

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS



Nr. 17 (3597) April 27th, 2025

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER - C



In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)) †R.R.

GIVE THANKS, FOR THE LORD IS GOOD,  
GOD'S LOVE IS EVERLASTING

## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- |         |                                                                    |                      |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 9 a.m.  | †Ona Svarinskas                                                    | (A.Ciaucionas)       |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners                               |                      |
|         | †Pope Francis and Fr. Antanas Saulaitis, SJ                        |                      |
|         | for peace in the world                                             |                      |
|         | asking for the Lord's blessing and giving thanks -                 |                      |
|         | to the Parish Council, parish Finance and "Capital Fund" committee |                      |
|         | †Antanas Stanevicius                                               | (Stanevicius family) |
|         | †Birute and Jonas Danaitis                                         | (family)             |
|         | †Adele, Juozas and Edis Austras                                    | (I.Zemaitis)         |
|         | †Vincas Baliunas                                                   | (A.R.Karka)          |
|         | †Liudas Matukas                                                    | (family)             |
|         | †Jonas Morkunas                                                    | (Stravinskas family) |
|         | †Salomeja Oleka                                                    | (R.Oleka)            |
|         | †Vladas Melnykas                                                   | (family0)            |
|         | †Simonas Ramanauskas                                               | (grandmother)        |
|         | †Vytautas Radzius                                                  | (family)             |
|         | †Ona Narusevicius (10th anniv.) & Terese Lorencas (9th anniv.)     | (A.K.Ambrozaitis)    |

2025

April 27

Parish Annual Meeting

May 2-3

Spring Rummage Sale

May 4

First Communion

June 7

Run for Hope

June 8

Confirmation

June 7-9

Camp "Kretinga" -

Work Weekend

June 22

St. John's day

Camp Kretinga

July 6-19 (En.)

July 20 - August 2 (Lith.)

October 24-25

Fall Rummage Sale

November 8

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 14

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas



### Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas, Spencer Gallop

11 AM - Lile, Lina and Aleksia Vadauskas

organist - Ilona Beres

### The week's Holy Masses

**MONDAY** (April 28): 7 p.m.  
†Valentinas and Maria Indris  
(R.Indris);

**TUESDAY** (April 29): for living and  
deceased benefactors;

**WEDNESDAY** (April 30): 7 p.m.  
†Sigita Stuopis (Prakapas family);

**THURSDAY** (May 1): 7 p.m. Novena;  
in thanksgiving (Groen in't Woud  
family); †Stanley Urbantas,  
Stanislaw and Bronius Juskevicius  
(T.L.Urbantas); †Leonas Navickas  
(2nd anniv.) (Navickas family);

**FRIDAY** (May 2): 7 p.m. Novena;  
†Edmundas Urniezius (RU) special  
intention (NN);

**SATURDAY** (May 3): 9 a.m. Novena;  
5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

**SUNDAY** (May 4): 9 a.m. for  
Zadurskis' deceased family  
members (R.Zander); 11 a.m. for  
living and deceased parishioners;  
Lord's blessings for Labdara's  
rummage sales' living and deceased  
helpers; †Ona and Stasys Dackus  
(granddaughter); †Jurgis Simaitis  
(Stanevicius family); †Juozas  
Kalinauskas (D.Puzauskas);  
†Marcele, Ona, Algimantas and Jonas  
Valaicius (G.Mickevicius); †Irena  
and Henrikas Matusaitis  
(R.J.Balaisis); †Julius Nevulis  
(O.Dirmantas); †Juozas Bansevicius  
(wife and children); †Fr. Antanas  
Saulaitis, SJ (A.G.Valavicius).

**"Capital Fund" - \$ 545,432.59**

**I.Zemaitis - \$100**

**THANK YOU...**

**"For it is in giving that we receive".**

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Sunday (04.19-20 Easter time) & "Vilnius  
Manor" Collections**

72 envelopes - \$ 5,630

No envelopes - \$ 393.30

Direct deposit - \$ 1,225

Holy Land - \$ 1,715

N.N. donated \$ 1,500 to the parish

**THANK you for your generosity...**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER AUGUSTINAS ON HIS

**93rd BIRTHDAY...**

**WE WISH HIM GOOD HEALTH, BOUNDLESS  
ENERGY, AND GOD'S BLESSINGS.**



*Music is a messenger of God, sent to move the gentlest and noblest  
strings of our soul, to soothe hearts wearied by life's worries, to drive  
away lies, vices, envy, and hatred from them...*

*Our credo is our oldest songs and the music of our future.*

*These songs are like precious marble cliffs, waiting only for a genius  
who knows how to craft from them immortal works.*

*– Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis*

**Congratulations to the "Volungė" choir and its conductor  
Dalia Skrinkas-Viskontas on the choir's 50th Anniversary...**

May the wings of your songs and hymns continue to soar with  
resounding grace for many more years to come.

**Thank you for your music...**

**Wishing you blessed and song-filled days...**

**We wholeheartedly appreciate your generous gifts,  
donations and prayers during the Holy week...**

**A sincere thanks for increasing your donations which  
are a great help for our parish's future.**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES...**



The Church of the Resurrection would like to thank  
you for participating in writing beautiful and heartfelt  
Easter greeting cards to our friends living at  
"Labdara" Nursing home.

Through your love, kindness, and generosity, we as a  
community of parishioners came together to bring  
warmth and closeness to those who need it most this Easter holiday.

### Resurrection parish council -

*If you are interested in joining the parish council to help organize  
parish activities, please contact a member of this year's recruitment  
committee - Grazina Laurinaitis - 416-222-4693, Jurgis Kuliesius -  
kuleza@sympatico.ca. We are especially looking forward to hearing from  
youth (18-35) and young families, in the hopes of revitalizing activities  
for these groups..*

### **TODAY.... April 27<sup>th</sup> - Three reasons to cheer!**

After 11AM Mass we will celebrate Fr. Augustine's birthday; then we will process to the edge of the parking lot for the blessing of newly planted trees and a commemoration of the successful completion of the Capital Fund Campaign; a group photo of all participants will be captured in the hall with the Capital Fund Campaign artwork; following a brief annual meeting, a delicious family style lunch and refreshing beverages will be served (Free donation), and live Lithuanian music will be performed by the Kapela.

**We look forward to seeing everyone!**

### **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE May 2nd - 3rd**

Our **Labdara Committee** cannot invite everyone individually but **needs everyone** to assist in making this event a success!

Men, women, teens, welcome!

**On April 28th, the hall is occupied for the election.**

**We kindly ask you to come on Tuesday, April 29th  
at **9 AM** to set up the tables,**

**10 AM to gather for the distribution of items.**

#### **ATTENTION:**

**we will NOT be having a 'CAFE' and will NOT be selling baked goods BUT will gladly accept cakes/cookies for our volunteers.**

We also ask that you **do not bring any USED cosmetics.**

**We ask you to bring your donations NO EARLIER than Tuesday, APRIL 29th at 12NOON!**

**Some items that DO NOT sell are:**

- old radios, computers, encyclopedias,
- old TVs (LED are ok)

We ask that you discard these items elsewhere.

**We will no longer accept large furniture,  
nor will we pick-up or deliver any items.**

*Teens who volunteer will receive "Community Service" credit.*

***We ask for your cooperation and THANK YOU in advance!***

\*For other info please contact: Raminta Nakrosius 416-669-0271;

Dalia Rocca 905-820-3088; Ramune Stravinskas 416-523-1095.

### **Canadian Lithuanian Foundation Announcement**

We kindly invite all members of the Canadian Lithuanian Foundation to participate in the Foundation's Annual Meeting, which will take place on **Thursday, May 1st, 2025, at 6:30 PM, via Zoom.**

Members who wish to attend must register by sending a request via email to [info@klfondas.org](mailto:info@klfondas.org) or by calling the office at 416-239-9889, no later than April 28th of this year.

After registering, a link to the meeting will be provided.



**"Francis'  
Testament:  
'May my remains  
rest in the Basilica  
of the Mother of  
God'"**

On Monday evening, the Holy See's press office released the testament of Pope Francis, written nearly three years ago.

In the name of the Most Holy Trinity. Amen.

Feeling that the sunset of my earthly life is approaching, and with a living hope in eternal life, I wish to express my testamentary will solely concerning the place of my burial.

Throughout my life and during my priestly and episcopal ministry, I have always entrusted myself to the Mother of our Lord – the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. Therefore, I ask that my earthly remains rest in the Basilica of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, awaiting the day of resurrection.

I desire that my final earthly journey end precisely in that ancient Marian sanctuary, to which I always went to pray both at the beginning and the end of every apostolic journey, entrusting my intentions to Her with confidence and thanking Her for Her gentle, motherly care.

I ask that my tomb be arranged in the side nave of this basilica, in a niche between the Chapel of Paul (Salus Populi Romani) and the Chapel of the Sforza family.

The tomb should be in the ground – simple, without special adornments, and bearing only a single inscription: Francis.

The expenses related to my burial will be covered by a donation allocated by a benefactor, which I have instructed to be transferred to the Basilica of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. I have provided the necessary instructions to Monsignor Rolandas Makrickas, the special commissioner of the basilica chapter (today – Cardinal, Coadjutor Archpriest of the basilica).

May the Lord reward those who have loved me and continue to pray for me. I have offered the suffering that accompanied me in the final stage of life to the Lord for peace in the world and the brotherhood of nations.

At the Domus Sanctae Marthae, June 29, 2022.

**FRANCIS**



THANK YOU for donations.

You can donate to the parish and for parish causes through: envelopes; eTransfers (email: [resparish@prisikelimas.ca](mailto:resparish@prisikelimas.ca) ;

Q: What is the name of the parish?

A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed) or on the parish site [www.prisikelimas.ca/give](http://www.prisikelimas.ca/give).

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Writing Cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish** in the **MEMO:** Donation to Parish or Mass.

Writing Cheques payable to **Franciscan Fathers** in the **MEMO:** Capital Fund, Renovation fund, by bequest, Monastery, Soup kitchen, Camp "Kretinga", Oncology centre Klaipeda, Franciscan Fathers projects in Lithuania.



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