



He Has
Risen

APRIL 9TH 2023



April 1, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

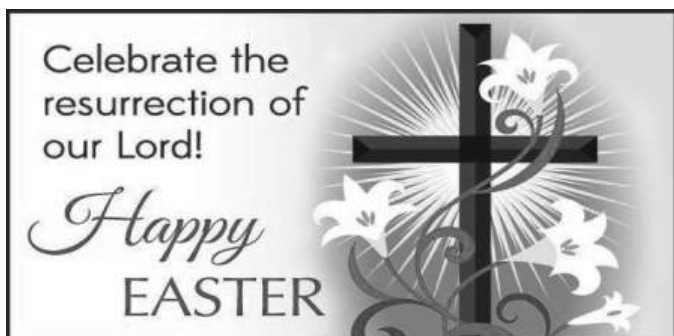
Many of you will remember that the Easter Season was a time to buy new clothes. My father would march the four of us boys to a once famous store called “Robert Hall”. After that chore, we were ready for church, family visits and food on Easter Sunday. Unfortunately, customs like that get lost, but even in the seminary, in my time, we collected clothes for the inner-city schools and parishes.

Clothes can symbolize a new life that is different from former ways of behavior. Christians began to worship Christ on Sundays as the first day of the week. Sometimes we need a new beginning. It is a good time now to renew your Baptismal vows. It was, and it is a time of grace. Had not God done all the deeds of Holy Week, there would be no hope that things would turn out desirably for the human race in the end. We can return to a better and more holy lifestyle, if we make the resurrected Body of Christ the work of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to sanctify us, the Eucharist means “thanksgiving” in Greek, and Christ makes himself present not only on Easter but every time that we receive Holy Communion.

Rejoice now that Christ is always with us. Have a Happy Easter every Sunday of the year. Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Patrick E. Sweeney



SATURDAY, APRIL 8th – HOLY SATURDAY

No 4:00pm Mass – Mass will be at 7:00pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 9th – EASTER SUNDAY

9:00am

Elizabeth Tallarico, requested by Joe and Mary Ellen Aylmer

11:00am

Our Parishioners

MONDAY, APRIL 10th – 8:00am

William O’Harra

TUESDAY, APRIL 11th – 8:00am

Angie Kolman, requested by Anne and Debbie Currier

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12th – 8:00am

Mary Buzitski, requested by Bertha Volack

THURSDAY, APRIL 13th – 8:00am

Michael Triola, requested by John and Rosemarie Davis

FRIDAY, APRIL 14th – 8:00am

Special Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 15th – 4:00pm

Rita Riddle, requested by Joe and Mary Ellen Aylmer

SUNDAY, APRIL 16th – EASTER SUNDAY

9:00am

Martha Syrnick, requested by Joe and Mary Beth Syrnick

11:00am

Sherri Currier, requested by Anne and Debbie Currier





Please remember your Church Weekly Offering. You can either mail it in or do it by Electronic Giving@www.HolyFamilyChurch.org/Give

The second collection this weekend will be for the Parish.

Due to the Publisher needing the Easter Bulletin in early the collection totals for the week of April 2nd will be in the April 9th bulletin.



In your prayers, you are asked to pray for all the sick of the parish and those who care for them especially, Ashley Brown, Christopher Browne, Megan Duffy, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, Jane Latta, Edward Lawnton, Candida Leodora, Lisa Long, Rocky Long, Maeve Mahon, Mary McCormick, Erin McFarlane, Megan McHugh, Floss Payne, Anthony Pelle, Ronald Rigler, Daniel Seddon, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Fred Smeltzer, Ava Snick, Frances Sprenkle, and Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr.

PRAYER LIST REQUEST

If you have someone or know someone who is sick and would like them listed under the **PRAYER REQUEST**, please call Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.



LCPL. Shane Canavan, Sgt. Shane Carlson, Sgt. Tyler Manigly, RTC Dominic Remolde, Captain Zach Schwatka, Col. Scott Shore, and Cpl. Christopher Starrett.



Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed.



SATURDAY, APRIL 8th

7:00pm

Grace Welsh--Charlotte Welsh--Jocelyn Welsh

SUNDAY, APRIL 9th

9:00am

Joseph Arturo

11:00am

Jocelyn Welsh



SATURDAY, APRIL 8th

7:00pm

Kathy Duffy

SUNDAY, APRIL 9th

9:00am

Mary Reed

11:00am

John Delaney



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7:00 pm

Lolita Bennett - Kathy Duffy - Walt Wood

SUNDAY, APRIL 9th

9:00am

Mary Reed

11:00am

John Delaney



MANNA CAN FOOD COLLECTION

The MANNA Canned Food Collection affords our faith community an opportunity to express concern for needy people living within the geographic area of our own Archdiocese. Many struggling families and individuals turn to our emergency food cupboards for support during times of crisis. While all ages are represented in the face of hunger, sadly the burden of poverty rests most heavily on our children. Their lives are blessed by the generosity of the faithful of our parishes.

AN EASTER PRAYER

Good and gracious God,
Our most glorious Creator,
As we greet the signs in nature around us of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,
In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted,
We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time.
The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality,
For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.
As we celebrate we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us,
By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us,
As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet.
We ask your special blessings each and every day on our President, Barack Obama.
Working with him may we strive to make this great country of ours a beacon of hope And justice in a world hungry for peace and so in need of your love.
We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.
Amen.



The Church Mass Book for 2023 is now opened. If you would like Masses said for this year contact Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.



Don't forget to get your 50/50 Raffle in for April.

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REFLECTIONS FOR EASTER

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

On a day not long ago, I happened to be stopped at a red light behind a large dump truck. There it was, filling my windshield and blocking any forward view, belching out its air brakes and plastered all over on its tailgate were red and yellow reflectors. High up on the top of its tailgate, were these words professionally printed: "It is what it is." Call that what you will, for yours truly it was a sample of "Dump Truck philosophy."

That puzzling proclamation -"it is what it is"- came to mind as I pondered what to produce as a spiritual reflection for this "Feast of feasts." From day one, the secular world has sought to deny that it ever happened. Whatever it is, it certainly is the basis of our faith and simultaneously a test of it.

St. Peter's early sermon presented in Acts today "nails it", as we might say. Hear him again: "*this man God raised on the third day and granted that He be visible.*" John's gospel proclaims that this same Peter accompanied by the younger disciple, presumably John, "saw and believed."

Despite all of Our Lord's prior hints, together with His outright predictions of it, still "they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead." It makes me ask myself and you at this juncture, "Do we understand"?

Dear sisters and brothers, I think we do understand that Jesus had to rise. We conclude that if He had not, then Jesus' story winds up in the ash heap of historical fiction. His death makes no sense. Happily we benefit from the truth of it. The empty tomb holding nothing more than the burial linens, appeals to our minds. But our hearts rejoice from the truth that Jesus is risen, never to die again. His promises are stamped with approval by God the eternal Father. His preaching ratified by the Holy Spirit.

Even though we are not always the best proclaimers of it, we believe that Jesus' resurrection saves us from any persistent pessimism we may feel as we note the way evil seems to prosper. Our baptismal promises, made for most of us through our godparents, make sense as a way of life in response to Christ's promises so wonderfully kept.

So, with our Scriptures at hand and our faith in our hearts, revitalized by the Easter proclamation, and backed up by Christ's very Church, we can face any skeptics with the truth of what we have heard and seen. In simple terms, sometimes found in the unlikeliest of places: "It is what it is." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



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