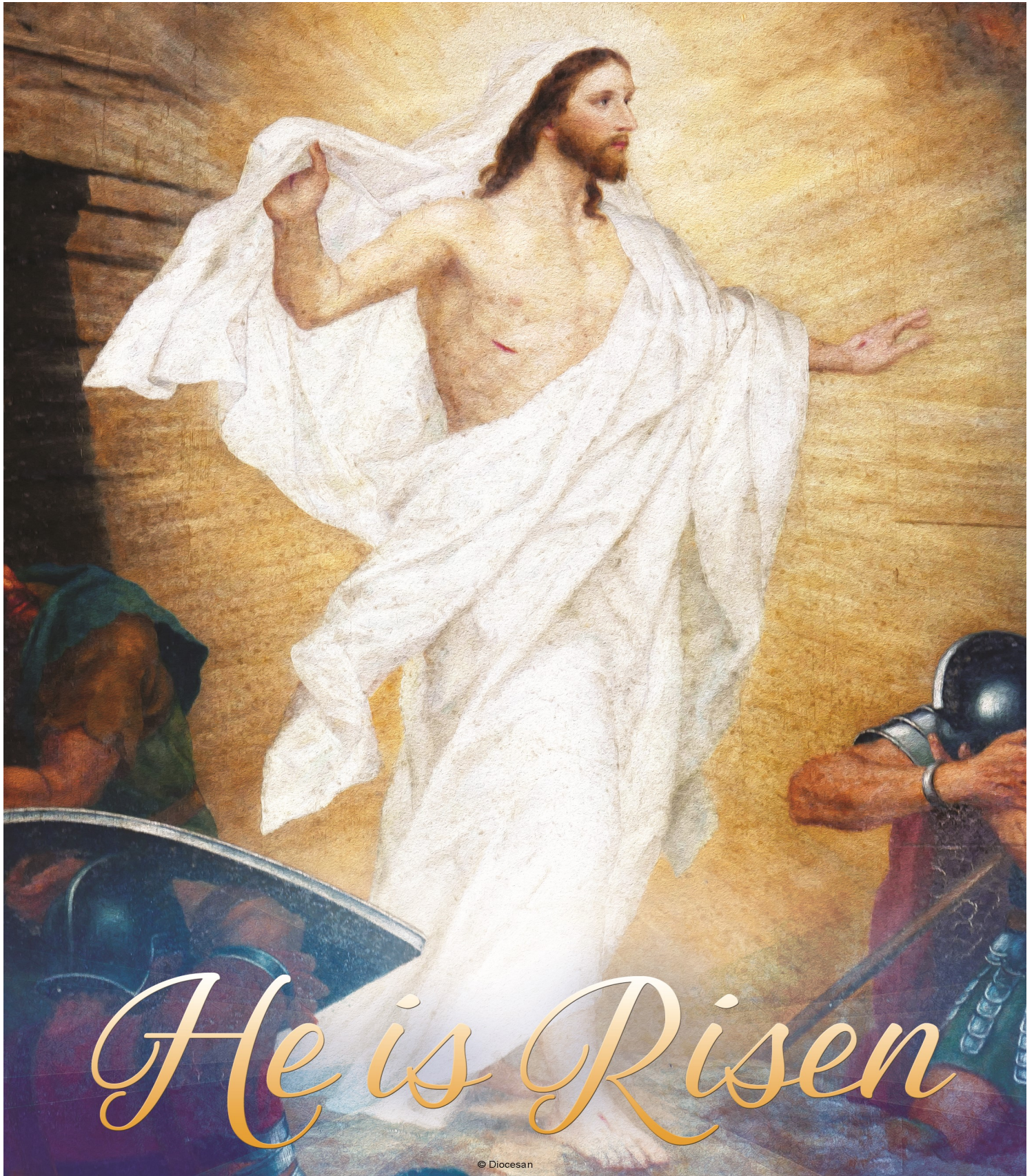


# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

10<sup>th</sup> & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, Pa. 17901 • [www.saintjohnpottsville.org](http://www.saintjohnpottsville.org)



© Diocesan

---

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord • April 17, 2022

---

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 16

8:00 p.m. St. John's Parish Family

### Sunday, April 17

8:15 a.m. St. John's Parish Family

### Sunday, April 17

10:30 a.m. St. John's Parish Family

### Monday, April 18 NO MASS

### Tuesday, April 19

7:00 p.m. Marie Murphy

**(Time Change)** (Family)

### Wednesday, April 20

9:00 a.m. John Wollyung  
(Joe & Ceil Burns)

### Thursday, April 21

6:30 p.m. St. John's Parish Family

**(Time Change)**

### Friday, April 22

9:00 a.m. Dr. David Harvey  
(Mary Beth Harvey)

### Saturday, April 23

5:00 p.m. Dorothy Rosenberger  
(Paul Rosenberger)

### Sunday, April 24

8:15 a.m. Dot & John Ryan  
(Crystal Pugh)

### Sunday, April 24

10:30 a.m. Charles J. Lorenz  
(Frances Lorenz)

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

I wish you a very happy Easter. But I wish you a happy Easter not in the same way we tell each other to have a good day or have a good weekend. Easter is not another holiday. We do not want to reduce it to just a day when we go to church and then rest and celebrate with family before getting back to our routines on Monday (or Tuesday or Wednesday if you're fortunate enough to be on a school calendar).

Easter is what makes us Christian. Easter is the point where our faith goes from the *past* to the *present*. Jesus is risen. That means He is not just another figure who lived long ago in history. He lives among us today and He is present with us in our times of prayer, in the sacraments, in the inspired words of Sacred Scripture, and in the Church, His Body. Furthermore, Easter shows that Jesus conquered sin and death. This opens a future for us beyond our wildest imagination. We do not have to fear anything in this life, no matter how terrible it seems.

Easter is not just something we celebrate. It is something we live. We live in a friendship with the risen Jesus who is present to each and every one of us. We approach life with a new perspective: the suffering and challenges we experience in life do not have to conquer us, but they can simply be crosses that lead to small "resurrections" on our way to the perfect life of heaven.

I pray that you know the presence of the risen Jesus in your life and the joy and hope that come from His resurrection.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Bobbin*



*Year of Real*  
**PRESENCE**  
CENTERED IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## Eucharistic Adoration

A holy hour takes place in the **chapel every Monday evening** (unless announced otherwise) from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** and **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** This is a simple holy hour without any formal prayer or Benediction. It is not necessary to come for the entire hour. Just stop by as you desire.



## Pray

We remember in prayer those who are ill or recently deceased. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

### For our Sick

*Patricia Thomas • Sheri Post • Gary Bradley • Robert Kline*

*Alleluia!*

## Next Week's Readings

### 2nd Sunday of Easter

(April 23/24)

**Reading I:** Acts 5:12-16

**Reading II:** Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-113, 17-19

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

## Upcoming Events

### April

20	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union Mtg. ....	L.H.
21	7:00 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
24	11:30 a.m.	CCD Community Mtg.....	Church
28	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.

### May

1	9:15 a.m.	Parent Meeting .....	L.H.
6	7:00 p.m.	First Communion Rehearsal .....	Church
7	5:00 p.m.	First Communion.....	Church
12	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
15	11:30 a.m.	Community Meeting .....	R.B.
15	11:30 a.m.	May Procession .....	Church
18	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union Mtg .....	L.H.
19	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
20	4:00 p.m.	Yard Sale/Curiosity Shop .....	R.B.
21	9:00 a.m.	Yard Sale/Curiosity Shop .....	R.B.
26	9:00 a.m.	Ascension Thursday—Mass.....	Church
26	5:15 p.m.	Ascension Thursday—Mass.....	Church
26	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.

**L.H. = Longinus Hall F.R. = Rectory Fellowship Room R.B. = Russell Building**

Tues. 7:15 p.m. Weekly Men’s Group..... Zoom  
Meeting ID: 824-780-6433 ..... Password: Mary

## Weekly Collection

**April 9/10.....\$6,197.00**  
**Dues.....\$1,172.00**

Thank you for your sacrificial giving by dropping envelopes at the rectory, by mail and online giving.

## Candles

### BVM

1. Special Intention
2. IMO Barbara Sheppo by Barb Munster

### St. Joseph

1. IMO James Cavanaugh by Hahner Family
2. IMO George Hahner Jr. by Hahner Family

### Sanctuary

IMO Joe Wollyung  
by Barbara Wollyung

### Guardian Angels

- 1&2. IMO Charlie Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer
- 3&4. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy & Family

## Liturgical Min. Schedule

### April 23—5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Heidi Gorski  
**Euch.Min.:** Carol Lasco, Nick Quinn  
**Servers:** Alex Gorski  
**Cantor:** Stanley Gorski

### April 24— 8:15 a.m.

**Reader:** Ray Petrilla  
**Euch.Min.:** John Corbacio  
**Servers:** Caden & Madison Wright  
**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

### April 24— 10:30 a.m.

**Reader:** Mary Matulevich  
**Euch.Min.:** Charlie Miller  
**Servers:** Riley Doyle  
**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

## Rice Bowl Boxes

The Rice Bowl boxes can be dropped off at the rectory or placed in the boxes by the upper side door of church.

## Easter

The Paschal mystery— Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again — reminds us that we are called to live a new life in Christ this Easter season. As a family we too can embrace the Paschal mystery — by dying and rising to new life in loving our neighbor — the ones we live with. Have a joy filled Easter with your family!

## Thank You

Our new Paschal Candle in the church sanctuary was donated ...  
In Memory of Edward Smith  
by wife Dolores Smith, Children & Grandchildren



## Cemetery News ...

After a long winter the grass is starting to grow and the flowers are trying to bloom, which means maintenance at St John’s cemetery #2 will be happening once again. Now is the time to plan for the upcoming year. If any parishioner has any ideas, complaints, or compliments for the cemetery please contact the rectory with the information. It will then be passed onto the cemetery committee for consideration in the upcoming months. Practically everyone at St. John’s Parish either has, or knows someone whose final resting place is in our cemetery, and it is up to us to make sure the grounds are the best they can be.

## Prayer for our Troops Around the World

*"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior."*



# Divine Mercy

## PRAYER

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!  
[Repeat 3x]

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.  
[Repeat 3x]  
Amen.

Jesus, King of Mercy, We trust in You.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

On April 24, we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with a holy hour in the main church at 3:00 p.m., consisting of a Liturgy of the Word, time for quiet prayer, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. Father will be available for Confessions before the holy hour, from 2:00—2:45. Join us in asking God to pour out His mercy on our needs and the needs of the world.

## SCRIPTURE STUDY

### Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study:

will be offered **Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on April 21, 28, May 12, 19, and 26**. Join us in person in Longinus Hall (usually) or at home on Zoom (\*Please email Father for the Zoom link: [kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org)). Fr. Bobbin's Scripture study attempts to give an overview and background for the books of Sacred Scripture to be of help with personal reading and study, Bible study groups, and getting more out of hearing the Word proclaimed at Mass. All are welcome.

### Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ, the Eternal High Priest, in sacrificial service to your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayers and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to your call. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

“THIS IS THE  
DAY THE LORD  
HAS MADE;  
LET US

*rejoice and  
be glad.”*

(PS 118:24)



April 17, 2022

## Easter Sunday

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 | Jn 20:1-9

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Happy Easter! When I think about Easter when I was a child, I admit that many of my memories are centered more around its symbolic trappings: Fannie Mae Easter eggs and peppermint ice cream, my grandma’s table set just so, and unseasonably cold Easter egg hunts. While I may not have yet fully understood the theology of the Resurrection, being at Mass with my family and taking part in the celebratory activities engendered in me the disposition of which the psalmist speaks: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.* Today’s readings invite us to see both the secular and the sacred with new eyes. The fact that Jesus took on our humanity, died and rose again give us a glimpse of the joy that awaits. The simple pleasures we experience at Easter and throughout the year hint at what the Lord has in mind for all of us. In the meantime, we can turn to Jesus for encouragement, with the knowledge that God is present in the ordinary and extraordinary people and events in our daily lives.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb, Simon Peter and “the other disciple” (John) don’t walk – but run to the tomb. I’m struck by the detailed account that follows. Peter “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.” The words that follow seem contradictory: “Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” Their understanding would grow in the hours and days that followed. These early witnesses would then share the Good News of Jesus’ resurrection, often at the cost of their own lives, building up the Church that endures today. Like the disciples, we, too, are commissioned to witness to our faith in the risen Jesus, sharing this life-changing reality with others through our words and actions.

**PRAY** As this Easter season begins, we celebrate Christ’s triumph over death, yet mourn that death still comes so violently for so many around the world. Make an extra effort – an extraordinary effort – this week to pray for peace in the world.

## Yard Sale / Curiosity Shop

Look around your home for any items you wish to donate to our next Yard Sale. You'd be surprised what you might find . Here are some suggestions:

Decorations for Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Puzzles, Knick Knacks, Kitchen Items, Purses, Small Appliances, Candles, Religious items, Toys, Games, Jewelry, Tablecloths, CD's, DVD's, Bakeware, Phones, Vintage items.

**DO NOT** donate the following: Plastics, VHS tapes, Glasses, Cups, Televisions, Bedding, Computers, Monitors, Keyboards, Books, Clothing, Large Furniture, Stuffed Animal Toys, Large Christmas Trees.

**ONLY ONE DROP-OFF DATE** on **Saturday, April 23rd from 9 a.m. to noon** at the Russell Building. No items will be accepted before or after this date. Do not leave articles at the door or in the parking lot. Call the parish office 570-622-5470 ext. 3 for more information.

— May 20/21 —



## St. John's Catholic Women's Union

Women of all ages are invited to join the Catholic Women's Union. Learn how you can become involved with the Catholic Women's Union by joining us on **Wednesday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m. in Longinus Hall**. A "Spring Auction" will be featured. Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, and the Covered Dish Party.

## Trout Rodeo & Basket Auction

Come have some "Reel Fun" at the Assumption BVM School Trout Rodeo & Basket Auction on **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at Stoyer's Dam in Schuylkill Haven. Pre-Registration available at Assumption BVM School or the Schuylkill Haven Rec by April 13th. Individual \$15, Family \$40 (Up to 2 adults, 3 children per household). Registration on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the south side pavilion starting at 7:30 a.m. -Individual \$20, Family \$45 (Up to 2 adults, 3 children per household)

**Basket Auction, Cash Ticket Drawing and 50/50** winners will be drawn at 2 p.m. Food, beverages, and baked goods will be available for purchase. Event is rain or shine. Bring the family out to reel in the fun!

More information can be found on our "Assumption BVM School" facebook and "Trout Rodeo & Basket Auction" event pages. For questions or registration forms, please contact the school at 570-622-0106 or [tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net](mailto:tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net).

## Registration



## Assumption BVM School

Open enrollment at Assumption BVM School in Pottsville has begun for the 2022-2023 school year! Now accepting new students! Limited spots available in Kindergarten through Grade 8. Transportation is available from most neighboring districts. Please contact the school at 570-622-0106 or [tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net](mailto:tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net) for more information, to schedule a tour or shadow day for your student.

## PreSchool Registration

Saint Patrick Preschool, located in the Assumption BVM school building, offers 2, 3, and 5 day programs both half and full days. Fundraising options available. For more information please contact 570-622-0106.



**Parochial Administrator** ..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*  
**Deacon**.....*Lawrence Lonergan*

**Parish Council President** .....*Robert Bechtel*  
**Choir Director/Organist** .....*David Derbes*  
**CCD Coordinator**..... *Lucilla Kochol*

**Rectory** ..... (570) 622-5470  
**Rectory Fax** ..... (570) 622-4589  
**E-mail** ..... [stjbparish@comcast.net](mailto:stjbparish@comcast.net)  
**Russell Building** ..... (570) 628-3002  
**Nativity BVM High School** ..... (570) 622-8110  
**Assumption BVM Elementary** ..... (570) 622-0106  
**St. Joseph Center** ..... (570) 622-4638

**Cemetery Information** ..... (570) 622-5470

**C.C.D.**  
All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

**Certificates of Eligibility**  
Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

**Bulletin Deadline**  
Monday prior to publication

**New Parishioners**  
Please call the rectory for an appointment to register.

**Sick Calls**  
Please notify the parish office.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays ..... 4:15 to 4:45 p.m..  
Sundays ..... 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m..  
or by appointment

**Sacrament of Marriage**  
Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.  
Baptismal Preparation for Parents must precede the Baptism.  
Please contact Father Bobbin for an appointment.

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**  
Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., N.C.C.,L.P.C. .... (800) 791-9209

**Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services**  
Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S.  
Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services  
P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538  
610-871-5200 ext. 2204  
[prusso@allentowndioocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndioocese.org)



THIS IS THE DAY  
THAT THE  
**LORD**  
HAS MADE; LET US  
REJOICE AND  
BE GLAD.