

**Our Lady of Peace Parish**  
 274 Broad St., Salamanca, NY 14779



**Parish Office Address:** 274

Broad St.

• **Telephone:** 945-4966

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**Parish Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.~4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.

**Celebration of Eucharist**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Tuesday through Saturday:  
 Consult weekly bulletin.

Holy Days: Consult bulletin.

**Celebration of Reconciliation**

Saturday Afternoon

4:00 - 4:30 PM

Any time upon request.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Any time upon request.

**Pastor:** *Rev. Mariusz Sierhart*

**Deacon:** *Michael Anderson*

**Director of Music:**

*Rosalie Kalinowski*

**Coordinator of Religious**

**Education:** *Edd Dry*

**Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper:** *Brandy Pierce*



**New Parishioners:** We warmly welcome you into the Parish Community and invite you to become active in the various ministries our Parish offers. Contact the parish office to register.

**Rite of Christian Initiation** is the way the Church prepares an unbaptized person for their sacraments. Persons already baptized in other denominations are also welcomed through this process. Contact the parish office for more information.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Parents must attend a Pre-Baptismal Class. Call the parish office for reservations three months in advance.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** High School students having completed 9th grade in either a Catholic school or our Religious Education program should contact the parish office.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the desired wedding date. Attendance at a marriage preparation program is required.

**COVID-19 MASKS FOR PARISHIONERS**

Any parishioners who are in need of a mask, please stop by the parish. A container at the side door contains masks. If empty please call the parish office.



**Mass Intentions for this Week**

**Tues., Apr. 6th**

5:00 PM †James Ward - *Wife & Daughters*

**Wed., Apr. 7th:**

8:30 AM †Rosemarie Furlong - *Rosalie Kalinowski*

**Thurs., Apr. 8th:**

5:00 PM †Tom Debolski - *Estate*

**Fri., Apr. 9th:**

8:30 AM †Edward Fenning - *Rosalie Kalinowski*

**Sat., Apr. 10:**

4:30 PM †Edward Mohr- *Barbara Krieger*

**Sun., Apr. 11th: Divine Mercy Sunday**

8:30 AM †Members of Kuhn & Robinson Families - *Joe & Marie Kuhn*

11:00 AM †All Souls Remembrance



**Those who have asked for our prayers for God's healing:**

*Brandy Pierce, Brandon Ball, Riley Brown, Linda Caruso, Josephine Coombs, Jean Fisher, Mike Foreman, Joseph Giblin, Cliff Hogan, Helen Jodush, Jackson John, Jennifer Jusko, Lloyd Long Sr., Anne McFadden, Alex Newark, Jeanne Dunne Poole, Bev Rhimes, Dana Storey, Holly Walsh Valent., Pat Ward, Janice Yaworsky & Marty Zawatski*

**STEWARDSHIP IN FAITH**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to our parish. Each of us has a responsibility to share our resources to help our parish grow in faith. The Lord asks us that we share not from surpluses, but that it be a sacrifice from each person. The collection from last weekend:

**Offertory:** \$3973.00  
**Easter Flowers:** \$775.00

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Anthony & Mary Kobinski by Mike & Veronica



**EASTER CELEBRATION SCHEDULE**

**Holy Saturday, April 3rd:** Easter Vigil Mass - 8 PM

**Easter Morning: April 4th - Masses:** 8:30 AM & 11:00AM



**EASTER BLESSINGS TO ALL!**

*Dear Our Lady of Peace Family,* on behalf of our parish staff, may all the wonders and beauty of this Holy Season be yours. Easter is the greatest and most important day of the year - the **GREATEST** in created time. As Catholics we have every reason to celebrate. By Christ's **DEATH** and **RESURRECTION**, Jesus opens the **GATES** of **HEAVEN** for **ALL** of us. What a sacrifice! Our most meaningful way to celebrate is to assist at Holy Mass and receive **HOLY COMMUNION** - all the other celebrations with our families and friends- the Easter meal and perhaps an Egg hunt will be secondary ways to add to the feast. It will all be good for the body and soul. Celebrate, enjoy, and pray with the Church. Thank God for the gift of **FAITH**. Pray that those who do not have the gift of faith may find it during this blessed season of hope and renewal. It is also Springtime - new life all around us. May all our lives be renewed. May Jesus bless you with his **PEACE** - which the world needs so badly today. **We want to wish you and your family the happiest and holiest of Easter Holidays.** ~Fr. Mariusz & Deacon Mike~

**CHRISTIANS OF THE HOLY LAND**

It would be a blessing if you could celebrate the Vigil Mass of Easter in Jerusalem at the Sepulchre Church. Parishioners would fill the church, courtyard, and roof. In Arabic, *Holy Saturday is known as "Saturday of the Light"*. When the Patriarch exits the Tomb with the Light lit by the Holy Spirit, & passes it from one candle to the next, there is a frantic euphoria happiness & redemption. On **Holy Saturday**, our focus is on the Tomb of Christ. This is no ordinary grave. It is not a place of corruption, decay, & defeat. It is life - giving, a source of power, victory, & Liberation. This Easter, remember the Christian character of the Holy Land in your prayers, namely the Christian Palestinians, & our Holy Sites commemorating Jesus' earthly journey. **Happy Easter & Peace on Earth.**

**THE GIFT OF RESURRECTION**

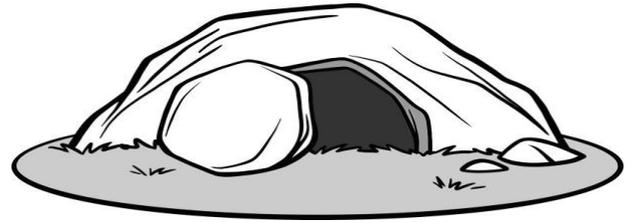
This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad! Because of the Resurrection of the Lord, we can joyfully proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. When we reflect on this most incredible claim and what it means for each of us who strive to keep alive our relationship with God, we can boldly share this message with others. It may seem out of season to be speaking about gift giving at Easter. Isn't that for Christmas? Well, in all reality the whole story of Easter is about the "gift." The gift that came to the world, and was made known to Peter and the Apostles. And they gave their lives to give the gift to others. Ultimately, the gift is one Our Father made to us to save us from the illusions of a temporal world filled with suffering and death. Accepting it takes a little effort on our side: doing our best to follow the Ten Commandments, treating others as we want to be treated ourselves, helping the Church in its mission, encountering Christ at Sunday Mass, making a good Confession when we are in grave sin. Participating in the life of the Church is how we receive the gift. And what is the gift? It's not a thing; it's a person. The gift is the Word made Flesh, the Messiah, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The gift that God gave the world is His only Begotten Son: Jesus Christ. He comes to us in many ways, but most profoundly in the Most Holy Eucharist where He feeds us with Himself. I can't imagine a day without the Blessed Sacrament, never mind a lifetime. It makes me sad when people are separated from Christ in the Eucharist. I hope always to help them realize what an amazing gift is here for them. If you know anyone like that, please help them realize the gift they've been given. I want all of our Catholic friends and relatives to come home!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus gave us the ultimate example of what it means to truly love your neighbor as yourself, as he accepted death in order to conquer our sins and give us everlasting life. Today, we rejoice in his choice to love us and we celebrate his glory! We also want to thank you for following the example of Appeal Patron St. Clare of Assisi, who fervently believed in loving her neighbors and uplifting the poor and marginalized in society. Like St. Clare of Assisi, we thank you for loving and uplifting those who are most in need in Western New York by contributing to Catholic Charities. Thank you for your continued support of the 2021 Appeal!

**MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL REMEMBRANCE**

Your package of offertory envelopes includes an envelope marked Mother's Day Spiritual Remembrance. This envelope is for you to include your mother in the Mother's Day Novena of Masses. This is not a separate collection. You can place this envelope in any collection until **May 2nd** with your donation.



**WHY IS EASTER SO IMPORTANT?**

Easter is the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. **On this Sunday**, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For Catholics, Easter Sunday comes at the end of 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving known as Lent. Through spiritual struggle and self-denial, we have prepared ourselves to die spiritually with Christ on Good Friday, the day of His Crucifixion, so that we can rise again with Him in new life on Easter. Easter is a day of celebration because it represents the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. St. Paul wrote that, unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:17). Through his death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next. That new life began on Easter Sunday. In the Our Father, we pray that "Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is in Heaven." And Christ told His disciples that some of them would not die until they saw the Kingdom of God "coming in power" (Mark 9:1). The early Christian Fathers saw Easter as the fulfillment of that promise. With the resurrection of Christ, God's Kingdom is established on earth in the form of the Church.



**PRAYER FOR NEW CATHOLICS AT EASTER VIGIL**

Dear Lord, our brothers and sisters have begun their lives anew, baptized and anointed as members of your Church. Grant that the grace they have obtained through the Easter sacraments we have celebrated will strengthen them in their journey to you. May our joy be everlasting at their homecoming! May their dedication to their new found family with you as their Father mirror the dedication and vigor held by the saints such as Paul, Augustine, Mary of Egypt and Edith Stein, who were always faithful members of your body. *Amen*

**EASTER PRAYER FOR CATHOLICS**

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. "The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake."

