



# The Correspondent

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## WEEKEND SERVICES

(In Person and Online)

Saturday 5:00 PM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II  
Sunday 8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II  
Sunday 10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II

## TUES-WED-THURS

8:00 PM—Compline

(Online and in-person Evening Prayer)



## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to spread the gospel of Christ in thought, word, and deed to our community and the world.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR

# Holy Week

**Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM Service**

**Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM & 10 AM**

**Maundy Thursday Service, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**

**Overnight Vigil at the Altar of Repose**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> 9 PM – April 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM**

**(sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall)**

## Good Friday

**Good Friday Service, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM**

**Stations of the Cross in the Cemetery**

**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon**

**Holy Saturday Service, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM**

**The Great Vigil of Easter, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**



**Easter Morning Service, Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM**

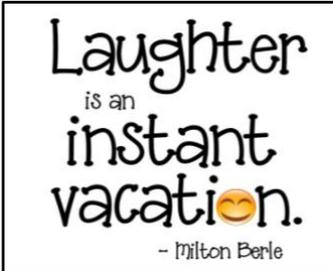
**Easter Morning Outdoor Service, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM**

**(Weather permitting)**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS!**

# HOLY LAUGHTER

The week after Easter, some churches observe Holy Humor Sunday — a tradition dating back to the fourth century. Early Christian theologians coined the term “*risus paschalis*,” or “the Easter laugh,” saying God played the supreme joke on death. Some believers celebrated Bright Monday, gathering the day after Easter to mock Satan’s defeat.



We all feel better when we laugh. It takes us away from the everyday woes of the world, it makes us feel good. Laughter is cross-cultural. Even people who do not speak the same language can find a common bond when they laugh together. Laughter is healthy. It reduces stress. There is a Yoga exercise which involves using the muscles one uses to laugh, but actual laughter is more fun.

On the first day of April, remember that “we are fools for Christ” (1 Corinthians 4:10, NIV). Then later in the month, take time to smile and laugh, knowing that victory is

yours, thanks to Jesus.

May you all have a blessed Holy Week, a joyful Easter, and some laughter on Holy Humor Sunday and any time you can, following that!

**--Rodney Dudley**

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## A Word from the Rector Father Jeffrey Stevenson



### LOVE IS OUR SALVATION

Dear People of St. Ann's,

Easter is upon us: the central celebration of our faith. The day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We closed our doors for worship just before Easter in 2020 and it has been a roller coaster of challenges and changes. We found new ways of being together through technology. We discovered (and sometimes cursed) this new program called Zoom. We worshiped and found ways to be in community through computer screens and video. And now as we come again to Easter morning. And although we are not out of the woods, it feels like we can once again celebrate our Lord's conquering of death. And with that conquest, celebrate the gift of our salvation.

On Easter 2020, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry preached a sermon called, "[It's Easter Anyway!](#)" in a time when it didn't feel like Easter at all. We are so much closer to the end of this pandemic now. But it still doesn't feel like the Easters that many of us remember. Bishop Curry reminded us that at the first Easter, nobody knew it was Easter.

The bishop's sermon has me thinking about what that first Easter really looked like. It led me to go look once again at the first Easter morning as it is described in the four gospels. In Matthew, when the women go to the tomb to anoint the body, there is an earthquake. The guards shook and became like dead men. An angel tells the women to enter the empty tomb and know that Jesus is no longer there because he has been raised and has gone ahead of them to Galilee, which is where they live. The women left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy. In Luke's gospel, when the women return to the apostles with the message that Jesus is risen, the apostles did not believe them. *Oh, that is just an idle tale.* In John's Gospel, when Mary Magdalene sees the empty tomb, she weeps because she thinks the body has been stolen. When Jesus appears to her, she doesn't recognize him. Mistaking him for the gardener, she asks what he did with her Lord. Mark's gospel is the starkest. When the women go to the tomb, a young man dressed in white tells them Jesus is risen. *Don't be afraid. Go tell the disciples.* They told no one and that's how the Gospel ends. But as Michael Curry says, in the midst of all that fear, anxiety, and confusion, Easter happened—and continues to happen—anyway.

The power of Easter comes to us when we realize that love is stronger than death. Love is everything, and it is eternal; it is not only a comfort when we face death. The Easter miracle is not only something that happened to Jesus so many years ago. One of my favorite theologians Fr. Richard Rohr once wrote "The Risen Christ is not a one-time miracle but the revelation of a universal pattern. Love is the energy that sustains the universe, moving us toward a future of resurrection."

A grittier way of saying the same thing comes from Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber who wrote, "God simply keeps reaching down into the dirt of our humanity and resurrecting us from graves we dig for ourselves through selfishness, lies, arrogance and addiction."

We have been living in a time of fear, frustration, grief, trauma, and dashed hopes... for those present at the first Easter it was a time of fear, frustration, grief, trauma, and dashed hopes.

Hold close the truth of the Resurrected Jesus. This is no idle tale. This is an earthquake of Christ's salvation. Fear not, for He has told us where he is hiding. He is hiding in our lives---lives that have the beginnings of resurrection in them, if only we stop to see.

Amen.

Blessings,  
*Fr. Jeff+*

# Vestry Visions

## The Saints of God R Us

*"I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,  
 who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.  
 And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green; they were all of  
 them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too....  
 You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store, in church, by the sea, in the house next door;  
 they are saints of God, whether rich or poor, and I mean to be one too."*

That is one of my favorite hymns. And one Runs a Company, and one is an Insurance Adjuster, and one is a Dog Rescuer and one is a Community Ambulance Volunteer and one is an Engineer... Who are they? Our Vestry. These amazing people have families, full time jobs and responsibilities galore yet they are still able to volunteer and devote many hours to serving Our Church. The Vestry does more than meet once a month to discuss Church business. There are emergency meetings when urgent matters arise. One fun event that we discussed and voted on was the approval of the Palm Sunday Donkey. Each Vestry member has an area of concentration regarding the different ministries in the Church. And our Wardens! The Wardens go above and beyond every day to keep things running seamlessly. Truly the Wardens' job is another full-time job on top of their already full-time jobs. It is such an honor and a privilege to work with these wonderful people whose shared goal is to make St. Ann's the best possible church ever for our congregation and the community. Any questions, concerns or ideas, please feel free to speak with any member of the Vestry. We are here for you!

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Jeanne Monasterolo*  
 For the Vestry



\*With apologies to LentMadness.org which uses these depictions of saints on their Lent Madness bracket during Lent. It is a replication of "The Dancing Saints," a mural on the walls of St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco. <https://www.saintgregorys.org/the-dancing-saints.html>

### VESTRY ROSTER

 <p>OUR VESTRY</p>	<b>Wardens:</b>	2023 Thomas Honey	2024 Nancy Koinoglou
	<b>Vestry:</b>	2023 Donald Hester Patricia Osarchuk	Diane Miller-Magnani
		2024 Wendy Schmittzeh John Smith	Carol Ann St. Lawrence Rich Acierno
		2025 Greg Domoff	Jeanne Monasterolo

# Easter Basket Ministry



With your support St. Ann's food pantry will be distributing Easter Food Baskets to our neighbors in need. If you or somebody you know would benefit from receiving an Easter Basket **please contact the church office 631-589-6522 or Lynette Schulz 631-472-2235 by March 25th.**

We will again use a Giving Tree to collect food donations. Please choose items from the Giving Tree (located in the lower Parish Hall) and return items to the church. If you choose to purchase a ham, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet along with your phone number.

**We need all donations by Sunday, April 3rd.**

If you are interested in participating

- food donation- tags in parish hall
- adopt-a-basket \$50
- grocery shop week of April 3rd
  - \*We are always in need of shoppers
- assemble & deliver Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

## St. Ann's Easter Egg Hunt



**Easter Day following the 10 AM service**



## The Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

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Excerpts from the transcript of the Video Announcement Regarding Parish Closure on Long Island.

February 25, 2022 \* The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano \* Bishop of Long Island

Soon after my ordination and consecration as Bishop of Long Island in September of 2009, I very naively made the statement that I would endeavor never to close any of our parishes. In the 12-and-a-half years that I have served as the bishop diocesan of Long Island, we have closed about ten parishes. Or what I should say, is that parishes ended their active ministry. And the parishes either were closed and repurposed; or they were closed for a time and then reestablished worshipping congregations to minister to communities that were in need of the church's care.

What I didn't realize in 2009, that I clearly realize now, is that it was a 150-year tradition of this diocese to close parishes, or to end congregational life in a particular neighborhood or town, in order to use the resources and even the people to reestablish worshipping communities in other parts of the diocese. It is the reason why we have so many double-named parishes, particularly in places like Brooklyn. It is always a painful thing when a congregation ends its active ministry. It is always a difficult thing, particularly for me as Bishop, and for the Diocesan Council, and for the members of the staff of the diocese.

I'm sharing all of this with you today because we are at one of those points in which the Diocesan Council, a week ago, has made the decision to end the ministry of three of our congregations in the diocese: St. Mary's Carle Place; Holy Trinity, Valley Stream; and St. Andrews in Mastic Beach. In each case, the congregational gatherings on Sunday have fallen well below the canonical threshold for keeping a parish established and running. But in each instance, the congregations also have been aware of the fact that they are not able to any longer minister to the wider community.

Some aspirationally hope for some more time, and it has been a painful transition. But in each case, Diocesan Council, looking at the data, has made a good and faithful decision. We're all very mindful of the pain that is caused when members of those congregations, the remnant congregation, sometimes anywhere between seven and a dozen people, feel as if the diocese has somehow abandoned them or that they have failed. But in fact, in the long history of the Diocese of Long Island, those are not seen as failures, but opportunities for us to pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is doing in the midst of our ministry in Brooklyn and Queens, in Nassau and Suffolk.

...

We need to be where God's people need the Church. And we need to understand that our ministry is not just to those who sit in the pews or pay a pledge, or try to attend an annual meeting, but more importantly to the wider community the Church is called to serve.

And so, Sisters and Brothers, I ask for your prayers for the staff of the diocese, for the parishes that now will end their active ministries, for those lives who will be so affected by these transitions, and to pray hopefully for all that is about to happen in Carle Place, in Valley Stream, in Mastic Beach, for the building up of the Beloved Community, for the building up of the body of Christ, and for the ministry that God has placed us in the midst of—this geography of Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk. God bless you all and know that you are all in our prayers.

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# VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

## PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER MUSIC

The Choir has been rehearsing to get ready for Palm Sunday and Easter—a very special time of the year for the Church.



The Choir will be singing at both 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services on both Sundays.

Please come and join us and help us “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.”



Saint Ann's Thrift Shop has been re-opened approximately a year since we shut for covid safety and this is a reminder to all to come visit us! We are open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

If you have not visited us at some point during our over 30 years of serving our community (and why not?) then now is the perfect time. Why? Because we are here and waiting for you! Come drop in and tell our Volunteers “Thank You”. Browse a little, shop a little; you will be surprised at the items we sell. Our departments range from

Housewares to Baby and Children items, Toys and Books, Men, Women and Vintage items. Vinyl records, CDs and DVDs. You can pay via cash or credit card. If you are in need and do not have the means to pay, then we are happy to supply you with what you need if you come in with a “voucher” from the church. We are here to serve our community, help those in need - who among us has not been in need at some point? So, no big deal, let us do what we are here for---which is helping our community.

We gladly accept donations of clothing for any age, housewares, or any items that fill any of the above-mentioned departments. Please-- no large furniture, no outdated computers, printers, or electrical items. If you are not sure if we will be able to accept what you want to donate, please just give us a call at 631-589-6220. Our drop off days and hours are any time we are open as well as Mondays and Tuesdays from approximately 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. We also have locked sturdy metal bins that you can drop bagged items in if we are not there.

We have a dedicated staff of volunteers who sort and hang/price and get the items ready Mondays and Tuesdays. Some volunteers stop in during the week to spend a few hours doing what they can and if you have a few hours and want to help, just stop in and speak with us. Most of our volunteers are “of a certain age” but we all keep chugging along. We welcome you to join us!

**--Elsie Flanagan**



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS REGARDING THE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 631-589-6522.



7	Mark Smimmo & Christine Kelly-Smimmo
13	Devon & Jessica Brown
16	Richard & Melanie Acierno
20	Wayne & Karen Tampellini

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Vanessa Sanchez	6	Robert Costanzo	9	Jeanne Monasterolo	19	Patricia Osarchuk
2	Cole Kraft	7	Grayson Noll	9	Christine Weeks	22	Felicity Vento
	Knox Johnson		Samantha Rossi	15	Olivia Hynes	29	Reginald Elton
	Ella Patrovich		Susan Verneer		Jillian Lorenzo		Spencer Hayes
	Alexandra Reksten	8	Eileen Moran		June Schlock	30	Elizabeth Shelton
	Edward Schmeider		Brayton Smyrk	18	Diane Lichtenberger		Ellen Stoll

*These names are offered each month as an opportunity to extend to our brothers and sisters the love of Christ on these special days and to express our thanks for the gift of their presence in our midst. They are also offered as an opportunity to pray for each one of these individuals and couples on these significant days in their lives.*

## GRATITUDE

In her book *Grateful*, theologian Diana Butler Bass writes: “As human beings, we possess an intuitive awareness that we depend on others to survive. We are safer and happier when we care for each other in community, when we do things for each other. ... How we live together in and with gratitude makes all the difference in the world. Indeed, living gratefully makes the world different.”



Chris McNamee, parishioner and Director of Construction at Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk, had good reason to be grateful this month. She writes that MacKenzie Scott, ex-wife of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, just **donated \$439 million to Habitat for Humanity**. The money was to be divided among Habitat International and 84 local affiliates—one of them was the Suffolk County affiliate! We’re sure Chris will make great use of this bountiful gift, and we’re happy for the people who will get to live in the new houses that Chris and her team will be building. Good news all around!

# Our Church History



## ❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten

**REGIS HENRI POST**

January 28, 1870 – October 6, 1944

### The Post Family

**Regis Henri Post**, the second son of Albert Kintzing Post and Caroline de Trobriand Post was born in New York, as was his elder brother Waldron, at the residence of his great grandfather Waldron Blaau Post, with whom his parents were living.

His early education was similar to his older brother, but he continued his education at New York University where he studied law. Regis Henri felt drawn to politics and was elected a member of the State Assembly from the Second District (Republican) on November 8, 1898, and reelected to a second term.

In February 1903, President Roosevelt appointed him Auditor of Puerto Rico. The following year he was appointed Secretary of Puerto Rico and served in the Governorship in the Governor's absence. In commenting on this, the New York Tribune [August 11, 1904] said, "Regis H. Post, who was appointed Secretary of Puerto Rico today, called at the White House to say goodbye to the President before he left for the island. Mr. Post has been promoted from the auditor-ship of the island. He is a young man of wealth who has gone into public life for the sake of 'doing something' and has made a fine record."

The day Regis was called to the White House for lunch with resident Roosevelt, the other guests were Secretary Taft (War), Secretary Shaw (Treasury), Postmaster General Payne, and ex-Secretary of the Navy Moody, now Attorney General.

Regis Post was appointed Governor of Puerto Rico on March 5, 1907. At the time of the Great War in Europe, he sailed to Paris to offer his automobile and himself as chauffeur to the American Ambulance at Neuilly, France. On December 7<sup>th</sup> he sailed for Italy as an American Red Cross member.

Regis Henri Post married Caroline Beatrice Post, his distant cousin, daughter of Henry Albertson Van Zo Post. The couple had one child, a son Regis Henri Post, Jr., born February 17, 1897, in Bayport. He and his wife were divorced in California in 1922 where Mrs. Post and their son had made their home. Mr. Post was remarried in 1933 to Marguerite Denis deLeGarde.

The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time.

--Mark Twain

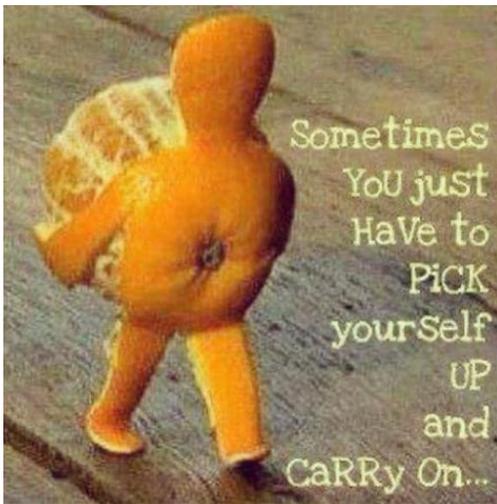
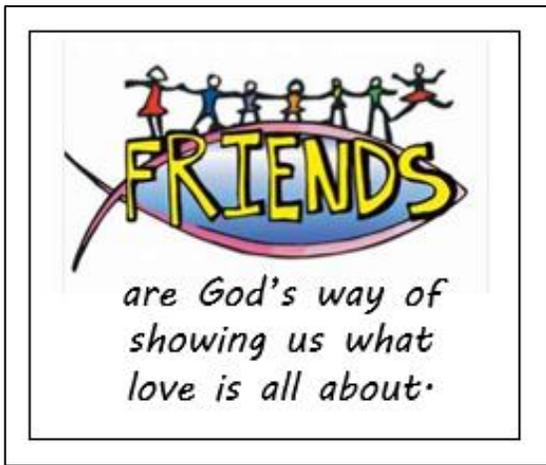
A fact of life, we all die. But the positive impact you have on others will be a living legacy.

--Catherine Pulsifer

Great beauty, great strength, and great riches are really and truly of no great use; a right heart exceeds all.

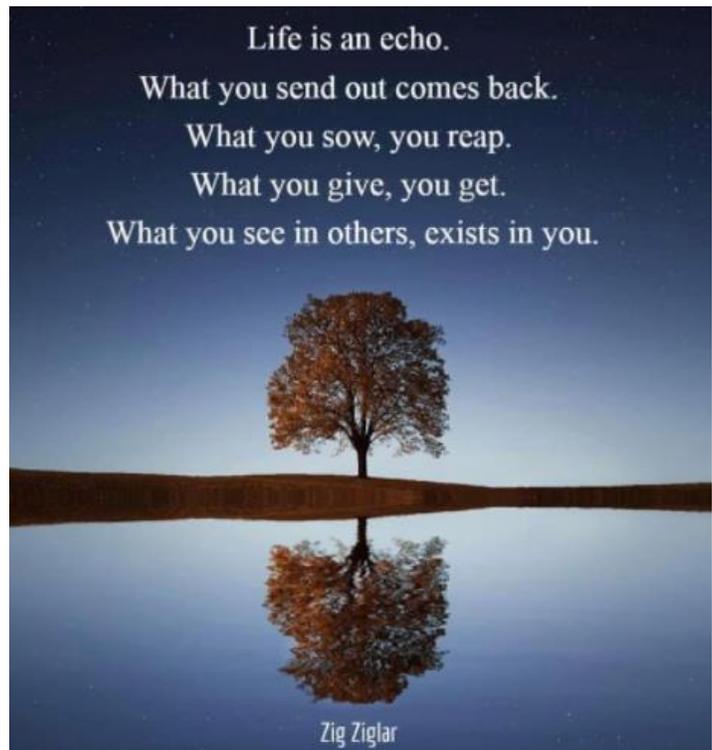
--Benjamin Franklin

# MEMES of WISDOM FOR April



YOUR GREATNESS  
IS NOT WHAT YOU HAVE  
IT'S WHAT YOU GIVE.

**"IN A LIBRARY WE ARE SURROUNDED BY MANY HUNDREDS OF DEAR FRIENDS IMPRISONED BY AN ENCHANTER IN PAPER AND LEATHERN BOXES."**  
**-RAPLH WALDO EMERSON**



**+Christian Symbol+**



**PASCHAL CANDLE**

This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some churches also use the candle during baptisms and funerals.

**AROUND SAINT ANN'S  
Monthly Schedule**

*See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.*

*Check out the website at: [www.saint-anns.org](http://www.saint-anns.org)*

**Sundays**

- 8:00 AM—Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 AM---Sunday School – On hold
- 10:00 AM—Holy Eucharist
- 7:30 PM—AA Meeting

**Mondays**

- 10:00AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry
- 6:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—April 11
- 8:00 PM—AA Meeting

**Tuesdays**

- 8:00 AM—Men's Group
- 6:00 PM—Children's Choir – On hold
- 7:00 PM—Adult Choir

**Wednesdays**

- 9:30 AM—12:00 PM Operation Hope
- 10:00 AM-2:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open

**Thursdays**

- 10:00 AM—AA Meeting
- 10:00 AM-2:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open
- 8:00 PM—AA Meeting

**Fridays**

**Saturday**

- 10:00 AM-2:00 PM—Thrift Shop Open
- 5:00 PM—Holy Eucharist



**DONKEY ALERT!**

It has been a while since we properly celebrated Palm Sunday, but, weather cooperating, we are planning to have a procession carrying our palms around the great lawn, led by one Theodore the Donkey, whom we understand is very people-oriented and likes to be petted. His arrival is planned for 9:00 AM so he can be available for photos and such between services.

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>**

**BRING OUT THE HATS!**

In times past, everyone had an Easter Bonnet for Easter Day. Fr. Jeff would love it if all who are able and willing would put on a hat for the 10:00 AM Easter service. Straw hats, fascinators, antique hats (if you can catch up with Connie Currie!), cowboy hats, whatever-you-like hats.

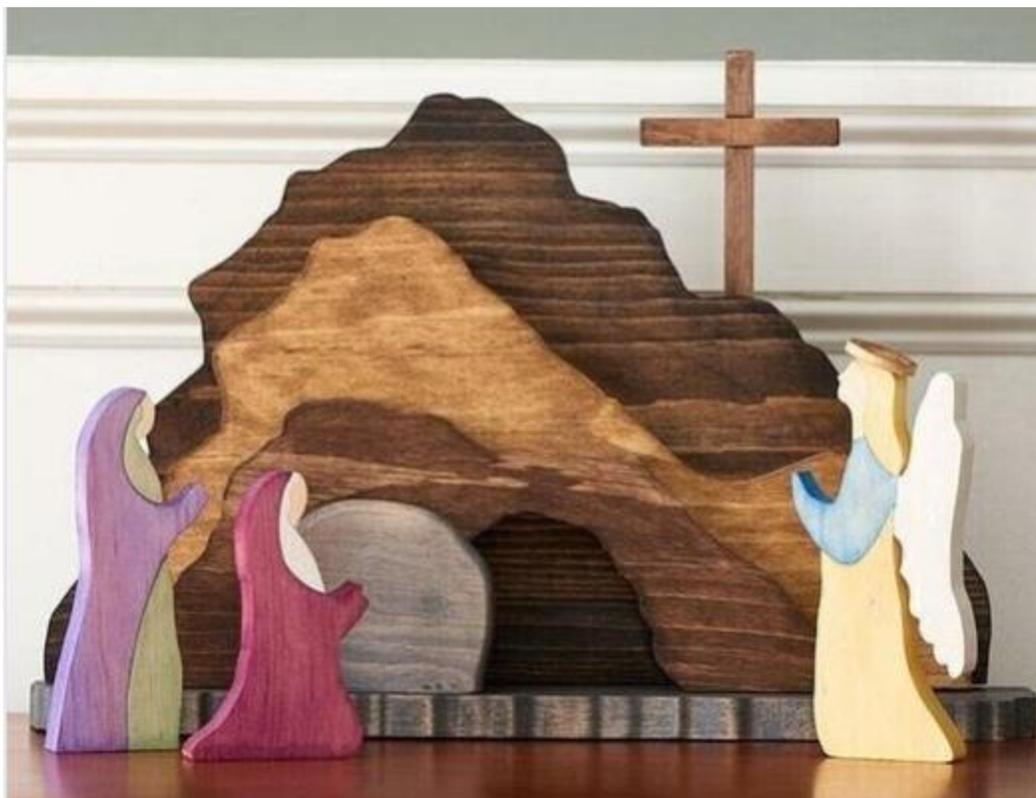


Easter is a day of joy and celebration. This year let your hat express your joy!

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