

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES

**SUNDAY:** 4:00p Saturday;  
8:00a, 10:30a, & 5:00p

**WEEKDAYS:** 7:00a

**SATURDAY:** 7:00a; 4:00p (fulfills  
Sunday obligation)

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:**  
Contact the Rectory for Mass times.

**ROSARY:** Monday-Saturday after  
the 7:00a Mass

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**  
Arrangements for Baptism and for  
the Baptismal Program, which is to  
precede it, must be made with the  
Rectory Office by expectant parents.  
Adults and children over age 6  
seeking Baptism are encouraged to  
call the Rectory and talk with one of  
the priests.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:**  
After 7:00a Mass Monday through  
Saturday; and Saturday 3:00-3:45p

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:**  
Congratulations on this momentous  
step! Arrangements need to be  
made at least 9 months in advance.  
A marriage preparation program is  
required. Call the Rectory.

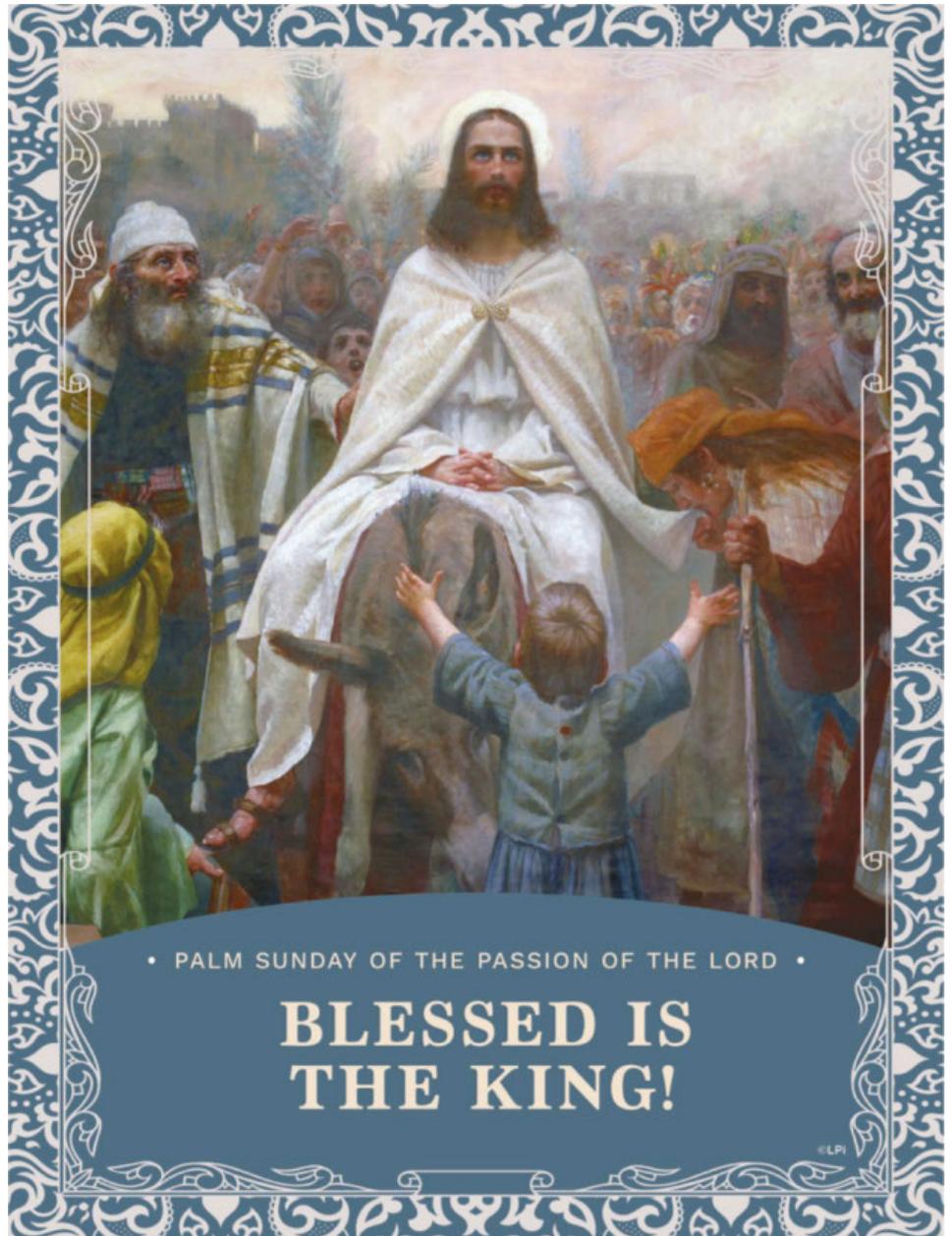
**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS:**  
**Adoration Chapel** is open Monday  
through Friday, 8:00a - 4:00p, with  
Exposition from 1:00p until 4:00p.

**Holy Hour:** Second Thursday of  
the month, 7:00p - 8:00p in Church

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:**  
If you or your loved one is sick or  
homebound and unable to attend  
church, please call Sr. Ann Vincent  
to arrange for Holy Communion.

# The Sign of St. Christina Church

**April 13, 2025**



### **St. Christina Parish Mission Statement:**

*...a Catholic community of faith called to be God's Holy People. Continually formed and fed by Our Lord in Word and Sacrament, together we strive to love and serve, invite and unite, support and challenge one another to joyfully live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

(Adopted Dec. 1996)



## Parish Directory

### Parish Priests

Rev. Ryan Brady, Administrator, 773-779-7181  
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773-779-7181

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**Bulletin submission deadline:** Monday at  
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**Church:** Corner of 111<sup>th</sup> & Christiana Ave.

### Rectory:

11005 S. Homan Ave., Chicago, IL 60655  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday  
Any other time by appointment only  
**Phone:** 773-779-7181 **Fax:** 773-238-2942  
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### School:

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**Phone:** 773-445-2969 **Fax:** 773-445-0444  
**Website:** www.stchristina.org

### Convent:

11033 S. Christiana Ave., Chicago, IL 60655  
**Phone:** 773-445-0132

## Weekly Events April 13-19, 2025

### SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

Religious Education..... Sch/HSch .....8:30-10 a.m.  
Knights of Columbus ..... SH ..... 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sports..... GYM..... 1-9 p.m.

### MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

Sports..... GYM.....4:15-9 p.m.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

Sports..... GYM.....4:15-9 p.m.  
Adult Grief Support Meeting ..... CCR .....7-8:30 p.m.  
Baptismal Preparation ..... Rectory..... 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

Enrichment Classes ..... SH .....2:30-3:30 p.m.  
Brownie Troop 26292 ..... SH .....3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Sports..... GYM.....4:15-9 p.m.  
Daisy Troop 25518 Meeting ..... CH.....6-7 p.m.  
Choir Practice..... Ch .....6:30 p.m.  
Women's Sodality Meeting ..... SH .....7:15 p.m.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 – HOLY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer..... Ch .....8:30 a.m.  
Liturgy of the Lord's Supper ..... Ch .....7 p.m.  
Adoration after Mass ..... Ch .....until Midnight

### FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025 – GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer..... Ch .....8:30 a.m.  
Stations of the Cross ..... Ch .....3 p.m.  
Confessions ..... Ch .....after Stations  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion..... Ch .....7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025 – HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer..... Ch .....8:30 p.m.  
Blessing of Food Baskets & Children ..... Ch .....12 noon  
Easter Vigil ..... Ch .....7 p.m.

**Please Note:** GYM is not available for practice until after 4:15 p.m. and Parish Center & Conference Room are not available until after 6 p.m. due to Extended Care.

**Ch:** Church

**CH:** Church Hall

**HSch:** Homan Building

**Sch:** School

**SH:** School Hall

**SchL:** School Library

**PC:** Parish Center

**PCCR:** Parish Center Conference Room

**C:** Convent

**CCR:** Convent Community Rm.

**CDR:** Convent Dining Room

**CChpl:** Convent Chapel



## A WORD FROM Fr. Ryan

Around this time last year, I began preparing my move to St. Christina's. Naturally enough, I was excited for my new adventure. But I was also sad. I loved the people I was leaving behind. I was speaking to a brother priest about the mixed emotions of moving and (with a bit of naïve arrogance) I said, "Thankfully, as I leave, I know that all the people of Our Lady of the Ridge — St. Linus really loved me."

My friend, older, with a few more years of priesthood under his belt, laughed hard and said, "No, no they didn't! What, are you crazy? Not everyone loved you!" I was horrified and angry! "What do you mean?" I barked back at him! My brother priest simply replied: "You're human; you have flaws, and you're not everyone's cup of tea! Some people don't like the homilies you give! Some felt you paid no attention to the senior citizens and were always at the school! Some in the school felt like you didn't pay attention to them, too focused on the senior citizens. And on and on..."

"Listen," he said to me, "Don't worry about it! 10% of the parish loves you and will remember you fondly. 10% of the parish will be happy you're gone. 80% will really have no opinion whatsoever! They just love the sacraments and support their priests."

After that conversation, I got to thinking, "Am I a failure?" Did I not make a difference in the lives of the people I'm called to serve, even after three years of service as their parish priest? And, most of all, why doesn't everyone like me? After all, I'm a really great guy, aren't I?

I put a lot of thought and prayer in it, and I came to the realization that, no matter what I do and don't do, not every person whom I encounter will absolutely love and adore me! Even if I try to do every single thing right, even if I try to be a really super-nice guy to all, some people will not like me! Maybe I remind them of someone else. Perhaps I bring to mind a bully or a pest from elementary school.

And, maybe (just maybe) it's actually just me; perhaps I can be annoying, obnoxious, unthinking, and hurtful, both unintentionally, and, in my sinful nature, intentionally. There can be a million compliments given after a homily, but the one critique, that's what stings. And that's what I'll remember! It's all part of fallen human nature. It's a simple fact — not everyone will always like me. And, sadly, if I'm honest with myself, there are some that I'm not too crazy about, either!

No one person should be, and can be, universally loved. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only perfectly just man. He's the only one worthy of adoration. As we see in the Gospel today, even Jesus was not universally loved. If the Lord Jesus, He who alone is perfect, cannot be accepted and loved by all, why should we, humble creatures, expect anything different?

For those of us who are ordained as priests for God's people, we want to be liked. Let's face it, being liked helps bring people to Church and to the Lord Jesus. But it's also nice to be liked!

Yet, the task of all Christians is not to be liked and admired. The task for all of us is to be good and just. Each of us is called to be Christ to all whom we meet. Our task is about being Jesus Christ to others, even when we are going to be considered obnoxious and going to be rejected. Our job, in spite of our flaws and failings, is to cultivate the peace of Jesus Christ to our families, our parish, our community, our world. Pray for that grace, in spite of our insecurities and deficiencies. And be amazed at all that God does for you.

*Oremus pro invicem!*

*Fr. Ryan P. Brady*

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### Holy Name News

Thirty members of the Holy Name Men’s Club gathered Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> for the regular monthly meeting. Also in attendance were Fathers Brady and Svida and Deacon Rakauskas. Father Brady informed members of upcoming parish and archdiocesan activities. Members unanimously voted to match last year’s donation and contributed \$1,000 to the school boosterthon. Dave Ricker was not present for the \$500 membership drawing.

Holy Name will continue its tradition of a vigil before the Holy Eucharist from after Holy Thursday night Mass until midnight. We are seeking men to volunteer in hourly shifts. Membership is not required. The more volunteers we get, the shorter the time slots. Volunteers can contact Tom Downes at 773-203-5463.

### Baptisms

*“I have come to you that you may have life and have it more abundantly...”*

Recently, Callum Joseph Collevy, Clare Anne Czynscon, Declan Robert Dalcerro, Lucy Colleen Dalcerro, Sophie Madeline Deegan, Luke Joseph Evans, Noah Timothy Felix, Madeline Grace McEnerney, Janet Marie Morlock, Brianna Nicole Reardon, Henry Adam Sindelar, Elizabeth Lynn Villanova, and Valentina Gia Villanova were born again of water and the Holy Spirit. Congratulations to these new Catholic Christians and their proud parents!



### Lenten Regulations



Following are the regulations for **abstinence** and **fasting** to be observed by Catholics during Lent:

A fast and abstinence is prescribed for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is observed by all Catholics between 18 and 59. Those bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on all Fridays of Lent.

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe penitential days totally or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

## Women's Sodality News

Join us on **Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the School Hall for a WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE workshop. We will be led by a female member of CPD. Dress comfortably!

## Rectory Hours Easter Weekend

The Rectory will be closed from Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. It will reopen on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

### Stations of the Cross

In Church on Good Friday at 3:00 p.m.

### Rice Bowls — Catholic Relief Services

Rice Bowls are due back  
Palm Sunday weekend.



## HELP!!! HELP!!! HELP!!!

### Adorers Needed

Would you like to become an adorer for the Adoration Chapel? We are in need of volunteers who can regularly dedicate one assigned hour, once a week to be in the presence of Jesus during the exposition hours of 1:00-4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. If you feel that something is calling you to grow closer to God, this might be the way to answer that call. If so, please call Carol Smith at 708-217-7301, Joe Kinnerk, at 773-253-8911 or Karen Mutnansky at 1-773-233-3709 to volunteer for this ministry.



## *Jesus I Trust in You to Help Me: **Take the Next Step***

Our parish ministry of loss and support offers a safe and friendly environment where all are welcome. Share memories, express your feelings, and tell your stories. Your memory is beautiful and should be nourished with prayer, given light by your thoughts, and watered with a smile and a tear. Come to one or come to all.

**Take the Next Step** will meet for six Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Christina Convent, 11033 S. Christiana Avenue, just east of the church.

### **Week 6 - Tuesday, April 15**

#### Understanding Ritual and Healing

Tell what you have done for yourself this past week; write a memorial letter.

## *An Adult Grief Support Program*

Monitored by Pam Radiewicz, MMAFT, & Deacon John.  
For more information, call 773-779-7181.



# St. Christina Parish Holy Week & Easter Schedule



## Palm Sunday, April 13

Palms will be available at all Masses: Saturday 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

## Holy Thursday, April 17

Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.    Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.    Adoration in Church until Midnight

## Good Friday, April 18

Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.    Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m.    Confessions after Stations  
The Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00 p.m.

## Holy Saturday, April 19

Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.    Blessing of Food Baskets and Children at 12:00 noon  
Sorry, no 4:00 p.m. Mass    The Easter Vigil begins at 7:00 p.m.



## Easter Sunday, April 20

Mass of the Resurrection celebrated at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Sorry, there will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter.



## Bulletin Submission Guidelines

To submit items to *The Sign*, please email your article or announcement (**HARD COPIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED**) to Marybeth Sprague at [saint.christina.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:saint.christina.bulletin@gmail.com) by **Monday at 12:00 noon** for publication in the following Sunday's bulletin. Earlier deadlines apply to some holidays. **We reserve the right to edit submissions for content or space.**

### 1. Article format

**Microsoft Word or Publisher are preferred.** Typing an announcement or article into the body of an email is also acceptable. **Please send any accompanying images as separate email attachments** at the highest resolution possible. Acceptable image formats are JPG, TIF, or PNG.

### 2. Flyers

If you wish to submit a flyer, **please send a PDF instead of an image file.** If the flyer was created in Microsoft Word or Publisher, please submit it in that format, as well.

Because our bulletin has limited space available, sending more than one size of your flyer will increase the chances that we will have space to run it, as will including a short written announcement or article containing the main information the flyer is intended to convey.

**PLEASE NOTE: The April 20<sup>th</sup> (Easter) bulletin is now closed to submissions.**

## April Homebound Meals Fishy... Fishy

Our parish homebound were able to help us celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Christina's Lenten Fish Fry. The cook team started cooking early to prepare the meals and get them ready for delivery.

The meal consisted of several pieces of golden fried, breaded fish; French fries; coleslaw; rolls; butter; and Swiss Miss pudding for dessert. As an extra special treat, multiple pieces of Easter chocolates were included.

A big shoutout to all the volunteers who helped, including our faithful drivers. An extra big THANK YOU to the St. Christina youth, who also came out to help! Their efforts were definitely appreciated.

Also, a huge thank you to the Fish Fry Committee for picking up the cost of the homebound meals!

Thank you, thank you, thank you — one and all.

Watch *The Sign* for information about the May Homebound Meal.

Happy Easter everyone. God bless.



## Why Do We Do That? — Catholic Life Explained

### Palm Sunday

#### Question:

Where do Palm Sunday palms come from and where should they go?

#### Answer:

The Palm Sunday celebration has ancient origins. Beginning the liturgy “outside” the church, we symbolically reenact Christ’s entry into Jerusalem. The crowds in ancient Israel waved palm branches – a symbol of royalty – to welcome Jesus. These days, obtaining palms takes a lot of planning and coordination, as hundreds of thousands of churches worldwide need them on the same day! Many in the United States order palms from Florida, California, Texas, or Central America. Many companies stress the sustainability of their production and the just wages paid to their workers.

The palms used on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn’t end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or families display them in their homes. If you do not plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or left at the church. In the final case, the palms are burned to provide the ashes for next year’s Ash Wednesday service.

## St. Christina Parish Domestic Violence Outreach



*The mission of the St. Christina Parish Domestic Violence Outreach Committee is to provide education and raise awareness of domestic violence, promote linkage to services, and empower prevention efforts of domestic violence among the St. Christina community. To fulfill our mission, we maintain a safe and confidential outlet to foster hope for survivors, abusers, or concerned individuals.*

*Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior in any intimate relationship whereby one partner seeks to gain or maintain control over the other. The abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional and psychological. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, religion and gender. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds or educational levels.*

**Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline: 1-877-863-6338**



## Pray for Our Servicemen and Women



**Please pray for the following members of St. Christina Parish families who are serving in the military:**

MSGT. John Beasley  
 Sgt. Lauren N. Bilotta Lipcamon  
 Eric Bour  
 Cpl. Benjamin Brasher, USMC  
 2nd Lt. Dan Caddigan  
 Cpt. Michael Caddigan  
 Cpt. Breedge Cafferty  
 Maj. Mary Cassidy  
 Pvt. Matthew J. Chausse, US Army  
 CSM Joseph Cistaro  
 Nicole Clausius  
 SPC Dylan Collura  
 Jean Comptois  
 Logan Conway  
 Anthony DeAvila, US Navy  
 Cpl. Kevin Donnelly  
 SSgt Francis J. Doyle, USMC  
 SPC Daniel Driscoll  
 Sgt. Matthew Dumais  
 Charles J. Dvorak  
 SSG Kyle T. Escalona, US Army  
 S.G.G. Jerome Gardner  
 Cpl. James Garringer  
 PFC Joey Golden, US Army  
 Henry Gorski, USMC  
 CPT Jennifer Grabarek, US Army  
 SSG Michael Grabarek, US Army  
 Daniel J. Grand, USMC  
 1st Lt. Lindsay Hartig  
 Pfc. Matthew Hastings, USAF

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 Tony Kalabsa, US Army  
 CSM Michael Kelly  
 Captain Katherine Kezon  
 Matthew Kilroe, USMC  
 Maggie Kimmell  
 LCpl. Jonathon D. Knidsen  
 General James Kokaska  
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 Brandon Machura, USN  
 Ryan Markmann  
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 1SG Wayne F. Mutnansky  
 1st Lt. Jamie Neumann  
 SPC Taylor O'Callaghan  
 1st LT Justin M. O'Connell, US Army  
 William "Bill" O'Connell, USMC  
 LCpl. Jessica Oliver, USMC

Sgt. Dan T. Pacheco  
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 LCpl Billy Rappold, USMC  
 Nolan Rowling, US Army  
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 Cpt. Hans Christian Sitarz  
 Benjamin Somers, USAF, E2 Airman  
 CPT Luke J. Spencer, US Army  
 Cpl. Donald Stalzer, USMC  
 SPC Jordan Stover  
 Lt. Ashley Strong, USN  
 LCpl Joe Sullivan, USMC  
 SSG Daniel Taff, US Army  
 Dakota Trueba, USN  
 Scott Vega  
 Ed Voelker, USN  
 John Lawrence Weston  
 Cpt. Eileen White  
 SPC Frankie Zoller, US Army





### Monday, Apr. 14 – Monday of Holy Week

7:00 a.m. ✠ Jim Grennan

### Tuesday, Apr. 15 – Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 a.m. ✠ Valerie Tranowski;  
✠ Thomas O'Donnell

### Wednesday, Apr. 16 – Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 a.m. ✠ Ed Higgins; ✠ Tony O'Malley;  
Special Intention – Karen O'Malley

### Thursday, Apr. 17 – Thursday of Holy Week, Holy Thursday

8:30 a.m. Prayer Service  
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

### Friday, Apr. 18 – Friday of the Passion of the Lord, Good Friday

8:30 a.m. Prayer Service  
7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### Saturday, Apr. 19 – Holy Saturday

8:30 a.m. Prayer Service  
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

### Sunday, Apr. 20 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 a.m. People of Our Parish  
10:30 a.m. People of Our Parish

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, April 19

7:00 p.m. Presider: Fr. Brady & Fr. Svida  
Lector: M. Donegan; B. Silva  
E.M.: TBA

### Sunday, April 20

8:00 a.m. Presider: Fr. Svida  
Lector: M. O'Connor  
E.M.: M. O'Connor; E. McDermott;  
D. Higgins  
10:30 a.m. Presider: Fr. Brady  
Lector: C. Novy  
E.M. J. McKeon; B. Larkin



### COLLECTION TOTALS April 5-6, 2025

Sunday: \$11,660.87

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### Parish Registration Form

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