

March 27, 2016 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 26

8:00 p.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

Easter Sunday, March 27

7:30 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

10:30 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

Monday, March 28

8:45 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

Tuesday, March 29

8:45 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

Wednesday, March 30

8:45 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

Thursday, March 31

8:45 a.m. Easter Mass Remembrance

First Friday, April 1

8:45 a.m. +Mary Anna Grigliano
By The McLaughlin Family

First Saturday, April 2

8:45 a.m. The Altar Rosary Society
5:00 p.m. +Della Rebinski
By Henry Rebinski

Sunday, April 3

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Theodore Church
10:30 a.m. +Theresa Risoldi
The Saksa Family



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 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 Jesus' resurrection that 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 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!



Give a Gift this Easter with a Special Masses Remembrance!

As a Spiritual Gift, have your Family and Friends remembered in the Solemn Easter Masses (8 Masses) offered here at St. Theodore Church.

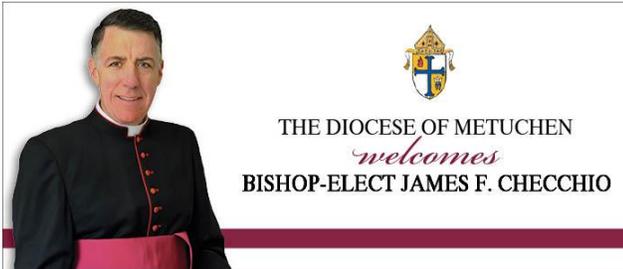
Bishop's Annual Appeal

To date, the Development Department has received pledges to the Bishop's Annual Appeal totaling \$ 5,896.00 and payments totaling \$ 5,691.00 from 46 parishioners. This represents 78.6% of our \$7,500.00 goal.



The beauty of St Theodore Church is enhanced each year at Easter time by generous donations from our parishioners.

Our Offering: Palm Sunday: \$2,700.
Last Year: \$3,589.11



You have to be in it to win it!!!!
Drawing: Sunday, May 29, 2011, 11:30 in the Parish Center.

1st Prize: 40% of total,
2nd Prize: 6% of total
3rd Prize: 4% of total.
Ticket Price \$10.00 each

(Winners need not be present at the time of the drawing). Please visit Rosarians' Gift Shop in the Parish Center to buy tickets. Proceeds will be applied to Parish Expenses.



Stephen, Elizabeth
Ondroczyk, Rosaria
Incantalupo, Anthony
Vitale, Bridget M.,

Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Michael Dante, Keira H., Maryann Vaughan, Charlie Guerriere, Sr., Robert Dicheck, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Eleanor D., Kerry Kraft

Altar Rosary Gift Shop



Grocery Store Gift Cards can be purchased from our Altar Rosary Society Gift Shop before and after all

weekend Masses. The purchase of gift cards helps our church. Please consider purchasing cards for your weekly or monthly food shopping.



A large selection of *Religious Articles* is available for purchase from the **Altar Rosary Society Gift Shop**. With First Holy Communion and Confirmation fast approaching, please

stop by the Gift Shop to select a gift that will be treasured for a life time. If you don't find what you had in mind, the Rosarians would be happy to order it for you.



March & April Schedule

March 27, after the 10:30 Mass: Easter Egg Hunt only (no Hospitality Sunday)
Mar. 21 & Mar. 28: No Religious Education & Parish & Rel. Ed. Offices Closed
Apr. 4, 6:15: 7th Graders & Parents at church
Apr. 6, 7:00: Altar Rosary Society Meeting
Apr. 11, 6:15: 2nd Grade at church (First Communion practice) Please be on time.
Apr. 16, 2p-6p: 7th Grade Retreat
Apr. 18, 6:15: 2nd Grade at church (practice)
Apr. 23, 6:00: 2nd Grade at church w/parents
Apr. 24, 12:00: 2nd Grade at church (report to the Parish Center) Please be on time! First Communion at 12:30

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