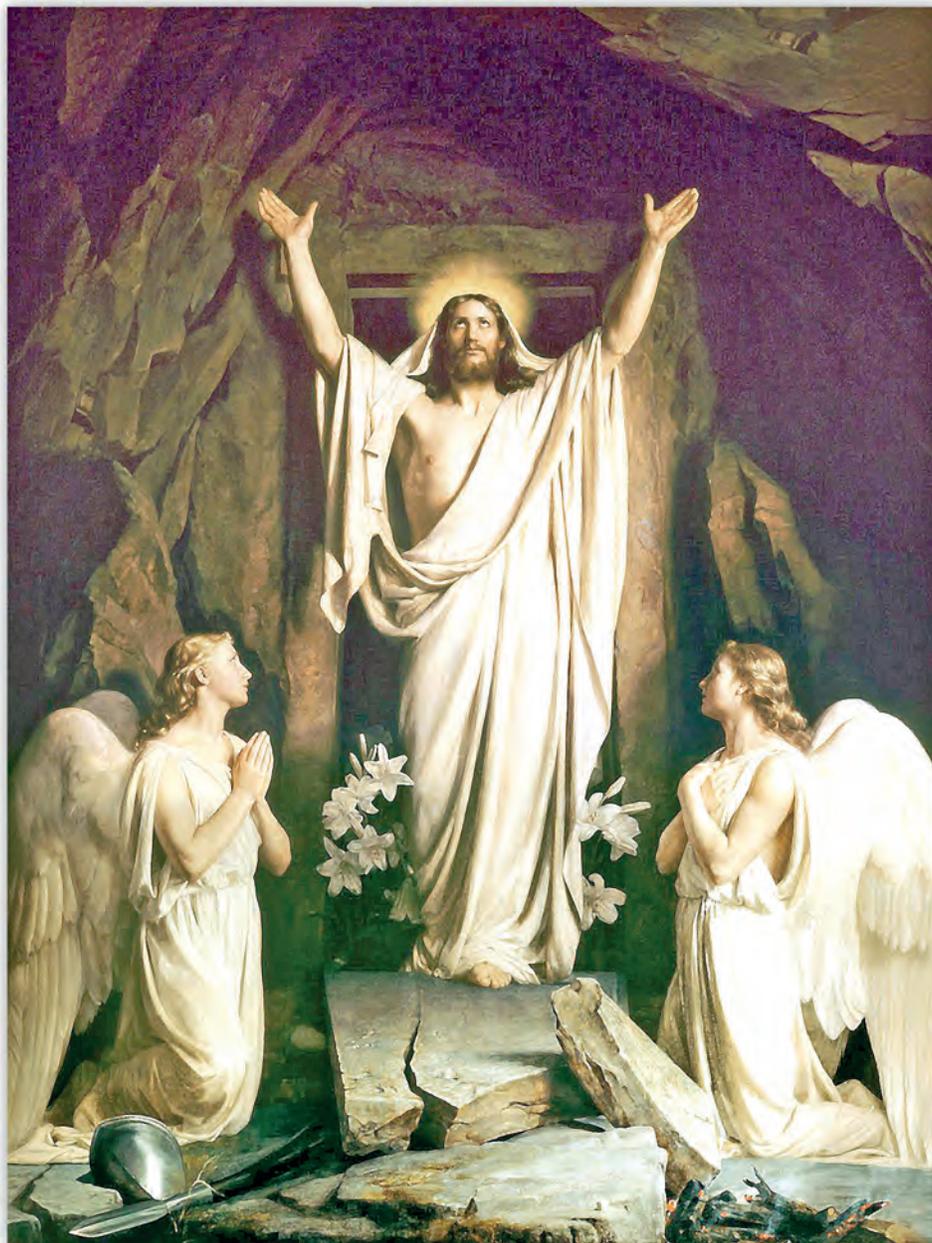


EASTER SUNDAY

OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026



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Saturday	April 4
8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	April 5
7:30 am	Easter
9:30 am	Easter
11:30 am	Easter in the Church
11:30 am	Easter in the Parish Center
Monday	April 6
8:00 am	Cyril DeSouza and Patti Barrett
Tuesday	April 7
8:00 am	Jerry & Josie Alba and Al & Claire Portfolio
Wednesday	April 8
8:00 am	Lorraine Dailey
Thursday	April 9
8:00 am	Donald Weisbecker
Friday	April 10
8:00 am	Jerry Medina
Saturday	April 11
5:00 pm	Cyril DeSouza, Lawrence Bowles and Olivia Jane Giacone
Sunday	April 12
7:30 am	For the People of the Parish
9:30 am	Lorraine Dailey and Mildred & Edward Spellman
11:30 am	Cornelius Hassard and Jerry Medina
5:00 pm	John O'Dell

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In this passage, Peter testifies that he and his followers saw the miracles performed by Christ, witnessed His death, and believe in His resurrection. Now they will proclaim to all that Christ is the Son of God.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul tells the Colossians that they will appear with Christ in glory. They should be mindful of things above rather than things on earth

Gospel: John 20:1-9

In vivid detail, John tells us that when Mary Magdalene visited Christ's tomb, the tomb was empty. She told the apostles, who ran to the tomb, and saw the "wrappings" on the ground. The disciple who entered first "saw and believed."



Weekly Memorials

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Carly Nicole, Marcy Aprea, Kathleen McElroy, Brendan Daly, Marianne Hilburn, Theresa McManus and for all our deceased.



Fr. Peter, Fr. Chris and the staff of St. Patrick Parish wish all of our parishioners, families and friends a very Happy Easter filled with hope, love and blessings!



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl 2026

CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Rice Bowls have been a part of our Lenten almsgiving for many years. Every year, we distribute the small cardboard boxes to parishioners, Faith Formation and school families with the request to put aside your extra coins or eat a simple meal instead of going out to dinner and put the money saved into your rice bowl to help feed those who do not have enough to eat each and every day. The impact of these small sacrifices is significant. Since the inception of the annual Rice Bowl collections, 11.4K Faith Communities have participated in this initiative collecting over \$350M worldwide to help serve 210M people worldwide.

Your sacrifice during Lent can make a difference and impact many in need of food and necessities this season. Please consider donating your extra change to CRS Rice Bowl this season. You may also make a one time donation by cash or check and drop it in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl" in the collection basket. Boxes are available in the Church Narthex.

Please drop your boxes off before or after mass during Holy Week or the week after Easter in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity and assisting those in need.

From the Desk of our Pastor, Fr. Peter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! He is risen!

Easter is our great season of hope. The empty tomb is the ultimate proof that God's love has the final word. It is a living promise that light always conquers darkness, and it calls us to live with a new, joyful energy.

"The empty tomb of Christ is the silent witness of the Resurrection. It tells us that death has no more power over Him, and therefore, no more power over us." — Saint John Paul II

As we celebrate this new life, I invite you to join me in an exciting mission: to move from being Catholic by name to being a community truly active in our faith. Let's trade the noise of the world and gossip for the beautiful truths of our Church. Imagine the strength we will find if we spend our time learning about the Word of God and lifting one another up with words of encouragement!

St. Paul reminds us:

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely... think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

Let us be a parish overflowing with optimism and kindness, shining with the light of the Risen Lord. I am so enthusiastic for all the ways we will grow together this season!

With a father's blessing,
Fr. Peter

Thank you Parish Nurses' Ministry!

After more than 20 years in service to St. Patrick Parish, our Nurses' Ministry is coming to an end. This valued ministry worked tirelessly through the years, comforting the sick, supporting families in need, and promoting individuals' needs for spiritual and physical well being through home visits, education programs and screenings, health counseling and referral to resources. For many years this was a vibrant ministry thanks to the dedication and time given by our nurse parishioners who also served as nurses in the public and private sectors.

Since the pandemic and the parish survey, we have realized the demographics and needs of the parish have changed and therefore, due to many factors, our Nurses' Ministry will no longer be offered. The parish is so grateful to all of our nurse volunteers for all of the time, energy and ideas they have devoted to this nursing ministry through the years. A special "thank you" to Sister Margaret for helping to create and support this vibrant ministry. Thank you also to the many women that served in and supported this ministry including Lucille Plantemoli, Lori Gardner, Mary Anne Grilli, Kay Kaiser, Joan Corasaniti, Deirdre McAuliffe, Colleen Truppo and Suzanne Hamilton who were always available to help with projects and offer support in any and every way. Their compassion, professionalism, knowledge, and commitment had a great impact on the lives of those they touched.

Music Ministry

Happy Easter, parishioners! Thank you for being the beautiful family of St. Patrick, and for your presence, prayers, and gifts.

All the music for Easter Day is available in a mass program from an usher or at the church entrance.

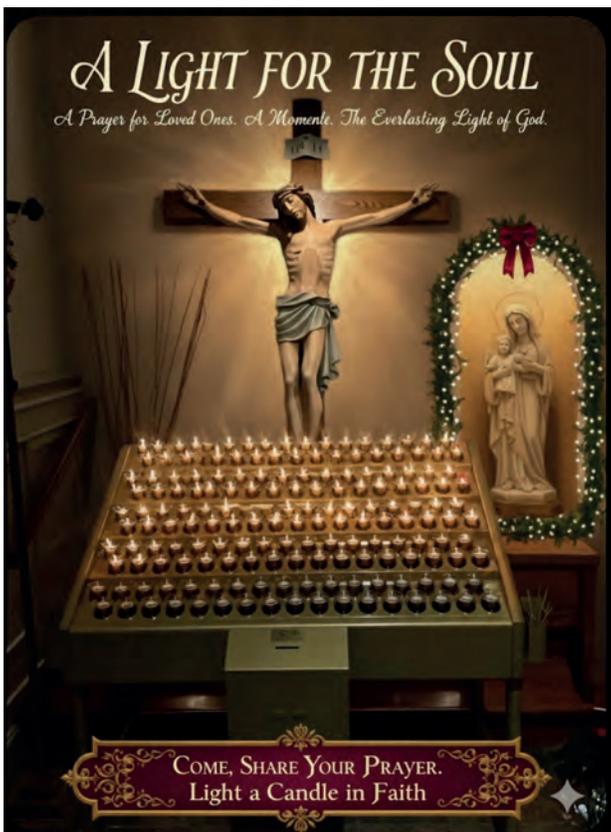


Thank you to our music ministry members who share our faith through music throughout the year:

- † St. Patrick Choir and adult instrumentalists
- † God Unplugged Choir and instrumentalists
- † Boys and Girls Choir
- † Living Nativity Choir
- † Easter and First Communion Choir
- † School Choir
- † Cantors
- † Music library assistants

Have a blessed Easter season!

*Yours in Christ,
Maggie Hanson*





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Confirmation News

9th Grade Confirmation Hybrid Program Schedule

All students in the 9th-grade formation program must attend the following schedule. Meetings will take place in the Parish Center, followed immediately by the 5:00 PM Mass.

Sunday Prep Sessions (Instruction & Mass)

Dates: April 12, 19, 26, and May 3

Meeting Spot: Parish Center

Instruction Time: 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM (Led by Father Chris)

Mass Attendance: 5:00 PM Sunday Evening Mass (Required)

9th Grade Schedule of Instruction (Fr. Chris)

April 12: The Sacramental Life

April 19: The Seal of the Spirit

April 26: Discipleship and Mission

May 3: The Gifts of the Spirit

Please ensure your candidate is present for all sessions as we prepare for this special Sacrament. Contact the Parish Office at 973-635-0625 with any questions.

St. Patrick Fundraiser
To benefit the **Appalachia Help Weeks**



Saturday, 5/16 (Rain date 6/13)



\$10 per car

Where: St. Patrick Church Parking Lot
(off Chatham Street), Chatham

Time: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Tickets: Pre-purchase at st-pats.org
After masses May 2, 3, 9, 10
or donations accepted day of event

Food Pantry News

Forget-Me-Not Food Collection

Next weekend, April 11 & 12 is our monthly **Forget-Me-Not** food collection weekend! Please drop your non-perishable food donations in the priests' garage. Bins are available on top of the freezers for you to place your items in and the Food Pantry Committee will re-bag those donations for the Father English Center in Paterson. Thank you for your continued support in helping our brothers and sisters in need.

One-Bag-a-Month Food Collection

The weekend of April 18 & 19, we will be collecting food for the **One-Bag-a-Month** program to help local families dealing with food insecurity. Items most needed include tuna, peanut butter, beans, rice, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce and feminine products. Please drop off any donations for the **One-Bag-a-Month** program in the priests' garage through Monday, April 20. Members of the Food Pantry committee will bag them Tuesday morning, April 21 and bring them to the local Interfaith Food Pantry located at The United Methodist Church on Main Street. Those in need from neighboring towns are invited to drive up and "shop" the pantry for their families' needs Wednesday, April 22. Thank you for your donations for our local families in need!



Congratulations Micki Chaput, Winner of our Irish Soda Bread Contest!

Home made Soda Bread and treats, freshly brewed coffee and catching up with parishioner friends. It doesn't get much better than that! All who popped into the St. Patrick Sunday Social, featuring our annual Soda Bread Contest, had a wonderful time. The kids especially enjoyed the dress up photo ops with Fr. Peter and Fr. Chris! A big thank you to our participants, all your baked goods were delicious. Congratulations to Micki Chaput, whose soda bread was chosen as the winner by popular vote. If you did not have a chance to taste Micki's bread, she was kind enough to share her family recipe with us, so you can try it yourself. Hope to see you all again at next year's event!

Winning Recipe:

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a spring form pan.

4 cups sifted flour
6 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
¾ cup sugar
¾ box raisins
2 cups milk
2 eggs
1/2 stick butter



Mix the ingredients, transfer dough to pan. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees

Knights of Columbus

Deepening the Joy of Easter

Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori once suggested we join the newly baptized at Easter in the ancient discipline of mystagogy. That Greek word means “to lead through the mysteries.”

At Mass, we listen to the Gospels and readings from the Apostles, we confront the reality that Jesus Christ is standing before us alive, still bearing the wounds of his Passion, the marks of his love. With the Eucharistic Prayer, we enter into the paschal mystery, the death and resurrection of Jesus. In Holy Communion, we receive the body and blood of the Risen Lord. We see that Jesus is present and active in our lives, as in the earliest days of the Church.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* notes, “This should bring about in our lives an ongoing conversion...a deepening of our prayer life...a life of charity, unity and fraternity.”

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus in Chatham, call John Kelly 201-213-6967. To join online visit www.kofc.org/joinus.



St. Patrick School News

St. Patrick School Continues the Tradition of Catholic Education & Academic Excellence Now Enrolling for 2026–2027 – Limited Spots Remaining

Enrollment for the 2026–27 school year at St. Patrick School is underway, and only a limited number of spaces remain! Serving students from Pre-K through Grade 8, we nurture each child through strong academics, a faith-centered foundation, and a close-knit community. Discover how Catholic values and academic excellence come together every day at St. Patrick School. Visit our website to learn more, schedule a tour, and apply: st-pats-school.org.



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Gospel Today

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | John 20:1-9

On Easter morning Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and found it empty. She hurried to get Peter and John. Peter entered first, and when John entered he "saw and believed."

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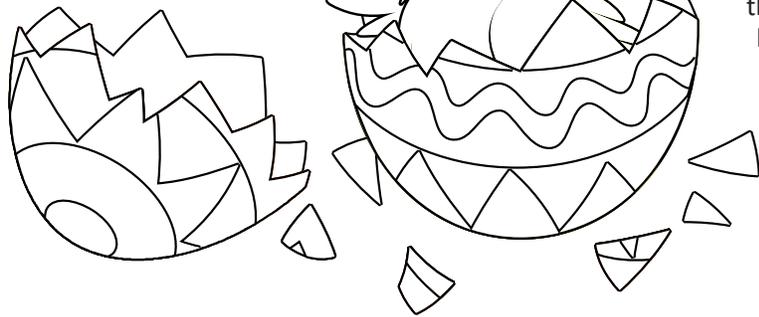
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



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Tomb	E	C	S	D	E	P	P	A	R	W
Removed	S	N	L	A	J	N	I	I	E	B
Entrance	U	A	O	L	O	L	S	O	M	T
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Magdalene	O	T	E	N	N	W	R	N	V	M
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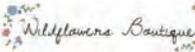
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