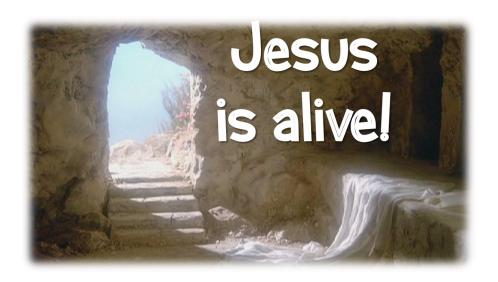


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Solemnity – The Resurrection of our Lord March 31, 2024



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Happy Easter to all our Parishioners and Friends as we celebrate our Father's greatest sacrifice through his Son Jesus Christ. Have a blessed Easter!

Fr. Mariusz and Holy Family Parish Committee

ENTRANCE HYMN (Traditional CFR-RSV Psalm 139:18, 5b-6a; 118:1-2) C. I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom. Alleluia.

R. O Lord, you have probed me and you know me; you know when I sit and when I stand. Alleluia.

C. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,

"His mercy endures forever."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;

the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING

COL 3:1-4

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. The Word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE "VICTIMAE PASCHALI LAUDES"

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeems;

Christ, who only is sinless,

Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:

The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring

What you saw, wayfaring.

"The tomb of Christ, who is living,

The glory of Jesus' resurrection;

bright angels attesting,

The shroud and napkin resting.

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;

to Galilee he goes before you."

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

1COR 5:7B-8A

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

GOSPEL JN 20:1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES

My dear brothers and sisters:

In this most sacred time, we recall the death and burial of our Lord Jesus Christ. In return for His great love, we keep watch. And, celebrating His glorious resurrection, we are filled with joy that knows no end. As the Apostle Paul teaches, by our baptism we have been buried with Christ into death. As Christ has risen from the dead, by our baptism we too are raised up to walk in

newness of life. We know that by baptism our old self has been crucified with Christ, so that we may no longer be slaves to sin. Let us remember, then, that we have died to sin, and are to live for God, in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Now that we have completed our preparation during this Great and Holy Lent, let us reaffirm the promises of our baptism, by which we once renounced all evil and turned our backs to that world which is the enemy of God, and promised to serve God faithfully in the Holy Catholic Church.



And so I ask you: Do you renounce the evil one? C.

R. I do.

C. Do you renounce all evil works?

- R. I do.
- C. Do you renounce all pomp, lies, and hypocrisy?
- R. I do renounce them.
- C. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?
- R. I do believe.
- C. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, our Lord, Who was born and Who suffered for us?
- R. I do believe.
- C. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?
- R. I do believe.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Hudson Tutko, Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Paul Koper, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marcy Raiford, Johanna Pardoe, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pełka, Bronisław Korus, Ewa Nowak, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Rosalie Clark, Joan Kotulsky, Karyn Muse, Jeff McBride, Carol Davelli, Helene Tylor, Peter Mantzaris, Richard Tomkovitz, Terry Kleckner, Meredith Straw, Kamil Dudała, Colleen Kortz, Lori Tomko, Cherles Koczera, Marlene Koczera, Jon Razukiewicz.

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Father Mariusz will visit them with the Holy Communion.

CLOSING HYMN

Christ is Risen (verses 1 & 2) – PNCC #124

FAITH SHARING

We are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement, or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord Who loves us in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain, and tensions of our day-to-day life.



Proclamation and witness-bearing are the main themes of today's readings. In the <u>first reading</u>, St. Peter shares his own experience of Christ's Resurrection and its joy with the members of the pagan Cornelius' family who received the Holy Spirit as he spoke and then were baptized.

In the <u>second reading</u>, St. Paul, bearing witness to his conversion experience and Faith in the risen Lord, reminds the

Colossians, "you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God! When Christ your Life, appears, then you, too, will appear with Him in glory." Today's <u>Gospel</u> explains the empty-tomb Resurrection experiences of Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John. Mary Magdalene proclaims her personal experience: "I have seen the Lord" (Jn 20:18).



EASTER GIVES MEANING TO OUR PRAYERS

Easter supports our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in and around us, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven, hearing our prayers, and so gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayers.

Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears.

It reminds us that life is worth living. It also gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.

EASTER FLOWERS PURCHASED AND DONATED

Our church looks beautiful with all those Easter flowers that were purchased from your offerings. Thank you for your generosity.

Special thanks to Homestead Lowe's Store for donated Easter lilies, tulips and hydrangeas.





SAMBS MEETINGS AND MISSION COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Apr 7, 2024; May 12, 2024

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, March 31
Sunday, April 7
Sunday, April 14
Sunday, April 21
Sunday, April 28
Sunday, April 28

Joe Parknavy, Ed Goralczyk
Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence
Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski
Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong
Don Newcamp, George Jobes



NATIONAL MISSION & EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

National Mission & Evangelism Workshop will be on April 12-14th at St. Barbara Parish, Houtzdale, PA. All pastors and the laity representatives from each parish are encouraged to attend.

HOLY FAMILY CEMETERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Spring is here and the grass is growing at our parish cemetery. I ask that ALL ground level artificial decorations be removed by mid-April and taken home for storage or disposal as we no longer offer refuse removal. All decorations removed last year are behind the maintenance shed and are available for pickup. Any decorations remaining there will be discarded. Please do not use the dirt bin for disposal as it contaminates the topsoil. Artificial decorations that are placed on the monuments are encouraged as it really helps the grounds crew mission. Live planted flowers are fine and add to the beauty of our "church expectant". Flowers will be removed when overtaken by weeds. Again, we could use any assistance (even a few hours a season) as we are getting older and fewer in numbers. Please contact me at 412-610-1943 if there are any questions. Thank You and God Bless.

Tom Popovic, Cemetery Coordinator

SPRING CRAFT SHOW

The Spring Craft Show will be held on **Saturday**, **April 20**, **2024 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.** We are asking for Chinese Auction Baskets and/or Lottery Tickets to be donated. In addition, we would like to try something new -- a gift card tree. Donate a gift card of your choosing. Baskets, gift cards, and lottery tickets should be turned in to Kristen by Sunday, April 7. For those who will not be able to attend the show but would still like to support the event, we will be selling Chinese Auction Tickets and 50/50 Raffle Tickets after mass on Sunday, April 14.

If you would like to donate baked goods for our baked goods table, you can bring them down on Friday, April 19, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, or the morning of the show. Baked goods will be most helpful. Polish food, drinks, and baked goods will be available for purchase the day of the show.

Canned pop donations are needed for the Spring Show -- especially Coke, Diet Coke, Root Beer, and Dr. Pepper. We do not need bottled water. Also, donations to help defray the cost of the meat and produce would be appreciated.

We will need help Friday, April 19, between 10:00 am - 5:00 pm with the food prep work. In addition, we are asking for volunteers on the day of the show who can help the crafters unload their cars at 8:00 am and then reload them at 3:00 pm. If you are able to help, please let Kristen know.

Thank you in advance for your help and support for the craft show. All proceeds from our show will benefit the church.

Remember: when you see the event on Facebook, please share it and invite your family and friends. Any questions, please call Kristen Korenoski -- 412-848-9215.

FOOD DRIVE THANKS

PNA Lodge P132 extends a sincere "thank you" to members of our YMSR for their help packing and delivering the food collected to Intersection Food Pantry. Workers there were overwhelmed by Holy Family's generosity. Thank you to everyone for your support.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 31, 2024 – Solemnity - Resurrection of our Lord 10:00 AM – Holy Mass

For All Parishioners

Monday, April 1, 2024 – Easter Monday

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 – Easter Tuesday

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 – Easter Wednesday

Thursday, April 4, 2024 – Easter Thursday

Friday, April 5, 2024 – Easter Friday

Saturday, April 6, 2024 – Easter Saturday

Sunday, April 7, 2024 – 2nd Easter Sunday

10:00 AM - Holy Mass

† Marianne Keith – requested by Natalie & Dave Kraft

4/14/24 Su 10:00 AM 3 Easter Sunday

† Mildred Kotulsky – requested by Barbara Kostovny

† Barbara Hull – requested by Henrietta & Terry Kleckner

4/21/24 Su 10:00 AM 4 Easter Sunday

† Raymond Kostovny – requested by Dolores Zoretich 4/28/24 Su 10:00 AM 5 Easter Sunday

† Bonnie Zaucha – requested by Adam Lesnicky

4/30/24 Tu 10:00 AM Solemnity – St. Joseph the Worker

† Irene Jugan – requested by Walt Cook Family

5/3/24 Fr 10:00 AM Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross

† Bonnie ZAucha - requested by Jim & Barbara Rippon

5/5/24 Su 10:00 AM 6 Easter Sunday

† Laura Adamek – requested by Cathi Glanz

5/9/24 Th 10:00 AM Solemnity – Ascension of our Lord

† George & Irene Jugan – requested by Popovic Family

5/19/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity - Pentecost

RESERVED

5/26/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Holy Trinity

† Phillip Kotulsky – requested by his children

5/30/24 Th 10:00 AM Solemnity – Corpus Christi

For God's blessing for Anna Dryfik (Birthday)

6/2/24 Su 10:00 AM Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi

OPEN

6/7/24 Fr 10:00 AM Solemnity – Sacred Heart of Jesus

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