

April 16, 2017

The Resurrection of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 15 Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

10:30 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

Monday, April 17

8:45 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

Tuesday, April 18

8:45 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

Wednesday, April 19

8:45 a.m. In Honor of the Madonna of Health
By Angela Gross

Thursday, April 20 NO MASS

Friday, April 21

8:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Theodore Church

Saturday, April 22

5:00 p.m. +Andrew Peterson
By Nancy and Charlie Guerriere

Sunday, April 23

8:00 a.m. +The Kane and Urbano Families
By Bernadette and Andy Ryan

10:30 a.m. +Theresa Risoldi
By The Saksa Family

and the early growth of springtime, we remember the resurrection and we are comfortable with it.

Every time we hear the news of the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth we need to be astonished, amazed, delighted. It's like waking up and suddenly remembering it's our birthday, or that today is the first day of summer vacation - even though we already knew it when we fell asleep. In fact, that is a good way for us believers to hear the news of the resurrection. When we walked into church on Easter we were asleep, unconscious, distracted. But now we have heard the Alleluia, the Exultet, the Gloria, and the Good News of the Resurrection. Now we are finally awake; we are finally alive because of the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.

The Good News is never old news. God didn't create us once; God is creating us always. God didn't save us once; God is always saving us. Peter hustled himself out to the tomb that same morning and saw that it was empty. I wonder if Peter did that very same thing every day from then on. That's what we should do. Every morning when we get up, we should run ourselves out to the tomb and peek inside. Wow. The tomb is empty. Alleluia. Jesus is raised from the dead!

If we did receive the Good News again with every new day, a whole lot of other things would also change for us. That is of course the reason for doing it: everything has indeed changed for us. Everything is new for us. Christ is risen: we are saved. Death no longer has the last word over us. Weakness and failure and sin no longer determine our future and we dare not let them determine our present.

No more is it that Jesus' resurrection is nonsense; now it is nonsense to keep this Good News to ourselves. It is nonsense to remain fearful or depressed. Yes, things will still fall apart for us. Friends and family members will die. We will still miss opportunities to do good and sometimes we will choose to do things that are wrong. Evil and sadness will seem to pile up our life as in a tomb. But the women will still come back from that tomb and report that they find it to be empty. God's love for us does not



The women who went to the tomb early this morning returned with an astonishing report. So astonishing that everyone who heard it thought their report was nonsense. It is important for us to share in both of those emotions. Otherwise, we risk taking Jesus' resurrection for granted. Of course, Jesus rose from the dead. He said he would rise (as the men in dazzling garments reminded the women). He said he would rise, and he did. We have heard this from our youth, we have seen the paintings. We have read the Gospels and seen the movies. Like the sunrise

make sense; it is a miracle, a gift, and always a surprise. Let it be a surprise again tomorrow and next week and next month. Jesus is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Church & Religious Education Calendar

April 17: No Religious Ed Classes
April 23, 3 p.m.: Divine Mercy Devotion
April 24, 6:15p.m.: 8th Grade in church for Confirmation practice; all other grades at school.
April 29, 6:30 p.m.: Confirmation Retreat



Stephen, Anthony Vitale,
Bridget M., Savannah Paine,
Bobby Gross, Michael Dante,
Keira Hedges, Maryann
Vaughan, Robert Dicheck,
Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine,
Maryann Vaughan, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane,
Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Kerry
Kraft, Cathy Moncello, Peter S., Mary Supple,
Mary Rupell, Patty Mahoney, Susan Reynolds

Bishop's Annual Appeal

As of: 4/3/17-Pledges \$5,530 from 40 families,
which represents 79.9 % of \$7,000 Goal



Pilgrimage to the
Divine Mercy Shrine
Stockbridge Massachusetts
Saturday, June 17th
\$55 per person
Board 7AM - 137
Roseberry St. Phillipsburg
Contact Camille 908-387-
0001 for reservations



March 26: \$2,250.05; April 2: \$2,392
Lenten Mission: \$1,465.60

Divine Mercy Novena at St. Theodore Church:

April 14 thru April 23

How to pray Divine Mercy Chaplet!

Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen. **4. Hail Mary:** Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen. **5. The Apostle's Creed:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified; died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades: Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times) Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Optional Closing Prayer: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.