

April 12, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

Companions on the Journey...our Hearts are Burning with Love



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Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00PM
Sunday Mass - 11:15 AM
Tuesday - 9:00 AM
Confessions - Saturday 2:00 PM
Office Hours
Mon - Thurs 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Saturday Vigil Mass - 6:00 PM
Sunday Mass - 9:00 AM
Wednesday - 9:00 AM
Office Hours:
Mon - Thurs 9:00 AM - 12:00PM

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday

April 18, 2026 - 4:00 PM

✠ Diana Boland - By: Peg O'Connor

Sunday

April 19, 2026 - 11:15 AM

✠ Carol Esposito - By: Steve & Lisa Karandy

Tuesday

April 21, 2026 - 9:00 AM

✠ Joan Decker - By: Charles & Kathleen Mack

Saturday

April 25, 2026 - 4:00 PM

✠ Mike Tumbarello - By: Margaret Hesdorfer

Sunday

April 26, 2026 - 11:15 AM

✠ Peg Vogelsberg - By: Joan Williams

Tuesday

April 28, 2026 - 9:00 AM

✠ Amelia Decker - By: Charles & Kathleen Mack

Beatitudes of Christian Living

"Every day, I am happier in my complete abandonment into His Hands. I see His will, even in the most insignificant and tiny things that happen." ~ St. Rafael Arnaiz Baron

May we, like St. Rafael, learn to surrender each day into God's loving hands, discovering His gentle will even in life's smallest moments, and find there a deeper joy than we ever imagined

Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Dennis Corbett, Jeff Stuto, Deacon Larry, Addie Breitenstein, Jean Jonker, David Ciancetta, Janine Dowling, Corrie Ann Keller, Rami, and Patrick

4/11 & 4/12

Candles	\$ 68.00
Collections	\$ 3,488.10

Thank you for your contributions

Diocesan Appeal

Thank you for your continued support. Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Please consider helping our parish to achieve our assessment.

Bishop Mark O'Connell's Visit

Saturday, June 27 - 4:00 PM. Mass Our new Bishop will be here at 2:00 PM in our hall to meet with parishioners. You are invited! to this discussion sharing snacks and participating at Mass

EASTER 50: DAYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Ever since the very beginning, disciples of the Way...disciples of Jesus Christ would gather and recall the mysteries of redemption. That somehow through the workings of the Spirit, the faithful would remember and celebrate that the boundless Love of God would be made present to people of every age and place...that there was no confining, deadening, or entombing the Life of Christ among us. Our faith is sacramental...not just remembered as a past event or a history to be recounted...but as an ongoing story that gives life...The Resurrection happens among, within, and through us...we are bold witnesses to the new Creation for all people. God's dream is our work. Each person makes a difference! We are always sent forth to embody Christ's love, Christ's justice, Christ's healing, and Christ's presence in every aspect of our life and the life of our world community. Never say, "I don't matter." because you do! You make all the difference in the world. Remember that our faith is not self centered...we are selfless...going out of ourselves to witness to the beauty, wonder, and sacredness of all life. May the restless Spirit of Resurrection within you never settle for less, the uninspired, the tired, the routine, the negative, or the untrue...but may you always seek to live the ideal, the truly creative, the most unsettling, the wildly adventurous, with the deepest respect and highest love for all people. The stone has been rolled away...let us journey forth ...together!

RESPECT LIFE

Stand up for anyone who is bullied, abused, or the victim of prejudice. Learn about foster families and adoption. Be kind to young mothers, reach out to families who have had miscarriages. Support Alcoholics Anonymous and drug rehabilitation. Help Amnesty International; end human trafficking and forced labor. Stand up against war and violence. Remember the children of Gaza and Ukraine. Banish hate from our midst.

RESPECT THE EARTH

Plant a tree, flowers, or a garden. Use less fertilizer, pesticides, or chemicals. Pick up litter. Support local farmers. Recycle! Go outside. Support Nature Conservancy and the Landis Arboretum. Learn about Climate Change and our future.

FAMILY, COMMUNITY, CHURCH

Get active in something; be creative. Smile at Mass; sing and actively participate. Help out at our Food Pantry; buy soup to share. Come to Mass at Kingsway Nursing Facility. Bring cookies to our parish hospitality. Be kind; write a note; volunteer; vote; call someone who is ill; praise a kid; change a negative in your life; do something positive; cry with someone; laugh and enjoy life; smile!

COLORING BUTTERFLIES

To celebrate 50 days of Easter, I would ask that parishioners to color butterflies and cut out butterflies that will be taped on the cross that was used for Stations for Children this past Friday (March 30th). Extra copies of butterflies will be placed in the back of the church at Our Lady of Fatima and in the handicapped entrance at Our Lady of the Valley. Let's make at least 50 for the 50 days of Easter!

Rice Bowls are due back by this week end
Thank You!

How easily, O Christ, do I long for a firsthand touch from you, my friend and savior, risen and glorious, victories over death, radiant with luminous life.

O, how easily does my yearning arise to have been one of those in the upper room when you returned in resurrected form. I know that my faith would be strong if, like Mary in the garden, I had reached out to hug your living presence on Easter morning. I do not doubt the quality of my zeal had I broken bread with you at the sunset inn on the Emmaus road.

It's not easy to be among the living faithful fed by second-hand accounts of your resurrection visits, even though they have been passed on with loving care for millennia mouth to mouth, But I take hope today, in this Easter season, that I too can taste and feel your fulfilled promise: "I am with you always; even to the end."

Every time I break bread with friends or strangers or encounter kindness on my daily by roads, when I am visited by you even though my inner doors are locked in fear, let my heart be open as the horizon for the feast of an Easter visit from you, my Risen Savior.

Please pray for our young disciples who will be celebrating First Eucharist in May:
Mia Flores-Seibert
Ben Barbato
Michael Ortiz
Mackenzie Sinatra
Mae Jenkins

Dear Parishioners, the People of God, Disciples of Jesus ,

On March 27, 2026, Bishop Mark O'Connell, announced that a settlement has been reached with the survivors of sexual abuse and our Diocese of Albany. This agreement provides \$ 148 million dollars to 440 survivors of horrific abuse. Within this settlement , the 126 parishes of our Diocese are contributing \$ 50 million dollars. The sacrificial contribution Our Lady of Fatima Parish is \$ 54,000. This amount was reached after the Diocese Parish Steering Committee consulted with our Pastoral Council and Finance Committee and analyzed our monetary assets, building and property assets, weekly offering and operating costs. As the Catholic Church we join together to offer healing hope, and a plea for forgiveness to those whose lives were harmed. We support each other with the loving embrace of Christ.

Respectfully, Father Thomas Zelker

P.S. The money for our parish contribution is being moved from our accounts to an exclusive account for the settlement. When the mediator judge approves the agreement, our money will be sent to an escrow account to complete our payment

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as the prepare to Be confirmed on April 26 at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany

Collin Castle
Jane Jenkins
Elise McDonald
Jack Mormando
Fletcher Mormando
Maya Murphy

WE PRAY EASTER

Our Church is alive with flowers, colors, aromas, and Easter faith during these 50 Days of Resurrection. Our music and song gather, inspire, and uplift. Each week we exclaim "Glory to God", singing of a new Creation. Our response to the Acts of the Apostles (our first reading during Easter) is Psalm 118 "Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea, Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice. "We approach the Gospel with the exuberant Caribbean "Alleluia. Jesus is the way the truth, the truth, the life. We renew our faith in a resounding "I do to" to the Creedal questions. When we gather around the Lord's Table we sing of our mystery: "Save us, Savior of the Lord, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free. "We are sent forth with an Alleluia in our heart witnessing to the unconditional love of God.



"Hopper" the Easter Bunny visits the children and young at heart.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
Saturday, 4/18	Saturday, 4/25
LECTOR Jeannette Coppolo	LECTOR Mary Brusoe
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Mary Ann Conway Ruth Kulesa Linda Snow	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Ruth Kulesa Mary Ann Conway Cindy Wright
Sunday, 4/19	Sunday, 4/26
LECTOR Janine Dowling	LECTOR James Keller
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Peg O'Connor Raquel Okyay Josephine Errichetto	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Janet Korwan Kris Zedaker Christie Hennessy
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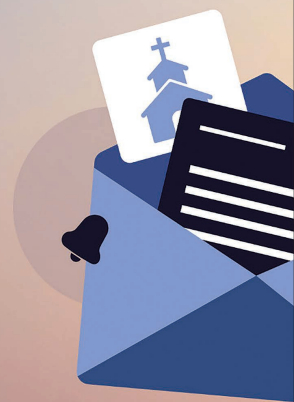


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