

# ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

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Our Mission Statement at Holy Cross: To walk as Jesus did caring for the poor, abandoned and the marginalized. To Live as the Body of Christ



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**Pray for all the deceased members of our parish and their family and friends.**

**Pray for the sick and their caregivers and all that have asked for our prayers, especially the Lynn Joy, Lorraine Tyson, Joe Tyson, Michelle Lee, Valarie Manchester, Lance Gardner, Maria Papendrea, Bob Jones, Paul LaBrutto, Sr. Theresa Ahern, MSBT, Teresa Meyers, John Zaleski, Amy O'Brien, Linda and Bob Zoder.**

**Pray for all the men and women of our parish family serving in the military especially Ryan Barry, Jim Barry and Meghan Barringer. All First Responders and emergency personnel**

**Please hold your Easter donation and place it in the collection box next week. Your Rice Bowl donation can also be brought next week. Thank you!**

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023**

**Masses will be celebrated at St. Mary's in Oneonta  
8:30am and 10:30am**

**May almighty God bless you through Easter's Solemnity and, in His compassion, defend you from every assault of sin. Alleluia AMEN**

**May He, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of His only begotten Son, endow you with the prize of immortality. Alleluia AMEN**

**Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting spirit, to those feasts celebrated in eternal JOY. Alleluia AMEN**

**Have I emerged from Lent with healing of my sins? Have I invited the Father's love into the dark places of my heart and memory? Did my sacrifices enable me to hunger and begin to experience the love of Christ? It is never too late. It is always and ever the season for the risen Lord to redeem us with the LOVE of the Father. HAPPY EASTER! ALLELUIA!!!**

**Why did Jesus fold the napkin? – Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His Resurrection?**

**The Gospel of John 20:7, tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded and was placed at the head of the stony coffin. Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciples. She said, ‘they have taken the Lord’s body out of the tomb and I do not know where they have put him!’ Peter and John ran to the tomb to see. John out ran Peter and arrived there first. He stopped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there. John did not go in. Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head was folded up and lying to the side.**

**Was this important? Absolutely! Is it significant? Yes! In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had FINISHED eating, and the servant would not dare touch the table, until the master was finished. NOW, if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up the napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, “I AM FINISHED...” BUT, if the master got up from the table, and folded the napkin, and laid it beside the plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because.....**

**The folded napkin meant,**

**I AM COMING BACK!            AND SO HE SHALL.....**

**HAPPY EASTER ALLELUIA!!!!**