

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

359 West Areba Ave, Hershey, PA 17033



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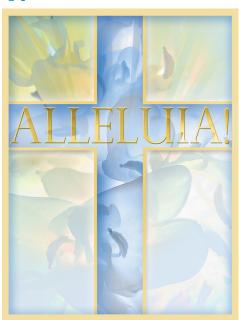
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

We, the Eucharistic Community of St. Joan of Arc Parish, by the grace of God and through our participation in His Word, the Church's sacraments, and prayer, seek our eternal salvation.

We live out the doctrines and traditions of our Faith in communion with the holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, established by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

With courage, we follow the example of our patron saint and invoke her intercession as we strive to know God, love God and serve God which moves us to actively promote and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the midst of our every day life.



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:15PM

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM, 12:00 Noon, 5:30PM

Daily Mass: Monday- Friday: 6:45AM & 9:00AM, Saturday: 9:00AM

Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 6:30 PM everyday

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 9:30AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday 5:00 to 5:30 PM, Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM

Sacrament of the Sick: Call the office.

Sacrament of Baptism: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. Parents are required to attend one class. Call the office to register.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the office 9 to 12 months prior to the proposed wedding date.





MASS SCHEDULE, **READINGS & INTENTIONS**

Monday, April 17th

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

6:45 AM Kolovich, Wydra and General Families

9:00 AM Francis Koslosky

Tuesday, April 18th

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

6:45 AM Mildred & John Tapparo 9:00 AM Daniel McCarthy

Wednesday, April 19th

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

6:45 AM Ida L. Stabinski 9:00 AM Florence Tomaino

Thursday, April 20th

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

6:45 AM Heart of the Parish and Church Memorials

9:00 AM Hubert & Ruth Bernard

Friday, April 21st

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

6:45 AM Gemma Macchioni 9:00 AM Mary Accorsi

Saturday, April 22nd

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

9:00 AM Special Intention 5·15 PM People of the Parish

Second Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2017

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, we believe in him. We give thanks to the Lord for this gift of faith, especially when we gather for the breaking of the bread and the prayers.

Mass Intentions:

Deceased and Living of the Meyers and 7·30 AM

Deaven Families

9.00 AM John Durkin Colleen Dowling 10:30 AM 12:00 PM David Bogrette 5:30 PM Carol Meridionale



VOCATIONS:

"The Lord is risen, it is true!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters.

If you think this may be so, please contact Father Brian Wayne at 657-4804 or email: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.



On behalf of the priests of our parish and the parish office staff, we wish and all you loved ones a most blessed and

joyous Easter. May the Peace of Christ which comes at this happy time remain with you throughout the year.

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Please remember the Parish Office is closed until Tuesday, April 18th.

With Much Gratitude...

We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin...

TRADITIONS OF HERSHEY

The parish bulletin is a primary source of communication for our parishioners. Bulletin sponsorships are an essential part of allowing us to continue to offer this weekly news without additional financial obligations to the parish. When a company chooses to advertise in our church bulletin. they are not only promoting their business to our parish community, but also making a financial sponsorship to help offset the cost of printing this weekly publication. If you run or are involved in a local business, please prayerfully consider this opportunity. For more information about becoming a bulletin sponsor for the St. Joan of Arc Church parish bulletin, contact Mike Jurosky at 717-648-5996 or email: mjurosky@diocesan.com

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for April 22 & 23, 2017						
	5:15 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM
Lector	J. Dezagottis	M. Spaeder	M. Gette	P. Graybash	F. Lenker	M. Yee
EMHC	J. Traini	M. Totaro	K. Burkhart	G. Bixler	J. Larkin	V. Felice
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	E. Frauenhoffer			J. Frola		Sr. Eileen
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	G. Gurney	J. Katzenmoyer	J. McGregor	D. Bagatta	T. McInerney	L. Ruiz-Velasco
	M. Gurney	J. Pegher	C. Edwards	M. Bagatta	J. Larkin	C. Hopstetter
MC	F. Sallusti	C. Roche	K. Zachary	N. Martin	C. Larkin	A. Aluquin

Money Counters - Easter Monday (4/17): M. Rothermel, C. Frank, S. Boova, V. Peracchia, C. Yakstis, G. Zemba Money Counters - Next Sunday (4/23): F. Savini, B. Zarefoss, F. McCarthy, J. Frola, H. Devine, B. McCarthy



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

We Are A Tithing Parish Following God's Plan For Giving

To Be Updated Next Week



"Voiceless" is a gripping and powerful film which displays faith and devotion, as well as the need the for our involvement in a sacred cause. It gives a voice to those who have yet to be heard. What the film tells us is that it's time to take a stand for the "Voiceless".

One Showing Only! Sunday, April 30th at 1:00 PM

Allen Theatre: 36 E. Main Street, Anneville
Doors open at 12:30 PM

Sponsored by St. Paul The Apostle RC Pro-Life Committee

Free Will Donations accepted at the door to benefit "Save The Storks". All donations will be used for the purchase of a mobile ultrasound unit to provide women with free ultrasounds and counseling.

Four out of five women who board one of these mobile ultrasound units choose life for their baby!













THE PILGRIM CROSS:

If you would like to take the Pilgrim Cross into your home for one week per year and pray for vocations, please call the parish office. The Pilgrim Cross will be in the home of:

Week of 4/17 - 4/24: Sandy Bianchini

Week of 4/24 - 5/1: Mr. & Mrs. Edward Weiss

MASS ATTENDANCE: April 8 & 9 Total: 2409					
<u>5:15pm</u>	<u>7:30am</u>	<u>9:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	Noon	<u>5:30pm</u>
418	279	492	580	219	421

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of the parish, in your prayers:

Vincent Savini, David Liddy, Kaitlin Buser, Lily Carney, Ashley Tatangelo, Barry Boyer, Leo Kopec, Kevin Rakszawski, Deborah Nizinkski, Donna Marino, Terence Singer, Rose Marie Smith, Frank Bolduc, Nancy Stewart, Benjamin Yohn, Mary Dyson, Terry McCracken, Steve McCracken, Kelly Velesaris, Meghan Johnson

Reminder: Names will remain on this list for six weeks.

BULLETIN REMINDER: Bulletin requests are due **Mondays by 9:00 am**. Forms are available on our parish website under the "contact us" menu. All requests must include the date(s) of the bulletin(s) you would like your information included and be submitted exactly as you would like the information to appear. Emails should be sent to: Communications@stjoanhershey.org



MONDAY, APRIL 17:

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

TUESDAY, APRIL 18:

9:30 AM Little Rock Script. Study [LH]

4:00 PM Areba Club [C]

6:30 PM Cub Scouts [LH]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19:

7:15 AM Wednesday Morning Coffee [LH] 7:45 AM Gospel Reflection Group [LH]

1:00 PM Pivotal Players Series [LH]

4:15 PM REP K - Grade 6

5:00 PM Confessions 6:30 PM R.C.I.A. [LH]

7:00 PM "I Thirst" Prayer Group [C]

7:00 PM Pastoral Care & Outreach Meeting [L]

THURSDAY, APRIL 20:

6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 12171 [LH]

6:30 PM CCW Meeting [C]

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:30 PM Knights of Columbus [Y]

FRIDAY, APRIL 21:

3:00 PM Junior Legion of Mary [LH]

SATURDAY, APRIL 22:

6:30 AM TMIY: That Man Is You [C]

4:00 PM Confessions

6:15 PM New Parishioner Welcome Reception [R]

SUNDAY, APRIL 23:

Haiti Presentation: Following 9AM & 10:30AM Masses

9:00 AM REP K-Gr 6

2:45 PM Divine Mercy Liturgy

6:30 PM Life Teen [Y]

7:00 PM Confirmation Prep

[C] Cafeteria [L] Library [G] Gymnasium [R] Rectory

[LH] St. Lucy House [Y]: Youth Room (Meeting Room C)

[MA] Meeting Room A [MB] Meeting Room B

God's Way - "The Road to Kindness"



Our Kindness Program is in full swing! Did you "Spread Your Kindness" over the last few weeks of our Lenten Season? We hope that you were inspired and showed someone that you care!

"If we do one random act of kindness daily, we might just set the world in the right direction!"

A kindness Act could be as simple as holding a door open for an elderly person., helping a neighbor to rake some leaves, or making dinner for a neighbor that has not been feeling well. Every day we have many opportunities to show we care. Share your act of kindness by emailing: kindness@stjoanhershey.org

May God bless you as we celebrate Easter!

YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN & EDGE ...



This Week: HAPPY EASTER! We do not have the 5:30 Mass or Life Teen.

Next Week: "The Road to Emmaus"

LIFE **TEEN** Our faith is often more of a journey than anything. Next week we break down the

Luke's Gospel passage to find out how we can relate to the early Church.

Life Teen Clothing Drive: Now that spring has sprung it's time to clean out those closets and donate to those in need. Life Teen will be collecting clothes before and after all the masses the weekend of April 29-30 to serve the missions of Harrisburg.



EDGE: Are you not in High School but want to be a part of a youth ministry? EDGE is for you and your friends. EDGE is for grades 6-8th and meets on Monday nights in Meeting Room C from 7 - 8:15. The next EDGE nights will be on **April 24, May 1 & 8.**

Youth Coordinator: John Triscik [Phone] 533-7168 Ext:128 [Email] stjoanofarclifeteen@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS...

Religious Education Classes will not meet on April 16th

REP 2017-18 REGISTRATION:

In-Person Registration will be held in the cafeteria on the following dates and times:

• **April 19**: 5:00 - 5:30pm

April 23: 9:45am - 10:15am & 8:00 - 8:30pm

If you have school-aged children (upcoming K - 8 graders) in need of Religious Education, OR if you did not receive our mailing, please contact the REP office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

[Phone] 533-7168 Ext. 306 [Email] rep@stjoanhershey.org Directors of REP: Earl Tropp & Marcie Warner

SCHOOL & P.T.O. NEWS...



This month, eat at **Friendly's** in Hershey on **April 18th, 2017 from 4-9PM** and up to 20% of the cost of your meal will benefit our kids through the

St. Joan of Arc School PTO

find vouchers at the back of the church



JUNE 26th - 30th 6-8:30pm

Registration will be held in the cafeteria on **April 19**: 5:00 - 5:30pm or **April 23**: 9:45 - 10:15am & 8:00 - 8:30pm Full information and online registration are available on the parish website at: www.stjoanhershey.org/VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERS - WE NEED YOU!!!

Our VBS program comes equipped with all of the information, themes and ideas needed to have a fun week, learning about and growing closer to God. But we need Leaders to decide which great idea to use and how best to execute it!

We need leaders for: CRAFTS ♦ OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES ♦ SNACKS ♦ BIBLE LESSONS* Needed for various age levels of Bible Lessons, in a classroom setting, to share each day's story. Lesson plans are fully explained and easy to follow.

Please make our VBS a reality by sharing your gifts and enthusiasm -We can't do it without dedicated leaders and support volunteers. Sign up today!



NEW MINISTRY FORMING:

The time immediately following the death of a loved one is often filled with grief, sorrow, emptiness as well as confusion and stress.

During this time, St. Joan of Arc can assist with:

- providing a meal
- house sitting during the funeral service(s)
- transportation to/from various activities
- one-on-one prayer time
- companionship ... being there

Are you called to offer your time and talent to fellow parishioners? You could be as active and involved as your schedule permits.

To further develop goals and objectives for this service ministry, please join us for an information session scheduled for: Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Library.

ERSHEYPAR

Discount tickets to *Hershevpark* are available to the friends and families of the parish at a significant savings. Add-on Meal Tickets and **NEW** Snack Voucher are also available at a savings of up to 30% off retail prices. Details and order forms are available on our website. Order forms can also be picked up in the back of the church or the parish office. Orders and payments must be received at the parish by Monday, May 1st.

PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENTERING 1ST or 7th Grade... OR 7TH GRADE... Are you a parent of a child know

entering 1st or 7th grade?

If so, and you intend for your child(ren) to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2019, please remember to register your child for R.E.P. (our Parish Religious Education Program). There is a 2 year preparation required by the Diocese to receive these Sacraments. Registration is open now. Information can be found on the parish website or by contacting the Religious Education Office at 533-7168 Ext. 306 or email: rep@stjoanhershey.org

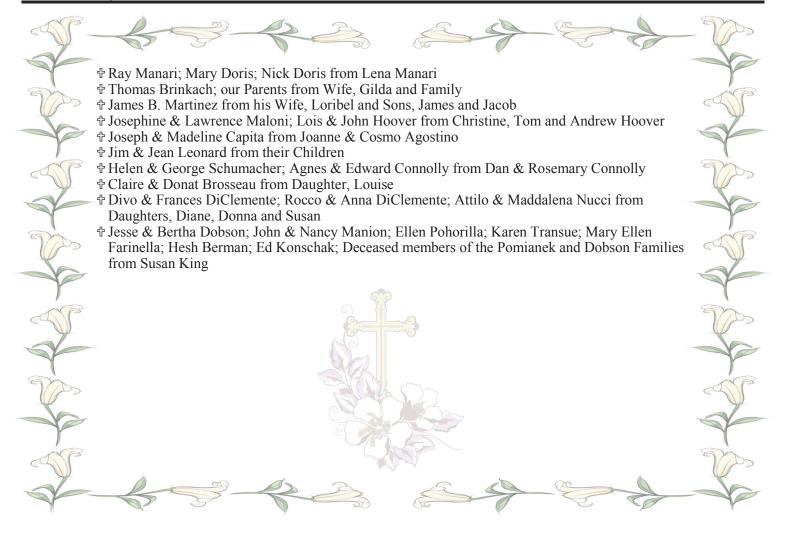


OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OUR Parish School Program:

The SJA Board of Education is requesting your assistance to recruit experienced candidates to assist the Board of Education in the area of Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC). Tax professionals or CPA's with a working knowledge of EITC would be the ideal candidate. Interested candidates may seek to join the Board or be willing to function as an EITC advisor to the Board. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested in assisting the Board of Education, please contact Kristin Samson at 717-315-5275 or tksamson@gmail.com.

If you are a business owner interested in working with SJA in the EITC program, please contact Kristin Samson at 717-315-5275 or tksamson@gmail.com.





MISC. NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Diocesan Events page of parish website
- **50th Wedding Anniversary Mass** July 9 **Diocesan Events* page of parish website
- **Lebanon Catholic Employment Opportunities (2)***Announcements page of parish website
- † Attn: Couples Interested In Being Marriage Mentors *Announcements page of parish website
- ♣ Annual Diocesan CCW 92nd Convention April 29
 *Diocesan Events page of parish website
- ♣ Annual John Waverka Memorial Golf Tournament Benefitting the Pennsylvania Special Olympics
 *Knights of Columbus Ministry page of parish website
- † 2017 Prison Ministry Conference April 29 *Diocesan Events page of parish website

Due to space limitations we are restricted as to how much information appears regarding the items above. Please visit the parish website for more information. Items will be found on the individual ministry's page, announcements, or upcoming events of the parish or Diocese.

FESTIVAL NEWS...

HELP NEEDED STUFFING ENVELOPES:

Festival Help Needed! We need your help stuffing envelopes for our Festival mailing! Please join us on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 in Meeting Room C. Many hands make light work!

PARISH FESTIVAL - SILENT ACUTION:

21st Anniversary of the Parish Festival's Silent Auction! The Silent Auction & Basket Raffle needs your donations to be a success. We are accepting themed baskets or just individual donations which can include: Tickets, passes, collectibles, gift cards, new unused items or even lottery tickets. Monetary gifts will be used to purchase items for either the silent auction or for the baskets.

No donation is too small. Please help us have a successful year. Items can be dropped off at the parish office marked "Attn: Silent Auction/Baskets". Due to changes in the state law, we can no longer accept alcohol of any kind. No exceptions can be made. We can accept gift certificates from beer depots, wineries and PA State Store.

Any questions about the Silent Auction please call Mary at 533-7168 Ext. 115 or Jean Marie Fischer at 512-4253.

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS & MEETINGS

CCW NEWS & INFO...

ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH:

Tickets for the Annual Women's Communion Breakfast are on sale now. This event will be held in our St. Joan of Arc Cafeteria on Sunday, May 7, 2017 following the 9 AM Mass. The Knights of Columbus will again prepare and serve our breakfast. Our speaker will be Fr. Paul Schenck who heads the Respect Life Office as well as the Office of Continuing Formation for Clergy, and Formation for the Permanent Diaconate at our Harrisburg Diocesan Center. He has a most inspiring message which he will share about his journey to the priesthood. Tickets are \$9.

CCW - MONTHLY MEETING:

All women of the parish are invited to attend our April meeting on Thurs April 20 at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. We will have a representative from Morning Star Pregnancy Services sharing information about their services. We will be collecting much needed items to donate to Morning Star and also Lourdes House. Any new baby items will be appreciated especially: baby formula, toiletries (shampoo or baby wash), baby bottles, newborn (or 0 to 3 months) sleepers, outfits and oneies (for layettes) and infant socks. They are always in need of Pack N Play cribs as well. Items may be brought to the meeting or dropped off in the parish office throughout the month of April. Contact Julie Groh at 566-5838 or brogroh@msn.com with any questions.

RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed Sat April 22 beginning at 8AM in the school cafeteria to sort and mark items for the rummage sale. Many hands make light work! Round cherry table and 2 matching chairs for sale- come that morning to view. Make an offer!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:

Calling all Young Adults of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church between the ages of 21-35, married or single!!! Young Adults will gather on **April 26th** as we finish the **Lenten Journey through the Gospel of St. John**. We will meet from 7 - 8:30 pm in Meeting Rm C. If you are interested or have any questions, contact John in the Youth Office at 533-7168 Ext. 128.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - ROSARY APRIL 22:

The Knights of Columbus will be praying the rosary on the fourth Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30pm Mass, beginning on April 22nd. We hope you can join us!

COLLECTION FOR HERSHEY FOOD BANK:

Volunteers will be collecting food and monetary donations for the Hershey Food Bank before all masses on April 29 & 30. Checks should be made payable to: Hershey Food Bank.

PRESENTATION ON SISTER PARISH (HAITI):

Please join us in the cafeteria for coffee and donuts on **Sunday, April 23 after the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses** where we will have a slide show and brief presentation about our Sister Parish in Haiti.

MOM'S GROUP:

Attention all moms of babies and toddlers: Interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to chat and share some snacks while the kids play? Please join us for a play date on Friday, **April 21 from 9:30-11:30am**. For location and any questions, please email: Sarah.Bonavia@gmail.com

AREBA CLUB:

Our next Areba Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, **April 18, 2017** in the school cafeteria. Doors will be open at 3:30pm and the meeting will start at 4:00pm. We will be collecting for the March of Dimes at this meeting. Our program will be a presentation by Jeffrey Cochran, Hershey Library. He will be speaking on Social Media and Internet Security.

Please Note: We will be traveling to NYC, Broadway to see Glen Close in "**SUNSET BOULEVARD**" on June 14, 2017. Information is available on the ministry page of our website.

"I THIRST" PRAYER GROUP:

Please join us to deepen your faith and relationship with Jesus through prayer, song, worship and praise on **Wednesday, April 19th at 7p.m.** in the cafeteria. Come quench your thirst for God!

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY:

If you or a loved one have a disability or special need and need assistance with participating in mass or parish activities, or if you would like to become more involved in the ministries of St. Joan of Arc, please let us know by contacting the parish office at (717) 533-7168. We look forward to hearing from you.

FR. BEITING APPALACHIAN MISSION CENTER:

Our project for the April trip to the Father Beiting Mission Center will be to help an elderly couple who are raising 3 grand children, ages 12, 9 and 3. Both grandparents are disabled, with one of them on oxygen. If you have questions regarding our work at the Mission Center, or you wish to make a contribution, please call Larry or Jan Duckart at 367-1546 or visit the ministry page on our parish website.

CAELORUM - MAY 3rd:

Come join us for Caelorum on **Wednesday, May 3** at 7 PM. Father Modestus will preside. Join your fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ as we adore our Lord through prayer, praise, worship and music. A reception will be held immediately following the Caelorum in the Cafeteria. For more information, call 717-583-0240. All are welcome, please join us!

Have mercy, Victor King!

In connection with the octave of Easter, recent years have witnessed the development and diffusion of a special devotion to the Divine Mercy based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska (canonized 30 April 2000). It concentrates on the mercy poured forth in Christ's death and resurrection, fount of the Holy Spirit who forgives sins and restores joy at having been redeemed. Since the liturgy of the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday is the natural locus in which to express man's acceptance of the Redeemer's mercy, we understand this devotion in the light of the liturgical celebrations of these Easter days. Indeed, "the paschal Christ is the definitive incarnation of mercy, his living sign which is both historicosalvific and eschatological. At the same time, the Easter liturgy places the words of the psalm on our lips: "I shall sing forever of the Lord's mercy" (Ps 89[88] 2)".

(adapted from Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 154)

The New Testament tells us that during the period between the Ascension and Pentecost "all...joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers" (Acts 1, 14) while they awaited being "clothed with the power from on high" (Lk 24, 49). The pious exercise of the Pentecost Novena, widely practiced among the faithful, emerged from prayerful reflection on this salvific event. Where possible, the Pentecost novena should consist of the solemn celebration of vespers. Where such is not possible, the novena should try to reflect the liturgical themes of the days from Ascension to the Vigil of Pentecost.

(adapted from Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 155)

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Blessing the Easter Table

The Son of God who invites us to the Paschal feast stands ready to help. Let us call upon him in our need.

R. Lord, prepare us for the feast of life.

- That Easter may find us cleansed of sin and ready to live anew our Christian faith, we pray to the Lord. R.
- That the bread we share may be a reminder of the bread of life we share in the Eucharist, we pray to the Lord. R.
- That we may be ready to give from our table to those who hunger and thirst, we pray to the Lord. R.
- That we may one day enjoy the banquet of the Lord in the heavenly kingdom, we pray to the Lord. R.

Christ taught us to pray for our daily bread and so we dare to say: Our Father . . .

God of glory, the eyes of all turn to you as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal. May we who gather at the Lord's table continue to celebrate the joy of his resurrection and be admitted finally to his heavenly banquet. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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