

# SAINT ANNE of the SUNSET CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY  
of the  
RESURRECTION  
of the  
LORD

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**Daily Mass:** 8:45am Mon.—Sat.

**Sunday Masses:** Sat. Vigil at 5pm,  
Sundays at 8am, 10am, and Noon (*Chinese*)  
**All Masses Livestreamed except Sunday 8am**

**Confessions:** Saturday @ 4:30—4:55pm  
and 20 minutes before each Sunday Mass

**Office Hours:** Mon.—Fri. , 9a —4:30p

**Baptisms:** 2nd Sat. of month, 12:30pm  
(*Registered Parishioners only*)

**Baptismal Prep:** 3rd Sat. of month, 10:00am  
(*Registered Parishioners only*)



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## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 9, 2023

### Easter Season

Our Easter celebration lasts fifty days, during which Resurrection joy should overflow the hearts of believers to refresh a parched and weary world with the revivifying waters of faith, hope, and charity. All season, at every Sunday Mass, we read Luke's Acts of the Apostles, charting the young church's Spirit-led journey, sometimes peaceful, sometimes persecuted, beset by enemies without and turmoil within. But this young church is always moving onward, from Jerusalem's familiarity to the strangeness of every place between there and Rome; and outward, from an inherited Judaism's comfortable uniformity to the Gentile world's challenging diversity. A week after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to renew our personal relationship with Jesus. On the Third Sunday of Easter, the disciples at Emmaus recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and return to share the Good News even as modern-day disciples should. On Good Shepherd Sunday, the church prays for priestly and religious vocations. All the while, Acts shows people drawn to the early Church because they had seen the Risen Jesus not in person, but in persons, in disciples who still form Christ's living Body, the Church. Each of us is likewise called to be the kind of disciple, personally and in communion with our brothers and sisters, in whom those who seek Jesus may at least glimpse his presence.

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### Pastor's Column

**Happy Easter!!!** – For Christians, we know that this is our most important date, for we celebrate Jesus' victory over death for us all. But do you know why Easter is called Easter? And why there are Easter eggs, bunnies, and lilies?

- On the name Easter, the widespread consensus is that the word derives from the Christian designation of Easter week as *in albis*, a Latin phrase that is the plural of *alba* (dawn) and in Old High German became *eostarum*, which eventually became *Easter* in English.
- But where did Easter eggs originate from? The use of painted and decorated Easter eggs was first recorded in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. At that time, the Church prohibited the eating of eggs during Holy Week, but chickens continued to lay eggs during that week. The notion of specially identifying those as "Holy Week" eggs brought about their decoration. And the egg became a symbol of the Resurrection, because just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the egg symbolizes new life emerging from the eggshell.
- What about the Easter bunny? The earliest reference to the Easter bunny dates back prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> century, when the Germanic people of Europe introduced the *Osterhase* – a rabbit that brought gifts to children at Easter time. When these Germanic immigrants settled in America in the 1700s, they brought this tradition with them to Pennsylvania. It's not clear when and how the Easter bunny started to deliver Easter eggs, but it has remained part of our Easter tradition.
- What about lilies? Long ago, cultures across the world saw lilies as symbols of virtue, hope, grace, and innocence. Easter lilies came to symbolize Christ not only because they embody purity, but the trumpet-shaped blooms recall the horns that heralded the resurrection of Christ. And as the Easter lilies lie beneath the earth before blossoming into magnificent flowers, what other springtime flower could possibly represent Jesus' death and resurrection better?

This Easter, as we are surrounded by these beautiful symbols of our faith and tradition, it is our hope that you and your loved ones experience the power of Christ's resurrection in your life. I'll conclude expressing what our Orthodox brothers and sisters in the faith will greet one another with throughout the Easter Season.

Greeting: *Christos Anesti* (Christ is Risen!)

Response: *Alithos Anesti!* (He has risen indeed!)

**Wishing you all a Blessed Easter Season! —Fr. Dan**



*Saint Anne Parish*  
**MASS INTENTIONS**  
WEEK of April 9, 2023

**Sunday, April 9**

8:00am Special Intentions, Bob Nolan and Family

10:00am People of the Parish  
Thanksgiving, Rachel C. Pasco  
Carla Asturias (D)

Noon Generosa Flores (D)

**Monday, April 10**

8:45am Lynn Lee (D)  
Eldie Maynigo (D)

**Tuesday, April 11**

8:45am Special Intentions, Gary Poovey and  
Family

**Wednesday, April 12**

8:45am Mary Donnelly (D)

**Thursday, April 13**

8:45am Special Intentions, Richard and  
Sandy Gazowsky and Family

**Friday, April 14**

8:45am Special Intentions, Barbara DiSpirito

**Saturday, April 15**

8:45am Confraternity of Saint Anne

5:00pm Special Intentions, Scott Hahn

*The Church Office at 850 Judah Street will be closed on Easter Monday, April 10th and will reopen the next day.*



*Following the 8am and  
10am Masses,  
join us this Easter  
Sunday for our*

**EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
in Moriarty Hall

hosted by Saint Anne's Boy Scout Troop 15

And bring the kids  
there **at 11am** for the

**EASTER EGG  
HUNT**

& other fun activities!



**St . Anne  
Roaring 20's  
Casino Night**



**April 22, 2023 6—11pm**

**Moriarty Hall**



**Games — Raffle**

**Silent Auction**

**— DJ —**

**Food & Drink**

**No host bar**

**Tickets \$60**

**Childcare available**

<https://stannesf.ejoinme.org/roaring20scasinonight>

**Rejoice and Be Glad**

If Christmas is the “most wonderful time of the year,” then Easter is the most joyous, glorious, awesome time of the year! Really? Today’s readings don’t exactly brim over with the kind of holiday cheer we find at Christmas—except for the responsorial psalm, which does admittedly ring with gleeful joy. But otherwise, not so much. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter gives a dry, condensed rendering of the story of Jesus to a group of Gentiles in Caesarea. The Colossians reading actually does have us looking forward to glory. Most underwhelming, though, is the Gospel proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we want to hear about angels and earthquakes and trumpets and glory, we hear about a dark, silent, empty tomb. This Easter Sunday story from John’s Gospel is startling in its emptiness. Like Peter in the story, we must enter into this mystery.

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**Previous Week's Collections**

**Sunday Collection, April 1, 2— \$3,957.00**  
**School Earthquake Retrofit Fund— \$660.00**

**This Week's Second Collection**  
**Building and Maintenance Fund**

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