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### Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

**Sunday Mass: 10:00AM**

**Reconciliation: 1st Sunday 9:30AM**

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**Easter Sunday April 16, 2017**

When Christ your life appears,  
then you too will appear with him in  
glory.

### TODAY'S READINGS

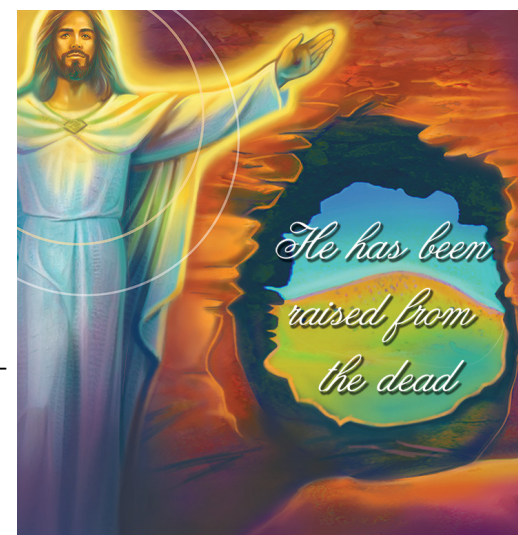
**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalms** — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

**(1) Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

**(2) Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9).



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# Coming Events

## CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- ◆ April 16 Mass followed by Easter egg hunt
- ◆ May 7—Coffee, donuts, hotdogs, chips

#### Community Events

May 6—Confirmation Retreat

June 6-8 —Cultural workshop at Mount St. Joseph

August 25-26 Catholic Women’s Retreat at Kentucky Dam Village State Park

Thank you for your contributions.

April 2—\$1183.75

Goal: \$818

Candles—\$13

Donuts —\$6

April 9—\$727



**Thanks** to everyone who contributed to the DRF. We received a check for \$718.75 for 50% of what we contributed over our target. Please continue to make your monthly pledge.

Blessed Sacrament is a welcoming parish that has many people worshipping and helping with events. Below are a couple snapshots from Palm Sunday and the annual fish fry. Thank you for being part of Blessed Sacrament.



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter; Income Tax Day

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day

#### REJOICE AND BE GLAD

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad” (Psalm 118:24). Let us remember that these words of today’s responsorial psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barrios throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world; these Christians lift their voices in clandestine places of worship. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe. Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, let us rejoice this day and be glad!

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#### A Word of Thanks

Thank you very much for your generous food donation. It was used to fill the bags this week!

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**Congratulations** to Ruth Coble who is entering into full communion in the Catholic Church as she professes her faith on Holy Saturday.

**MINSTERS**

**Lectors**

April 23: Austin Gough

Greg Gough

April 30: Darlina Etienne

Audrey Mezur

**Eucharistic Ministers**

April 23. Marsha Allen

Tina Gough

Cindy Clark

April 30: C. Meadows

Adaira Hatchett

M.K. Gough

**Ushers:**

April 23: Shelby Webster

Rita Moorman

April 30: Lori Carmen

Nancy Bumm

**Offertory**

April 23: Shelby Webster

Rita Moorman

April 30. Lori Carman

Nancy Bumm

Our prayers are with Maggie Howard who died last week. She was a faithful member of Blessed Sacrament. May the joy she showed in life be ours as we celebrate the Easter season.

It is Easter! Today is a day of great joy for us as Catholics. The joy is reflected all around us in the way that people are dressed, in the way they approach Mass on this day. They key for us today is to carry that joy away from Mass to our celebrations and our lives.

We hear about similar joy in today’s Gospel from St. John. When Mary of Magdala goes to the tomb and discovers it empty, she does not walk leisurely back to tell the others. She runs, filled with excitement and with the same joy we must feel. Joy is contagious. That is what we need to spread when we go forth on this glorious day.

Easter for us should be an encounter with the Risen Lord. We are to share the Good News. That is what Mary of Magdala does. Perhaps we have a difficult time talking about the joy we feel at Easter and at other times in the Church. We should not be hesitant; sharing the joy is part of being a disciple of Christ; it is what makes us an “Easter people.”

All of the Gospels tell of the Resurrection of Christ. They may differ in some details, but they all agree that Christ is Risen. When His Apostles go forth to spread the Good News, they speak of His Resurrection, not the empty tomb. That is what we need to do, what we need to share — the Easter joy of being a Catholic and a Christian.

**IMP—Kroger Update**

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Easter is nearly three weeks later this year than last. Why does the date wobble around the calendar so? The way of calculating the date was set by the Emperor Constantine in 325. The decision ended a very bitter controversy in the church. Some people wanted to synchronize the Pasch with Passover on the fourteenth day of the Jewish month Nissan, and their opponents wanted it after the Passover was complete, on the Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. The ecclesiastical rules do not exactly connect with the astronomical rules. The emperor squashed the hopes of the quartodecimans, as the fans of 14 Nissan were called, and chose Sunday. The traditional rule is that Easter is the first Sunday after the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox, the fourteenth day of the new moon, and later than March 21. Thus, Easter wobbles between March 22 and April 25.

The actual tables and methods for computing the date are extraordinarily detailed, with subtle variations and mind-bending exceptions and charts with “golden numbers,” “dominical letters,” and “epacts” measuring leap years. In 1954 and 1962 the ecclesiastical calculations actually overrode the astronomical new moons and bumped Easter back a month! Today, there is a movement in the World Council of Churches (Protestants and Orthodox) for all Christians to combine their celebrations, based on the star charts for the Jerusalem skies. In principle, the Catholic Church is open to an ecumenical agreement on a fixed date for Easter, but we desire a unanimous decision from the World Council.

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***Our thoughts and prayers are with:***

**SICK:** Loretta Wathen, Rita Moorman, Beverly Chilton, Larry Leachman, Otha Holbrook, Georgia Holland, Carol Hatchett, Philip Moorman, Sr., Jim Moorman, Bernice Williams, Sarah Bumm, Dorothy Fulton, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, Betty Clark, Phillip Moorman, Jr., Linda McDonald **If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

**THE HOMEBOUND:** Stan Howard at Bishop Soennecker Home, Knottsville, Donald Moorman room 40 at Wellington Park, 2885 New Hartford Rd, . A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can’t visit.

**April 16, 2017-Easter Sunday** *“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.

**DANCING FOR JOY**

The people say that the sun dances on this day in joy for a risen Savior.

—Alexander Carmichael



# From the desk of

## Father Jamie



We have finally made it to the celebration of Jesus rising. Once again we commemorate the week that changed the world. Nothing else compares to what Christ did for us during this Holy Week.

We also remember our sister Maggie Howard who passed and who ended her Lent early. Easter is what makes it easier for us when we lose a loved one. Jesus has opened those gates of heaven to us, so that we can be reunited in heaven. Jesus gives us our hope. Death has lost its sting, as St. Paul put it.

While we enjoy our time with family and Church, may we be thankful for what we have. In some places in the world, celebrating Easter is risky business. On Palm Sunday, several churches in Egypt were bombed. We are so fortunate that we are able to worship in peace here in the United States. May we count our blessings.

Lastly, I ask that we spread the Gospel joy of the rising of Christ, to the whole world. This hope is the center of our faith and the more we express this faith and joy, the more joy we spread, the greater the love and joy of Jesus will be in the world. Christ is risen, indeed he is risen

### Thanks to everyone who made contributions toward Easter flowers:

- ♦ In memory of Frank Fulton , Tony Howard, Rachel Hersey, Earsie Moore, Betty Wright, Shirley McCarter, Kenneth Higgs, Sr., Lucille Higgs, George Higgs, Penny Blackwell,
- ♦ In honor of Charles and Tonia Brown, Steve and Becky Coble, Larry and Marsha Allen, Cindy Clark, Donald and Rita Moorman, Vivian Higgs, Vicki Leonard, Jean Higgs.

### April Birthdays:

3—Rita Moorman, Ethan Gough,  
Robert Hardin

6—Marshall Williams

15—Benjamin (Frank) Adams

20—Shalanda Williams

23—Misty Sanford

25—Charlene Meadows

26—Vivian Higgs

27—Ruth Coble



### Mass Intentions:

April 2—Les Bumm

April 9—Sandra Brown

April 13—Michael Carrico

April 15—Jerry Mezur

April 16—Frances Johnson

April 23—Kenneth Higgs

April 30—Les Bumm

*Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those who are in the process of dying. Always remember to pray for the poor souls in purgatory.*

