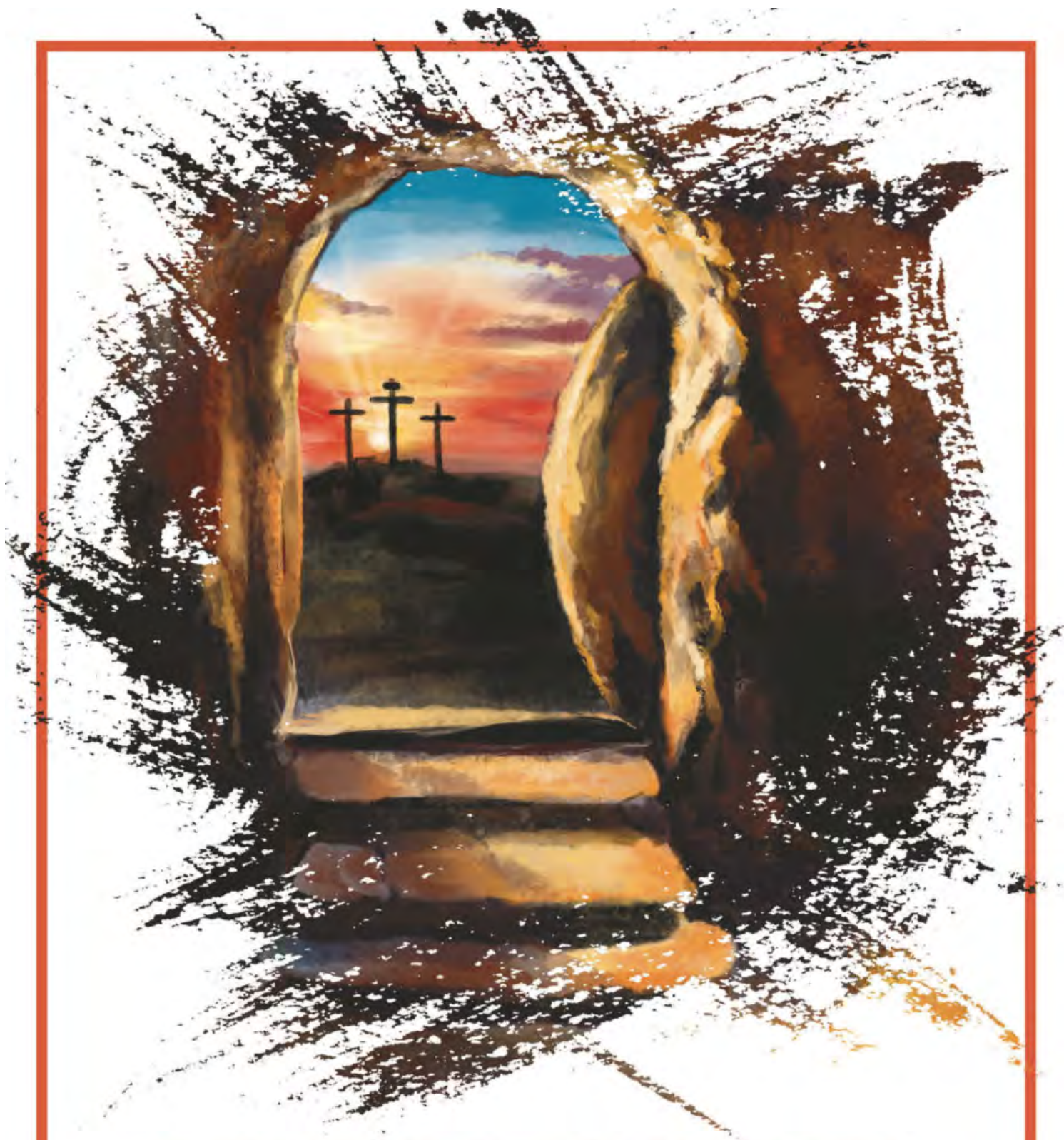




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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ~ March 31, 2024



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Dear Friends,

AN EASTER REFLECTION

In December, 1875, the German ship, *Deutschland*, sank in a storm in the North Sea. Among the passengers were five Franciscan Sisters travelling to take up a mission in St. Louis. The young nuns sacrificed their lives so that others might be rescued. Staying below deck to help others, as the waters rose they clasped hands and were heard praying: "O CHRIST, O CHRIST, COME QUICKLY."

Profoundly moved by the story, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote a poem dedicated to the five sisters entitled, *The Wreck of the Deutschland*. In the concluding verse, he appeals

*Let Him Easter in us, be a dayspring to
The dimness of us, as his reign rolls.*

Let Him *Easter In Us*—it is a term that means steering toward the East, into the Light

Today, *Let Him Easter In Us!*

Most of us, Brothers and sisters, stand today at the entrance of the empty tomb, and like the women in Matthew, Mark and Luke, or Mary of Magdala, John and Peter, in the Gospel of John, we are puzzled. For them, the emptiness was not only in the tomb, it was in their hearts. They had walked with Jesus, heard his teaching, been touched by his healing hands, seen his authority calling them to a kingdom where healing is possible, forgiveness is real and love is overwhelming.

Now all that is gone. As they peer into the dark hole from which even the body of their beloved Jesus has vanished, the empty tomb is a chasm as wide as hell itself.

'Then the men in dazzling garments appear and reassure them—He has been raised. Today, for you and for me—is that real? Oh yes, we believe in it—in the Resurrection—in Easter; We repeat it (Happy Easter), we profess it (on the third day, he rose from the dead), but more often than not, in our lives, we are still standing at the entrance of the empty tomb, still seeing nothing, still seeing emptiness, and the emptiness that dwells in the human heart.

In lonely marriages, lonely singleness, in lonely widowhood—*LET HIM EASTER IN US.*

In unemployment or soul-deadening labor or unrealized dreams—*LET HIM EASTER IN US.*

In the poor who do not have what they need, and the rich who are choking on excess—*LET HIM EASTER IN US.*

In the lives of families that are broken and alienated from one another—*LET HIM EASTER IN US.*

In the lives of those who are never touched and never hear a kindness spoken—*LET HIM EASTER IN US.*

In hospitals and nursing homes and forgotten apartments where depression exercises its bitter rule—*LET HIM EASTER IN US.*

In the private souls of those who are struggling with their sexual identity—*LET HIM EASTER IN US.*

In those trapped by the shame of alcoholism, drug addiction, gambling, pornography—*LET HIM EASTER IN US.*

In those who have lost a child, a spouse, a parent, a beloved friend—*LET HIM EASTER IN US.*

In the lives of the sick, the disabled, survivors of war who have to learn to go on without the use of legs, arms, reliable organs, or the illusion that this life will last forever—*LET HIM EASTER IN US.*

In the starving, the displaced, the homeless, and the hopeless—*LET HIM EASTER IN US.*

These are the empty tombs into which we peer. And today it doesn't so much matter what the women witness to, or Peter or John or Mary of Magdala. We cannot simply repeat the witness of others. We have to go down into the empty places of our lives and seek and find the risen Lord there. And we have to make that encounter with him the central goal of our lives, starting right now. No aspect of our lives, our work, our dreams, is more important than our personal experience of the risen Lord, who can then touch us in all those places. We have to walk with Jesus, embrace his teaching, feel his healing in the darkest places of our lives where nothing seems to live.

When Jesus Eaters in us, we can gaze fearlessly into the places in our lives where there is only emptiness and find life.

O CHRIST, O CHRIST, COME QUICKLY!

O GOD, O GOD,

LET HIM EASTER IN US—LET HIM EASTER IN US.

Christ Is Risen! He IS Truly Risen!

**A blessed Easter to all,
Fr. Ron**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

On the Second Sunday of Easter, April 7th, at the 11:00AM Mass, OLMC will be celebrating the **RCIA Reception of Baptized Christians into Full Communion in the Catholic Church.** These Catholic candidates will be receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

The RCIA candidates are: Ava Brett, Thomas Connors, Micaela Loa, Stephanie McConville, Wendoly Mora, Frank Ortiz, and Jackeline Ponce. All seven will receive Confirmation. Three will also receive the Eucharist for the first time. They have been on the RCIA spiritual journey since Fall 2023 guided by an inspiring RCIA team. These candidates deepened their Catholic faith by engaging in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and opening their hearts, minds, and souls to the Holy Spirit.

The OLMC parish family is invited to pray for these candidates to continue to share the Gospel with others and be disciples and missionaries of our Lord and Savior.



Ministry of Motherhood (MOMs)
MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY
APRIL 3RD | 9:15AM | PARISH CENTER

GUEST SPEAKER: SALLY ANN SKORIC
"IDENTIFYING GOD'S GIFTS WITHIN"

Broadway singer, and Mount Carmel's own, Sally Ann Skoric will be sharing her story and talent at the MOMs April Meeting this Wednesday. She will discuss how identifying God's gifts within ourselves can help bring happiness to the world and how, as mothers, we can assist our children in recognizing the gifts God has given them.

MOMS OF ALL AGES WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!
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STEWARDSHIP

"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." As Christ was raised up, today's 2nd Reading invites us to lift our minds and spirits to that same realm, and "what is above" is that Kingdom of God. And so, on this Easter Sunday, think of what is above and use your gifts, especially the gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**, to make it more present in this world as well.

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$19,271. On this Easter Sunday may the Lord pour out His gracious blessings on all who announce the Good News, **Christ is Risen, He is truly Risen**, and generously support the work of the parish to be its herald. online giving, **WeShare**, is a great way to help the parish respond to that call.



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES
AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART
CELEBRANT: CARDINAL JOSEPH TOBIN, C.Ss.R

Our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2024.

May 5, 2024 12:00 Noon 5 & 25 Years

Deadline to Register—Thursday, April 25, 2024

June 2, 2024 12:00 Noon 50 Years

Deadline to Register—Tuesday, May 21, 2024

To register contact Patti Roche
proche@olmcridgewood.com, 201.444.2000 x200

Note: If your Silver or Gold Anniversary celebration was delayed due to COVID (or for any other reason) you may still join us this year.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

THIS WEEK'S AoOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

3/22/24	\$100	Fatina Sibani, #719
3/23/24	\$50	Anne DeSalvo, #265
3/24/24	\$50	Holly Tedesco, #752
3/25/24	\$50	Patty Connelly, #841
3/26/24	\$50	Megan Mathias, #497
3/27/24	\$50	M. K. Sheridan, #1452
3/28/24	\$50	Kristy DaSilva, #554

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Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish & the OLMC MOMs Ministry were recently honored at the Annual York Street Project's Celebration of Hope Gala. Accepting the Sr. Kristin Funari Legacy of Hope Award for 35 years of partnership in helping to break the cycle of poverty are Linda English, MOMs Founder; Anne Denyeau; MOMs Mentor; & Deirdre Costello, past MOMs president.



OLMC parishioners seated with Susanne Byrne, Executive Director of the York Street Project (far right).

The Church Welcomes...



The following 25 children who were baptized in Christ during the months of January & February

Charlie John Bruno, son of Christopher & Brittany
Emilia Marie Castellanos, daughter of Eduardo & Olga
Luca Geraldo Castillo Polanco, son of Luis & Colasa
Lucy Theresa Chemi, daughter of Eric & Kelly
Eleanor Deborah Cuneo,
daughter of Stephen & Maureen
Lucia Rose Dierking, daughter of David & Alessandria
Jonathan deSenna, son of Michael & Elizabeth
Douglas Santhiago Hernandez,
son of Douglas & Gennany
River Rose Incorvaia, daughter of Rocco & Jessica
Connor Thomas Johnson, son of Nicholas & Sarah
London Sydney & Reyna Isabella Kerlew,
daughters of Ryan & Annette
Anthony Allen & Dawson Drew Lewinski,
sons of Tyler & Tabitha
Lyra Beth Londono, daughter of Sergio & Rosemarie
Joshua Walter Medina, son of David & Jacqueline
Celine Christina Muchnik, daughter of Serge & Maria
John Michael Anthony Nafash, son of Mark & Amanda
Ava Lucia Rance, daughter of Brent & Daria
Cameron Charles Rough, son of Mathew & Jessica
Jack James Rodriguez, son of David & Courtney
Michael James Ryan, son of James & Jacqueline
Jacob Robert Stella, son of Andrew & Ashley
Emma Kathleen Velarde Garcia,
daughter of Carlos & Zahira
Teresa Rose Vona, daughter of Justin & Jessica

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Timothy Bombace, Aedan Cannon, Edgar Delgado,
 Nick Haddad, Durkin McCarthy, John Morano,
 James Nardelli, Robert Smith

SPRING SEASON SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Thursday Mornings—10:30AM-11:45AM

Parish Center Small Meeting Room

All are welcome to join the spring session

Thursday mornings—April 18-June 20.

We hope you will consider joining this committed group of participants to read and ponder the upcoming Sundays Scriptures before attending weekend Mass. The prayerful insights we receive, and faith sharing we offer one another, are well received gifts.

We use the Lectionary workbooks and other resources that are provided each week. All you need is to come with an open heart. **RSVP to Linda English is requested from new participants for material preparation. 201.207.5920, lenglish122@gmail.com.**

A WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER

Saturday Mornings—9:30AM-11:00AM

April 27th through June 15th

Parish Center Meeting Room

All parishioners are invited to participate in an exciting study by Dr. Edward Sri, accompanying our Blessed Mother Mary in a biblical walk through the Holy Land. Through short presentations, a beautiful study book and engaging videos, we will better understand why The Blessed Mother is called Jesus' Mother and our Mother. We hope to develop a closer relationship with the Virgin Mary and, through her, with her Divine Son, Jesus.

This study will be conducted in Spanish.
 Registration is required.

To register and/or for more information, contact:
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 Alba Ludmer: albaludmer@yahoo.com



**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
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Everyone is invited to participate in PEA. Stop by the chapel at any time or better yet sign up for an hour that is good for you to help keep the door open to anyone seeking peace, seeking God.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 2-3PM, 7-8PM; Mondays: 1-2PM, 2-3PM, 4-5PM;
Thursdays: 4-5PM, 9-10PM; Saturdays: 9-10AM, 3-4PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

The PEA Chapel will reopen tomorrow, April 1, at 7AM

**Men's Weekend Retreat at Loyola
May 3-5, 2024**

Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown, NJ

**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SPENT QUIET TIME
LISTENING TO THE LORD?**

Please join Men from our parish family for a quiet listening Retreat. A Retreat is a time to come away from the busy world and reflect on your spiritual life. The weekend Retreat theme is: "*Being on Mission with the Jesuits*". For example, our decision to marry, career path decisions, where to live decisions and, most importantly, our spiritual decisions. The weekend includes a detailed review of the Retreat Theme, Daily Mass, Reconciliation, a Healing Mass, optional private consultations with retreat leaders, outdoor stations of the cross and generous amounts of free time for personal prayer and reflection. It is truly a wonderful experience, and the cost is a free will offering. All are welcome at Loyola regardless of financial status. For more information contact:

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To register, visit www.loyola.org or
use this QR code.



Dear Msgr. Ron, Frs. Frank & Jakov and
Parishioners of OLMC,

The great feast of Easter is here once again to renew our fervent hope and faith that we have victory over sin and evil. By His death He destroys our death and by His resurrection, He restores our life. May this holy season of Easter celebrated mostly during the spring, when vitality returns to the land after the desolation of winter and nature's cycle of life, death and rebirth is at its most visible bring you and your loved ones more than renewal or rebirth but a resounding victory in all that you do, and bless you with unbound grace and new hope.

Fr. Felix Ugwuozor & OneHopeChildren, Inc.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. April 1	7:30PM Men's Cornerstone
Tue. April 2	3:45PM Jr. High 7A (PC)
	7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. April 3	9:15AM MOMs Monthly Meeting (PC)
	3:45PM Jr. High 7B (PC)
	7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal
	7:15PM WCST Team 23 (MR)
	7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
	7:30PM Quiroz Confirmation Group (REC1)
Thurs. April 4	6:00PM NCW 3rd Community (NCW-A)
Fri. April 5	7:00PM Inspire: Young Adult Ministry (NCW)
Sat. April 6	9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym)
	9:30AM Spanish Bible Study Team (Library)
	6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

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First Saturday Devotion

SATURDAY APRIL 6TH | DAILY MASS CHAPEL | FOLLOWING 8:30AM MASS

Everyone's invited to First Saturday Devotion for the intention of consoling and making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please come to pray the rosary with us and meditate on the mysteries as Our Lady requested at Fatima.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Joan Donegan Alsas, Gilbert Badillo, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Art Carpenter, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D'Gerolamo, Kenneth Gershbort, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Patricia Haug, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Joseph Letiza, Anna Lobascio, Joel Lustberg, Cambell McArthur, Margaret Peak, Mary Kathleen Ramge, Cathy Ricciuto, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Vincent Salvati, Don Strittmatter, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Dennis Tomala, Walter John Zelop, Jr.

Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, April 1

- + 6:30AM **Walter Matesic**
req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich
- 8:30AM **Special Intention of Bryan, Yoomi, Brandon & Jennifer Uber**
req Steven & Yvonne Uber
- +12:00NN **Walter Engel**
req The Engel Family

Tuesday, April 2

- + 6:30AM **Giovanni Radossi**
req His Family
- + 8:30AM **John, Marion & Kathy Minicus**
req The Minicus Family
- +12:00NN **William Walters**
req Mary Leale

Wednesday, April 3

- + 6:30AM **Luis Poblete Vera**
req His Family
- + 8:30AM **John Gerard Redl**
req His Family
- +12:00NN **Greg Stetzel**
req The Pulford Family

Thursday, April 4

- + 6:30AM **Luis Poblete Vera**
req His Family
- + 8:30AM **John Joseph Hyland**
req Celeste O'Malley & Family
- + 12:00NN **Francine Pensac**
req Her Family

Friday, April 5

- + 6:30AM **Luis Poblete Vera**
req His Family
- 8:30AM **Special Intention of the Messineo Family**
req the Williams Family
- + 12:00NN **Peter Jacullo**
req Kathleen & Gardner Yeaw

Saturday, April 6

- + 8:30AM **Joseph Anthony Sidote, Jr.**
req Barbara & Joanne Sidote
- + 5:30PM **Anne R. Lodewick**
req The Lodewick Family

Sunday, April 7

- + 8:00AM **Peter Seibel**
req Diane & Terry Lynch
- + 9:30AM **Frank Engel**
req The Engel Family
- 11:00AM **For the People of the Parish**
- +12:30PM **Mary Lou Cain**
req Charles Cain
- + 3:00PM **JoAnn Loisselle**
req Sally & Paul Morris
- + 6:30PM **Georgia Troiano**
req Jane & Ray Benedetto

**THURSDAY EVENING ROSARY
OUR LADY'S CHAPEL—7:30PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

1. Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

For the first time in the house of a Gentile, represented by the Roman officer Cornelius, Peter announces the *kerygma*, the essential expression of the Christian faith. This word announces that (1) Jesus was sent by God and empowered by the Spirit, (2) went about healing and doing good, (3) was crucified, died and rose to life, (4) was seen by witnesses (5) whom He commissioned to continue His mission, (6) for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of new life in God. Peter recognizes the privilege that is his, and others, in being a witness of this Jesus, and, in a revelation that surprises him, that the Christ now calls him (Peter) to announce this to the gentile world.

2. Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

(presider's choice)

The invitation in both readings, either one of which may be chosen by the Presider, is the same—to cast out our former way of life, to live anew in and with the presence of the Risen Christ. In Colossians, it is represented as the choice between what is above and what is below. In Corinthians it is the choice between leavened (the old yeast) and unleavened (the fresh batch of dough). In both cases, believers are urged to live in the power of Christ's Resurrection, a power that can bring life and hope to all the believer does and to everyone with whom the believer lives.

3. John 20:1-9

The excerpted reading seems to stop short. Mary, (Magdalene) has been at the tomb, presumably with the other women for a proper anointing of Jesus' body. But it is not there, so she runs to tell Peter. Now he runs to the tomb, with the unnamed disciple (the one Jesus loves—John). The funeral wrappings are described and some scholars believe the description means that they (the wrappings) continue to preserve the contours of the body. John believes, Peter does not. In any case, the empty tomb holds a mystery and serves as a reminder that coming to faith, in its fullness, is no simple task.

Or **Luke 24:13-35** (presider's choice)

Distressed by the death of their Lord and friend and by reports by some women that He has been seen, raised from the dead, two disciples walk a dusty and painful road out of Jerusalem. They encounter a stranger who opens their eyes to a true Messiah and, in a shared meal at the end of the journey, their eyes are opened to Who that stranger really was—Jesus, the Resurrected Lord and Messiah.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Am I an Easter person? How does my life show it?
2. Does my life truly reflect the happiness and joy of living out the Resurrection of Jesus? Why or why not?
3. Easter's gifts are hope and peace: Where is this needed in my life today?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS *(subject to change)*

Sat. 4/6	5:30PM	Fr. Jakov
Sun. 4/7	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Frank
	11:00AM	Fr. Ron
	12:30PM	Fr. Frank
	3:00PM	Fr. Andres
	6:30PM	Fr. Jakov



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