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RISEN LORD



NEW MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY MASS OF
ANTICIPATION**

5:00PM- English

SUNDAY

9:00AM - English

10:30AM - Polish

12:00PM - English

1:30PM - Spanish

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Saturday and Sunday: Closed
or by appointment

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATIONS

Saturday: 4:15 pm

By request: After Mass

Sunday - Saturday: Mornings

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – April 4...Holy Saturday

9:00AM... Morning Prayer
2:00PM... Blessing of food
8:00PM... Easter Vigil

Sunday – April 5...Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

6:00AM...Karina Radecki 20th Birthday, req. Family
9:00AM.. +Carlo Riello, req. Antonia Riello
10:30AM...Eugeniusz Samul, od Syn i Rodzina
12:00 Noon...+Mary Mosley and April
Birthday in Heaven, req. Family
1:30 PM ...Eulalia Duque Garcia, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Monday – April 6... Easter Monday

9:00AM...+Mariella and Dominic, req Angela Negri

Tuesday – April 7... Easter Tuesday

9:00AM...+Antonio and Lucia Simeone, req. Family

Wednesday – April 8... Easter Wednesday

9:00AM...+Pat Williams, req. Family

Thursday – April 9... Easter Thursday

9:00AM...+William Kruse, req. Family

Friday – April 10...Easter Friday

9:00AM...+Rev. Al Carney, req. Johanna Merkle

Saturday – April 11...Easter Saturday

9:00AM... +Murial Siccardi,
req, Mry Ellen Chanda
5:00PM... +Plick Family, req. Family

Sunday – April 12...Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00AM...+Linda Smith, req. Rich Willams
10:30AM...Wszystkiego Najlepszego Przemystaw
Błazejowicz, od Matka
12:00 Noon... Health of Paul Signorelli,
req. Beverly and Peter Cirino
1:30 PM ...+Pastoria Cuartas (7th Anniv.)
req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE will burn this week for **Our RCIA Candidates recently confirmed** at the request of our Parish Family.

THE BREAD AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

is in Memory of **Lucia Simeone** at the request of the Family

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially for **Marian Parcinski, Olivia Schiffer, Al Caraldo, Margaret Macknowsky, Jim Rushforth, Mike Parise, Brian Biddulph, Giovanni Todaro, Pat Cook, and Mary Barrow.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all our Faithful Departed.

STEWARDSHIP

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” COLOSSIANS 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor

“Concéntrense en las cosas celestiales y no en las terrenales”. COLOSENSES 3:2

¿Pone a Dios primero en todas las cosas? Las posesiones, el dinero, el poder, el ego pueden fácilmente convertirse en dioses para muchos de nosotros. Haga una revisión rápida de lo que es importante para usted. ¿Esta Dios en el primer lugar de la lista? Si no es así, necesita reajustar sus prioridades. No permita que las cosas terrenales se transformen en dioses colocados antes del Señor. Este también es el primer mandamiento - Soy el Señor tu Dios, no tendrás dioses ajenos delante de mí.

EASTER SUNDAY

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.”



ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Prayers.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM.

Next Rosary Meeting is Sunday, April 12th after the 9AM Mass in the Parish Office.

The Office will be closed
on Easter Monday
April 6th

From our Office Family to your Family

*Have a very Blessed
and Happy Easter*



Alleluia

SWIECONKA CELEBRATED
SUNDAY, APRIL 12th

This is a Polish Tradition that takes its roots from the Blessing of Food that is to be shared on Easter. There will be a gathering to celebrate this tradition after the 10:30AM Mass Sunday, April 12th in the school cafeteria with prayer and fellowship.

**Of course, everyone is invited
and welcome to attend.**

Next Sunday
April 12th, 2026



Mass Schedule:

9:00 AM – English

10:30 AM – Polish
(after Mass Swieconka in the gym)

12:00 PM – English

1:30 PM - Spanish

After the Spanish Mass
2:30PM - Exposition and Confessions

3PM – Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
in English, Polish & Spanish



Kick up your heels with the
BESTCHURCH SENIORS

The BestChurch Seniors will meet on Thursday, **April 16th, 12:30PM** In the church office. We always welcome new members. If you are a senior or almost a senior, please join us for a Spring Day on April 16th and as always invite a friend.



First Witness of Resurrection

St. Mary Magdalene is the first witness of the Resurrection of Christ. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels.

Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers.

There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed women, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person.

Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God.

During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples.

Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection.

After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave.

St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is July 22. She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes.



All of us here who work and Minister at the Parish wish you and all your loved ones a Blessed and Peaceful Easter.

*Jesus is Risen!
Alleluia!*



Palm Sunday 2026





RICE BOWL

Rice Bowl boxes are located at all the entrances of the church. Your help is greatly appreciated. You may return them to the office or in the collection basket

at Mass. Children in Religious Education classes can return them in class by April 22nd.

Mother Seton Regional High School Spring Open House

Join us on April 16 for an evening of conversation and tours. Meet students and teachers to learn what a Catholic Education for girls can do for your daughter: academic excellence, personal growth, confidence and service to others. Register at www.motherseton

ANNUAL 2026 APPEAL

The 2026 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Our parish goal this year is **\$29,654.60**, and we already collected **\$16,505.00!** Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code:



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Collection for March 29, 2026

Online...\$ 1,303
in Pew... \$ 5,074
Total ...\$ 6,377

From an ancient homily on Holy Saturday

Something strange is happening — there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and Hell trembles with fear. He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the Son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the Cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of Him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone, 'My Lord be with you all.' Christ answered him: 'And with your spirit.' He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: 'Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.'

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in Hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I in you; together we form one person and cannot be separated.

For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the Cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in Paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in Hell. The sword that pierced Me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly Paradise. I will not restore you to that Paradise, but will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The Bridal Chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The Kingdom of Heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

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