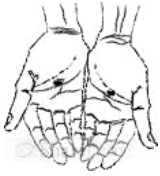


My Dear Friends and Parishioners,



Christ has risen! Christ has risen indeed!

This is the proclamation announcing the resurrection of our Lord. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, there would be no hope for humanity, but He did rise and with that event alone, promised His believers to an everlasting future. Not only have we been baptized into His death, but we are reminded that, we have also been baptized into His resurrection through our spiritual commitment to Him.

I invite you and your family to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, the most important event of our Christian Catholic Faith, this April 4th.

This year we will have the privilege of hosting the Mass of Chrism in our parish on Holy Tuesday, March 30th. The bishops of our diocese and priests united will join together in the sanctuary of Holy Family to celebrate the Eucharist and bless the Holy Oils that are used in the sacramental life of the Church. This is a unique event and I ask everyone to participate by attending this special celebration so our Church pews will be filled. Please make every effort to be present.

I wish you and yours a special Easter Greeting this year and look forwards to celebrating the Eucharist with you and your family.

In His Service, I remain



Easter Schedule

Below are the schedules for the liturgies of Holy Week. You are invited to participate during this, the Holiest of all Weeks for it is through these events reenacted that redemption came and we have been invited to share in the salvation of the Lord. Join us.

Sunday, March 28, 2010 Palm Sunday Mass 9:00 A.M.

Follow the path of Jesus triumphantly enters the Holy city of Jerusalem to the chants of Hosanna.

Holy Tuesday, March 30, 2010 Holy Mass of Chrism 7:00 P.M.

The clergy of the Diocese in union with the Bishop gather to bless the Holy Oils used in the sacramental liturgy of the Church. This special Mass will be celebrated in our parish of Holy Family.

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2010 Maundy Thursday Mass 7:00 P.M.

Join together as the Church commemorates the Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper followed by a procession and vesper service at the altar of Repose. This is the beginning of the Easter Triduum.

Good Friday, April 2, 2010 Mass of the PreSanctified 12:00 Noon

Stations of the Cross 3:00 P.M.
Bitter Lamentations 7:00 P.M.

We gather together on this Holy Day of Atonement where Jesus carried the Cross of Redemption. We will venerate the Holy Cross, and bless the symbolic grave, and in the evening sing the Passion of the day's event by the grave.

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2010 Easter Vigil Service 11:00 A.M.

The Lighting of the New Fire, the Blessing of the Paschal Candle and Holy Water set the stage for the Resurrection of our Lord. Following the service will be the traditional Easter Basket blessing. Persons who would like to represent the Apostles in the foot washing ceremony should contact Fr. Bruce.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010 Resurrection/Procession Mass 7:00 A.M.

2nd Mass of Resurrection 10:00 A.M.

We process through the Church with the resurrection symbols singing alleluias of triumph and remind of whom we are and why we gather each Sunday for worship continuing the Covenant Jesus gave us.

Easter Flowers

Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society are taking donations for Easter flowers. Special envelopes are in the narthex. Beautify our altars with spring flowers and lilies this Easter with your floral gift.

School of Christian Living Students

Parish youth are asked to participate in the processions of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The youth should gather in the church auditorium 15 minutes prior to the scheduled masses and they will enter the church together with their SOCL teachers for procession.

Blessing of Easter Food

All parishioners are encouraged to have the traditional Easter Foods blessed on Holy Saturday at 11:00 A.M. The foods normally include: bread, salt, eggs, a flesh food (ham, kielbasa), and butter...all of which are used for the Easter Sunday breakfast.

Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament on Good Friday

All parish organizations and faithful are asked to sign-up for the Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament on Good Friday. The registration sheet is in the narthex. Parish organizations are requested to fill their normal time slots:
SAMBS: 12 to 3 – PTO/Lectors/SOCL: 4 to 6 – YMSR: 6 to 8 pm

Saturday, March 20th, (for adults) and Saturday, March 27th (children and adults) the annual "Pisanki" Easter Egg Decorating classes will take place at 2:00 P.M. in the parish hall. Palm decorating will be only on the 27th. All are invited. Bring your friends and learn the art of the Pisanki and Palm Decorating.

Sunday, March 28th, the annual Palm Sunday Breakfast will be held after the 9:00 A.M. Mass (*there is only one Mass scheduled on Palm Sunday*) hosted by the PTO and SOCL Parents. Donation: Adult \$10.00, Child \$5.00. For catering purposes, reservations are requested. Please call Rosemary Pociask @ 724.861.0759 or Karen Bongiorno @ 412.754.1411.

Sunday, March 21st the annual SAMBS BAKE SALE between Sunday Masses in the parish auditorium.