

## Welcome to our newest members



Kristen Kill

Teresa Altaras

John Guthrie

Claire Noone

Kristen, Teresa, John and Claire received the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please welcome them and encourage them as they continue their journey of faith. Happy Easter!

## LETTER FROM FR. MIKE

*Most of you should have received a version of this letter in your home mailboxes. We are reprinting it here for those who are visiting or who may not have received it.*

### Dear Madeleine Community,

Hard to believe that Easter is here! We are welcoming our sisters and brothers into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, and are looking forward to First Communion and Confirmation soon. Weddings are scheduled, and it is always a delight to work with those young couples. We'll soon enjoy our first Fish Fry on April 21, and many other community events on our schedule.

I hear daily how much we all appreciate The Madeleine Community. At our recent Open House for our Parish School, many visitors remarked about the wonderful things they had heard about The Madeleine community and expressed their desire for their children to have a Catholic education.

The number-one way we are formed in our Catholic faith is at Mass. The entire life of Jesus is proclaimed throughout our liturgical year. We do not grow in our relationship with Jesus and the community with a hit-and-miss attitude regarding Mass attendance. Therefore, it is time for ALL of us to make a conscientious effort to attend Sunday Mass as a family.

I am concerned about the children who are not coming to Mass regularly...that maybe they see Mass as optional. In truth, Mass is no more optional than coming together as a family on Thanksgiving Day. Could you imagine your child saying, "I'm not coming to Thanksgiving dinner because I have a video game to play?" I think you get my point.

So, please, come to Mass...every Sunday, without exception. And reserve our Livestream Mass for times that you are out of town, or sick, or physically unable to be here in person. I am grateful for the return to Mass of so many and for the community that we continue to build Where All Are Welcome.

Lenten Blessings, Father Mike

## Easter Sunday

What does it take to believe in the Resurrection? Many might respond saying, "If we had only been there." If we had found the empty tomb, how would we have responded? As today's Gospel reveals, all we have in this story is the account of reactions to that tomb, which changed people's lives both then and now. Some who saw it believed that Jesus had risen. On this day, we rejoice and we ponder the blessings of this astounding mystery.

## PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

- ▶ Pam Wiggin—Funeral April 29, 10:00 am
- ▶ Martha Durrett

## PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill, or in need of our prayers

- ▶ Pope Francis
- ▶ Chadd Garvens
- ▶ Mason Lugar

## WORSHIP & PRAYER

- 04/11, Tues. . . . . Bob Reilly †
- 04/12, Weds. . . . . Theodore Scharle III †
- 04/13, Thurs. . . . . Robert Jones †
- 04/14, Fri . . . . . Bill Rooney †
- 04/15, Sat . . . . . Blaise Harkins †
- 04/16, Sun, 8:00 am . . . The Madeleine Community
- 10:00 am . . . . . Mary Anne Grams †

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to some of our honored parishioners!

- ▶ Margaret Marshall
- ▶ John Faherty
- ▶ Kathy Sabel
- ▶ Patt Seeronen
- ▶ Suzie Shanklin
- ▶ Libby Hill
- ▶ Manus O'Donnell
- ▶ Pat Lach
- ▶ Sr. Vivian Ripp
- ▶ Elizabeth Lee
- ▶ Louise Carmen
- ▶ Dick Feeny

# Calendar This Week

## SUNDAY, APRIL 9

- ▶ Easter Sunday
- 8:00 am: Mass—Church
- 10:00 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**
- 11:30 am: Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Reception—Parish Hall

## MONDAY, APRIL 10

- ▶ Easter Monday—No School, Parish Office Closed
- 6:30 pm: FA Meeting—Fireside Rm

## TUESDAY, APRIL 11

- 8:00 am: Mass—Church
- 9:00 am: Adoration—Church
- 7:00 pm: Parent's Club—Library

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

- 8:00 am: Mass—Church

## THURSDAY, APRIL 13

- 2:00 pm: School Mass
- 7:00 pm: 45th Parallel Concert—Old Church

## FRIDAY, APRIL 14

- 8:00 am: Mass—Church

## SATURDAY, APRIL 15

- 3:30 pm: Baptism of Waverly Reese and Berkeley Elise Hall—Church
- 5:00 pm: Mass—Church

## SUNDAY, APRIL 16

- 8:00 am: Mass—Church
- 8:45 am: RCIA
- 10:00 am: First Eucharist Class—Fireside Rm
- 10:00 am: Family Mass - Grade 4

### SAVE THE DATE

- ▶ **Fish Fry & Game Night:** April 21
- ▶ **E-Waste Recycling:** April 23
- ▶ **The Letter Screening:** May 7
- ▶ **Prayer Walk for Climate Justice:** May 20
- ▶ **Wine Tasting:** August 26
- ▶ **Parish Picnic/Oktoberfest:** October 8
- ▶ **Madeleine Marketplace:** December 7

**Parish Office will be closed  
Easter Monday, April 10**

## PARISH LIFE

### EASTER GIVING: CAN YOU HELP?

One of our biggest collections of the year is typically Easter Sunday. Each year we budget for an Easter collection that is in addition to the Sunday collection. Some parishioners account for Easter collections in regular online or automated giving. But if you are not among those who do, we'd very much appreciate if you would consider an additional Easter gift.

We have three easy ways for you to help:  
▶ **Envelope**—If you have an Easter envelope, mail to the Parish Office or drop it

off, or bring it to any Mass you may be attending.

▶ **Online**—Visit our online giving page at [www.themadeleine.edu/easter-giving](http://www.themadeleine.edu/easter-giving), where you can click to our secure online payment site.

▶ **Electronic Transfer**—If you are making stewardship donations via electronic transfer, contact My Schoning in our Business Office to arrange an additional payment. Thank you for your loyal support.

### BOOK CLUB NEWS

Are you a bookworm? Would you enjoy opportunities to meet with other parishioners and friends to share your thoughts about the contents of some very excellent books? If so, we invite you to join our group. The book we are reading for our April discussion is *The Four Winds*, by Kristin Hannah. For further details and/or to be added to our email list, please contact our MBC coordinator: Gretchen Stevenson, [gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com](mailto:gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com) or 503-312-6834.



### Upcoming Concerts

*Performances in The Old Madeleine Church unless noted*

- ▶ **April 13, 7:00 pm** • 45th Parallel Universe • American Haiku, Pyxis Quartet • [45thparalleldpx.org](http://45thparalleldpx.org)
- ▶ **April 30, 3:00 pm** • Capella Romana • Ivan Moody: Greek Liturgy • Main Church • [cappellaromana.org](http://cappellaromana.org)

### CELEBRATE MOTHERS IN MAY!

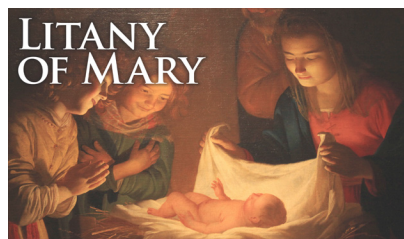
Upload mother & child photos to [www.themadeleine.edu/mothers](http://www.themadeleine.edu/mothers)

A May tradition at The Madeleine: celebrating the Month of Mary and Mother's Day in a special way!

Each weekend beginning May 6/7, we will show a slideshow of mothers and children sent in from The Madeleine Community. The photos will show both in the church at all Masses and on our livestream.

**We are starting over—all new photos!**

This year, again, we're making a fresh start, a blank canvas. So even if you've sent



us a photo before, please send a new one this year.

Submissions can be either a photo of mother and child (children), or a photo of mothers and their mothers. Please send us just one photo of a mother/child combo

per family grouping, as we want to have time to show all our photos.

**Send photos by May 9**

Upload your photos to our website at [www.themadeleine.edu/mothers](http://www.themadeleine.edu/mothers)

### PARISH OFFERTORY UPDATE

#### March 2023 Collection

Budgeted Offertory, full month . . . . . \$71,000  
Collected Offertory, full month . . . . . \$80,103

#### Fiscal Year 2022-23 Collection

Budgeted Offertory, year to date . . . . . \$673,000  
Collected Offertory, year to date . . . . . \$710,995  
Offertory Surplus (deficit) . . . . . \$37,995



**Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter**, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people! As you contribute to St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.

—Mary Clare O'Brien, 503-309-7639