



**April 4, 2021**  
**Easter Sunday**

**Collection March 28, 2021**

Collection	\$ 1130.00
Flowers	\$ 20.00
Easter Offering	\$ 10.00
Attendance	48

**April 11, 2021 Ministers**

Lector: Donna Hathaway  
Commentator: John Balconi

**Please be respectful and quiet for those praying before Mass  
as you enter the sanctuary.**

**Readings for April 11, 2021 Devine Mercy**

Reading 1: Acts 4:32-35  
Reading 2: I John 5:1-6  
Gospel: John 20:19-31

**Information about St. Edward-** Daily readings, the bulletin, and other information can be found on our webpage at: <https://stedwardpulaski.org>

**Donations-** please mail your regular donations to St. Edward's Catholic Church, PO Box 1670, Pulaski, VA 24301 if you are not attending Mass.

**Mass Live-Stream-** Mass is still live-streamed every Sunday morning at 9:00 at <http://www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchwytheville>

**Prayer List-** Mike Malloy, Tim Kimbleton, Doug Waldrop, Carol Luttrell, Brenda Lee, John Balconi, John McNair, Joan Jennings, Sharon Dalton, Jerry Dalton, Lynn Canty, Connie Armentrout, Richard Richardson, Joy McComb and Father Bernie.

(Please contact Stan Stanley if you have additions or deletions)

**Thanks-** A big thanks to all who signed up and helped with the spring clean-up. A lot was accomplished in a short period of time! Also, thank you to all who helped out with Holy Week services, from extra lectors to setting up and decorating. This is a great example of our St. Edward's family joining together to make our church a special place.

**Easter Flowers-** Thanks to all who donated for the Easter Flowers.

**Happy April Birthdays!**

Tom Phillips	April 2
Kenneth Martin	April 9
Carla Martin	April 9
Sally Warburton	April 12
Bill Jennings	April 21
Drema Altizer	April 21
Stan Stanley	April 23
Danny Coalson	April 23
Malek Tabor	April 24
Marie Hager	April 28
Rosana Vallo	April 28

**Happy April Anniversaries**

Dan & Debbie Grubb April 12

Thank you to Father Boat for our Good Friday service here at St. Edwards. We greatly appreciate it.

## Daily Prayer This Week

We now begin a celebration of the **Resurrection of our Lord** for the next seven weeks - when we mark the **Ascension** forty days after Easter and culminating in the celebration of **Pentecost** on the fiftieth day after Easter. This week, we begin that deepening realization of, and reflection upon, the meaning of the gift of life we have received in God's raising Jesus from the dead so that we might have eternal life.

Just as it difficult for many of our cultures to face the reality of death, it is difficult to accept the reality of life after death. St. Paul invites us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end. This week let us try to open our hearts to a felt sense of what a difference it makes that the tomb is empty, that Jesus is alive, that he allows us to recognize him in the breaking of bread, and that he missions us to proclaim this Good News.

Each morning this week, we can pause for a moment and simply thank God for our being alive today. Even more, we can thank God for the life that Jesus won for us. Throughout the day, and at different brief moments, we can remember that this is Easter Week and ask to live more freely today, more gratefully. We can name the grace in our own terms and in the context of what we are experiencing, what gets us discouraged or what gives us life. Overall, we want to live the freedom we have been given. If death has no hold on us, so many of our fears would melt away. If we realized our ultimate home is in heaven, our spirits would be lighter and we would walk around more gratefully.

So, as we go through this week, we can let ourselves believe in the Resurrection that was won for us. "Lord, I believe in the gift of life you have given me in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus." We can say this act of faith, or sing any of the wonderful Easter songs in the back of our minds, as many times as it takes to let ourselves feel the effects of Easter.

Perhaps we had a difficult Holy Week or Easter. There might have been loneliness or family conflicts. Perhaps we are facing a chronic illness or deep struggles with a loved one, or we are grieving the loss of a loved one. These, and many other struggles can challenge our Easter hope and joy. This is the week to place our trust in the one who is now alive, so that we can live forever. We can ask for the gifts of hope renewed these days. In giving thanks, we can ask that our hearts be opened even more to receive the gift of his Spirit.