

St. Boniface

Catholic Church

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Also Serving St. Martin of Tours, Geneseo and Sts. Peter & Paul, Cayuga

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saint Boniface

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Saint Martin of Tours - Geneseo

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

Saints Peter & Paul - Cayuga

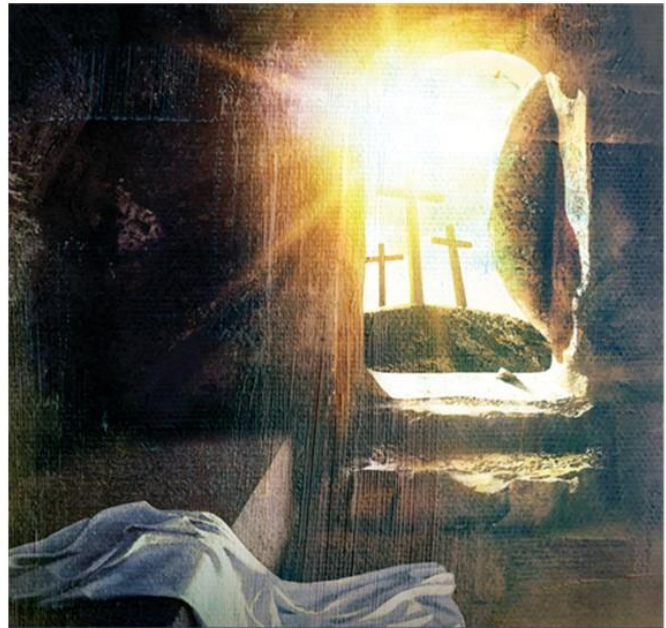
Sunday - 12:00 p.m. (noon)

March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

The practice of making a “spiritual communion” dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.



EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

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Weekly Mass Schedule



<u>Sunday Liturgies</u>		
Saturday, Mar. 30	8:30 pm (St. M.)	† Lawrence Harles
Sunday, Mar. 31	8:30 am (St. B.)	† Norman Gust
	10:30 am (Sts. P&P)	Pro Popula
<u>Weekday Liturgies</u>		
Monday, April 1	NO MASS	
Tuesday, April 2	NO MASS	
Wed., April 3	10:00 am (Dak. Estates)	Max Thomas
Thursday, April 4	10:00 am (St. B.)	† Frances Zajac
Friday, April 5	10:00 am (St. B.)	L&D Members of
		Wulfekuhle Family
<u>Sunday Liturgies</u>		
Saturday, April 6	5:00 pm (St. B.)	† Margaret Maczkowicz
Sunday, April 7	8:30 am (St. B.)	Pro Popula
	10:30 am (St. M.)	Special Intention
	7:00 pm (Sts. P&P)	† Scott & Brian Spieker

Reconciliation Schedule

St. Boniface: Saturday & Sunday – Before/after Mass
Thursday – after Mass
St. Martin: Sunday – Before and after Mass
Sts. Peter & Paul – Before and after Mass

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers:
 Doug Spieker - Steve Listopod - Nick Podliska
 Jim Biewer - Peggy Harles - John Popp
 Shelby Northrop - Shirley Ahrens - Brad Meyer
 Beth Stroehl - Rick Kane - Dan Frolek - Barb Perry
 If you have any imminent prayer requests, please call or text Cindy at 701-640-1401.

All Parishes

Join us in Prayer - The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at 9:30 am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. **No Wednesdays.**

Eucharistic Adoration - Adoration is open to all and is Thursdays from 5am to midnight. Please come and spend some time with Jesus! **We are in need of people to fill slots for adoration and also to be substitutes. Please contact Sharon at 612-790-1211 or 538-7010 if you are able to help.**

Men's Group – All men are welcome to join our parish men's group meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 am at St. Boniface.

Women's Group – All women who would like to grow deeper in their faith, please join us for our Women's Group. We will be meeting on Tuesday at 7pm.

Mass Time Change – Beginning on April 7, Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul will move to Sunday at 7pm and will continue at that time through October.

On Easter, Say, 'Not Today, Satan. Not Ever. We Know Our Father Now'

Not today, Satan. This Sunday is Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of The Lord and it's a day to celebrate, because Satan has been unmasked for good, as a pathetic figure who only gains false power from lies. Let's review what just happened.

Satan thought St. Peter was his crowning achievement, but God knew better.

Peter was the head of the Apostles, so Satan wanted to single him out, to strike the shepherd so the sheep would be scattered; he thought if he could get Peter, he could "sift" them all "like wheat."

Satan did his work the way he always does, and he thought he won. Satan preys on love of comfort, and Peter slept in the garden; he provokes through our drive for power, and Peter lashed out with his sword; he bets that we love ourselves more than God, and the "Rock" of the Church denied Jesus three times.

Well, look at Peter now.

There he is in Sunday's Gospel, running to the tomb at the first word, his love overpowering his desire for comfort. Look at him in the First Reading, teaching that real power comes not from violence but from the Holy Spirit. And see him proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to anyone who will listen. They will have to kill him to make him stop.

That is what Easter has made possible, and it's something every one of us needs.

Satan's method has been the same since the beginning.

Satan hates women, ever since he saw God's amazing love for the Woman described in Revelation, and Satan hates fathers, because he hates God the Father.

So, when God gave the first woman and our first human father every good thing — beauty, abundance and peace — Satan lashed out in jealous rage.

He poisoned us against Our Loving Father and we believed him. Satan said God's way would fail us, but that Satan's way would empower us and we took the deal. But we didn't become like gods like Satan promised and we didn't live forever. Instead, we got

what Peter got: the painful desires of triple concupiscence which bring only tears and regret. What are the three disordered desires we got? First, we were “subjugated to the pleasure of the senses.” We began grabbing all the pleasures we could, because Satan told us the Father wanted to hold them back. God offered us a full life of abundant joy — even making man for woman and woman for man — but instead of living in that joy, we chose Satan’s cheap comforts and empty thrills — and got addiction, pain and degradation. Satan was the first to mock us for falling for his tricks. He laughed at us and told us we are dirty, ugly and pathetic — because he knows that, like traumatized victims, we will keep coming back. Second, we were filled with “covetousness for earthly goods” and we threw ourselves into a lifestyle of constant grasping for wealth, chasing after the next thing we *had* to have, only to find our aching need for more getting bigger, not smaller, with every attempt to satiate it. God wanted to make us all billionaires of Providence, able to enjoy all the beauty, truth and bounty of the world, but Satan played us for fools, keeping us constantly working, constantly worrying, piling debt on debt, paying dearly for cheap imitations of what God gave for free. Third, Satan tricked us into “self-assertion contrary to the dictates of reason” and laughed as we pushed our weight around, each insisting on our own way, thinking fawning thoughts about ourselves while we clench our tiny fists, infuriated that we aren’t being given the special treatment we deserve. God wanted to make us royal sons and daughters, but instead we become volunteers in Satan’s terror cell, judging and undermining each other, doing his destructive work for free.

That was what Adam and Eve and Peter — and you and I — got from the devil in exchange for our infinitely valuable souls.

But today, along comes Easter to blow the whole sick system apart.

As St. Paul puts it this Sunday, “Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.”

That’s quite a statement. When we look at Jesus crucified, he wants us to see a lamb splayed and sacrificed. And when we are trapped and taunted by Satan, he wants us to look past him and see Jesus’s pierced hand outstretched, inviting us to a table of plenty.

When Peter was broken and defeated, weeping bitterly for his sins, Satan thought he had him. But that was where Jesus found him. The wounded Jesus met Peter in his wounds. Only in defeat was Peter finally ready to reach for Christ.

When Peter relied on Peter, Peter fell. When Peter relied on Jesus, he arose.

And when we rely on ourselves, we are easy pickings for the devil. But when we unite ourselves with Jesus, he carries us up from our degradation to the glory of the resurrected life, leaving our stony tombs behind.

On Easter, we are witnesses to the grand reversal of all of Satan’s gains.

See what the Father is doing with sinners? He is giving us back what we lost in Eden.

In his Easter Sermon Peter gleefully announces that “Everyone who believes in Jesus will receive forgiveness of his sins through his name” and that we “ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.”

On Easter, God is restoring Eden, taking away our sin, and walking with his beloved children in the garden once again. Every communicant at Easter Mass can say with Peter that we “ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.”

“He who has seen me has seen the Father,” said Jesus. We know Our Father now. Satan said that following him would mean we would live forever. It was a lie. The Father gives us life; it’s Satan who wants us dead. “Death and life have contended in combat,” as the Easter Sequence says, and “The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.”

We got driven from the garden when we gave ourselves to Satan, but now, Satan is the one getting driven out. We were baptized into Jesus’s death so that we could share Jesus’s life. Now all that remains is to stay in his grace and live in his love.

So, on Easter Sunday, we say: Not today, Satan. Not ever. We reject you, and all you works, and all your empty show; we renounce sin and the lure of evil. We choose Christ instead. And we pray: Stay with us, Jesus. Give us the courage to choose you again and again, today and every day. Deliver us from evil. Keep us close to our Father. Give us the grace to never be fooled again.

