



**Sts. Peter and Paul Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA  
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**April 2018 Parish Bulletin**

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**CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE**

**All Mass Times 4:00 PM unless otherwise noted**

April 1, 2018:	Easter Sunday* <b>Mass Time: 2:00 PM</b>	+Fr. Carl
April 8, 2018:	Second Sunday of Easter	Fr. Bill
April 15, 2018:	Third Sunday of Easter	<b>No Mass</b>
April 22, 2018:	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Fr. Tom
April 29, 2018:	Third Sunday of Easter	+Fr. Bob

**\*Quarterly Healing Service at this Mass**

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## **Prayer Intentions**

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

## **SUNDAY SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

Fr. Bill LaGrand, M.A.

**April 1, 2018 – Easter Sunday:** We can get easily distracted by focusing on the details of the Resurrection narrative. This may prevent us from facing personal questions of faith. Was Jesus really raised from the dead? What are the implications for us when we die? (John 20:1-9)

**April 8, 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Easter:** We are called to be reconcilers in the world and to contribute to the creation of communities where faith flourishes. The experience of God's peace in our hearts and lives requires reconciliation. (John 20: 19-31)

**April 15, 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Easter:** We all have some tendencies of the saints and sinners. Do we help our parish to be a welcoming place that is reflective of God's mercy? Is the church a hotel for saints or a hospital for sinners? (Luke 24:35-48)

**April 22, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Easter:** Today's Gospel offers both comfort and a challenge. The comforting good news is that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows us, provides for us, and loves us. The challenge is that we are called to be good shepherds to those entrusted to our care; those of us who are parents, teachers, and spouses. (John 10: 11-18)

**April 29, 2018 – 5th Sunday of Easter:** The parable of the vine and branches is a wonderful metaphor and a reminder to us to prune away the baggage in our lives that constantly robs us of the energy to live our lives as fully as possible in the love of God. (John 15:1-8)

**From the Presiding Bishop's Desk**  
**+Fr. Carl Swaringim, Ed.D.**



*Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,*

*As disciples of Jesus Christ, we know that Easter is not about bunnies or chocolate or eggs. Easter is an event that makes a claim on each one of us. Either we believe that Jesus did not rise from the dead and maybe his body was stolen, or the Gospels are made up, or the disciples simply "remembered" him and passed on his message; or, we believe Jesus was raised from the dead. **In which case our lives and our world change for each one of us.***

When Jesus rose from the dead, he brought each one of us and the World with him to new potential for love, joy, and peace. He assured us of God's plan for us to have eternal life with him in Heaven. He has given us Himself as the source of confidence and joy as we walk through life with its successes and difficulties. Knowing what Jesus does for us, "How can I (*we*) keep from singing?"

**My life flows on in endless song**  
**Above earth's lamentation.**  
**I hear the real though far-off hymn**  
**That hails a new creation.**

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I'm clinging.  
**Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,**  
How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
**I hear that music ringing;**  
**It sounds and echoes in my soul;**  
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm, **While**  
**to that rock I'm clinging.**  
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, How  
can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest around me roar, **I**  
**hear the truth it liveth.**  
What though the darkness around me close,  
Songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?

**When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,**  
**And hear their knells ringing;**  
**When friends rejoice both far and near,**  
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?

**The peace of Christ makes fresh**  
**my heart, A fountain ever springing.**  
**All things are mine since I am his;**  
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?

*"How can I keep from singing" words by Robert Lowry (1860). Many vocal presentations of this hymn can be found on You Tube. I particularly enjoyed these two:*

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Av06Axs-Qwg>) Buddy Green, folk guitar (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37UiNOoBncU>)



**The Lord has risen! Alleluia!**  
**The Lord has truly risen! Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Easter blessings, +Father Carl*

**From the Pastor's Desk**  
+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

**Congratulations!** Congratulations to our parishioners who have a special reason to celebrate this month!

Birthdays:           Jan Williamson – 4/9  
                          Rudy Schmid – 4/12  
                          Emily Jacobi – 4/19

Anniversaries:       +Carl & Rosann Swaringim – 4/3

**Prayer Request:** Please continue to pray for Rudy and Joan Schmid's Great-Grandson, Quentin, as he and his parents deal with his heart murmur and the hole in his heart. May the Divine Physician intercede on Quentin's behalf and bring him to a full and quick recovery!

**Sunday, April 15, 2018:** Due to a scheduling conflict, we will not celebrate mass as a community on Sunday, April 15, 2018.