

April 5, 2026 / Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



# Church of St. John

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## PARISH VISION

To both welcome the unchurched in the Eastern Pocono Region and beyond, and to nourish and challenge all current church members by forming leaders and creating an irresistible weekend experience at the Church of St. John.

### Mass Schedule

Monday – 7:00 PM  
Tuesday and Thursday – 12:00 PM  
Friday – 9:00 AM  
Saturday – 4:00 PM  
Sunday – 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and First Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM (Spanish Mass)

**Live stream** available on Saturday and Sunday on our YouTube channel, Facebook page, and church website.

### Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Frid: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Tuesday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM &  
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

### Sacrament of Confession

Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
Or by appointment

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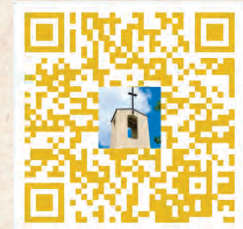
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# Word, Worship and Prayer

## Mass Intentions

### **SATURDAY, April 4**

8:00 pm Genia Charles by Violette & Max Francois

### **SUNDAY, April 5** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or

1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

8:30 am Alejandro, Lourdes, Ludivina,  
Maria Christina, & Patricio  
by The Lunapat, Tan, & Bantilan Families

11:00 am Gloria Cervantes  
by Gloria & Jeff Capron & Family

### **MONDAY, April 6** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

7:00 pm Sherwin Williams  
by The Calascibetta Family

### **TUESDAY, April 7** Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

12:00 pm Ann Cirillo by Yvonne Accomasso

### **THURSDAY, April 9** Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

12:00 pm Stanistawa & Jozef Gruca  
by The Lisek Family

### **FRIDAY, April 10** Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

9:00 am Blanche Gallo by Vincent Gallo  
& Amparo Alday by The Alday Family

### **SATURDAY, April 11**

4:00 pm Rita Clifford by The Crane Family

### **SUNDAY, April 12**

8:30 am Mildred Marie Ales by Marianne Walsh

11:00 am Francisco Oquendo Acevedo  
by The Oquendo Family

## For Those In Need Of Hope, Healing & Health

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Joe Clampet, Marilyn Brizzi, Grellita Sipalay,  
Karter Reid-Tullis, CJ and Chey, Lisa Felipe,  
Susan Skidmore, Kevin Overbey

## For The Souls Of Our Dearly Departed

Catherine Fusco, William Mulero,  
Jose Neil Sipalay, Florito Sipalay Sr.,  
Elizabeth White, Anthony Zanella,  
Anthony DeRobertis, Virginia Khan,  
Michael Carcaterra, Ann Cirillo,  
Mary Galayda, Blanche Gallo,  
Josephine Dominguez, Antonio R Gonzalez

*To add to this list, please email:  
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## Announcements for this Week

### **Forty-Day Daily Prayer Devotional – “Building a Vision”**

Starting **Easter Sunday**, follow our **Forty-Day Daily Prayer Devotional** alongside the new message series, **“Building a Vision.”** This devotional offers short daily prayers for reflection during the Easter season.

It will be included in the **E-Bulletin** (our digital bulletin emailed every Friday). To be added to the E-Bulletin list, please contact the **parish office**.



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by Luz Gonzalez  
April 4, 2026 — April 10, 2026

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You may reserve a candle for your special intentions—  
whether in memory of a loved one, for healing, or to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other  
meaningful occasions. A special card is available to accompany the reservation.  
To arrange this, please contact the Parish Office.



### “Building A Vision” Week 1: Happy Easter!

Easter invites us into the story of hope that never ends. It’s the story of people who thought their dreams were over, until they saw the evidence that God’s love is stronger than anything they feared. Peter and John walked to the tomb thinking all was lost, but as John stepped inside and saw the empty space where Jesus once lay, something shifted deep within him. His perspective changed. What looked like an ending turned out to be the beginning of something brand new.

That same “Resurrection perspective” is what God offers us today. No matter where we’ve been, what we’ve lost, or how uncertain the path ahead feels, the Risen Christ invites us to look again, to see our lives through his eyes. **Proverbs 29:18** reminds us, “**Where there is no vision, the people perish;**” and **Jeremiah 29:11** reassures us that God has plans to give us “**a future filled with hope.**” That hope isn’t distant; it’s alive right here, breathing life into our homes, our relationships, and our church family.

This Easter, the invitation is simple: come and see. Step into the story as John did, bringing your questions, your wonder, and even your weariness. Here in this space, you belong. Whether this is your first Easter with us or your hundredth, you are part of God’s story of renewal. Faith isn’t just about a belief; it’s an experience of seeing the impossible become possible, the broken made whole, the discouraged lifted up again.

As we start with our Building a Vision series, we’re not just talking about expanding a building; we’re dreaming together about expanding hearts and faith. God is inviting us to imagine what could be and should be when we follow Him in hope. **Habakkuk 2:2** says, “**Write the vision; make it plain.**” Together, we’re writing another chapter of this church’s story: a place where more people can gather, worship, and encounter the life-changing love of Jesus. Paul’s words in **Philippians 3:13–14** encourage us to “**press on toward the goal.**” A Resurrection Perspective gives us that courage to press forward even when the way isn’t fully clear, trusting that God is already ahead of us. When we look through the lens of Resurrection, we begin to see that our future is full of possibilities, because our God never disappoints.

So today, may you feel welcomed. May you sense that this community is a place where you truly belong; and may you find yourself drawn to take one step closer – to look again, to hope again, to believe again. The vision God is building through us is not only about walls, but about hearts renewed and lives transformed by his love. Happy Easter!

#### Questions for Small Groups:

1. Where do you most need to see your life through the lens of the Resurrection?
2. How has God given you hope in places in your life that once felt hopeless?
3. What does belonging in this church community mean to you right now?
4. How might God be calling you to take a step toward deeper faith or renewal this season?
5. In what ways can we, as a church family, embody this vision of Resurrection hope for our community?

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