

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**PLEASE CELEBRATE THE ENTIRE EASTER SEASON FOR FIFTY DAYS TO PENTECOST**

Most Catholics recognize Lent as a Season – a 6 week season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We say to each other, “What are you doing for Lent?” “How are you doing with your Lenten resolutions?”

Most people, not just Catholics are very conscious of the Christmas Season – or as the secular world calls it - the Holiday Season. We’re all familiar with its very elaborate presence in our lives.

But what about Easter? What about the Easter Season? In our Church this unique, glorious Season from Easter to Pentecost Sunday, this 50 day celebration of Christ’s Resurrection, is the most important and glorious Season of all the Seasons. But this is so very different in our everyday perception because our secular culture doesn’t even recognize the Easter Season *at all*. An outsider to our country might well interpret Easter Sunday just as Lent’s dramatic finale rather than the beginning of the greatest Season of the Church year. Once Easter arrives, spring is here and our culture turns its attention away from Easter to many other things. Practically speaking, in our country, Easter is already gone, over and done with. **But this must not be the case for us believers.**

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! We proclaim this, we celebrate this, and we must do our best to understand this and what it means in our lives for all the seven beautiful weeks of the Easter Season. We need the complete Easter Season. It takes more than a day, or even a week to recognize ourselves and each other as Easter people.

Jesus has lived, suffered, died and rose from the dead all because He loves and saves us as Our Lord and Redeemer. And we, as a church, need to take this whole Easter Season to absorb and be formed as a people by this overwhelming saving reality. Everything Jesus does gives meaning and hope to the world and to our own lives in the face of so much evil and despair that’s in the world and even sometimes in our own lives. Every year the Easter Season is Christ’s answer to hopelessness – as long as we clearly recognize it as a genuine “Season” and consciously celebrate it for all the 50 days right up to Pentecost Sunday.

As Christ’s disciples today, He calls on us to be the proclaimers of His Easter Gospel of Life. We stand up for life and for the dignity of every human life, because Jesus loves every human being and gives immeasurable dignity to every human person. Our late Holy Father, Saint John Paul II told us that we – Christ’s disciples – are in a great struggle with a culture of death. We proclaim Christ’s Easter Gospel of Life to a world fascinated by death – abortion, later term partial birth abortions, assisted suicide, capital punishment, racism and terrorism – all forms of killing that are supposed to make the world better for everyone. We are struggling with a frightening war of terror, with people who are committed to destruction and mass killing, genocide! But death only begets more death and life begets life. Pray that we live the Easter Gospel of Life!

Christ and His Church ask us to celebrate life all through this Easter Season so that we will receive the strength, courage and ongoing hope to live and spread His Gospel of Life all year long. Every Sunday of the year echoes Easter Sunday, the great Sunday. Every Sunday Jesus nourishes us here with His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. Every Sunday He nourishes us with His word in the sacred Scriptures. Each and every Sunday Jesus expects us to be with Him here at Church.

Here and now we are worshiping Jesus during the 7 great weeks of Easter as we sing “Alleluia” to His triumph over death. Please live this Easter Season every day. Please celebrate this entire Easter Season. Please embrace Christ as Our Way, Our Truth, and Our Life forever. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*God bless, Fr. Herb*

**WORDS OF TITHING:**

**From the Pastor:** At this Easter week, I am full of joy and gratitude because of your response to God’s call. Tithing has improved our weekly income, and, even more importantly, I believe, we parishioners grow stronger in placing more trust in God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Words of Tithing from the Pews:** Tithing has intensified my trust in God. It helps me to think more and to turn my thinking into prayer. And tithing is no longer a burden for me.

**Monthly Weekend Collection Report**

	<b>Amount</b>
4 Weekend Collections (March 2018)	\$ 78,079
Monthly Collection Budget	\$ 80,333
Year to Date Weekend Total	\$705,990
9 Months Year-to-Date Weekend Budget	\$723,000
Weekend Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 17,010)

Saint Peter’s is sustained by your generosity, dear parishioners, with gifts of your Time, Talent and Treasure. THANK YOU for everything you do for our parish.

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Mass attendance March 31/April 1: 3337

**OUR EASTER COLLECTION OFFERING TO OUR  
RISEN LORD, JESUS CHRIST**

Easter is the most important and joyful day of the year. Christ, risen from the dead, is the sign of eternal life in the Kingdom for all of us. Easter Sunday is the day we renew with the whole community our Baptismal commitment to Jesus, rejecting sin and embracing again our faith beliefs in Jesus and His way of life.

Our sacrificial Easter collection offering to our parish should gratefully reflect our complete commitment to our Risen Savior. He does everything for us, and we give Him back our very best offering in this joyful Easter collection.

If you were away for Easter, please put your Easter envelope in the collection basket in the coming weeks. Thank you.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PERSONAL EASTER KINDNESS**

We are happy to thank our many kind parishioners who share Easter cards, Easter food treat and sweets with the Rectory for Easter. Your Priests and our parish staff enjoyed your treats during the Sacred Triduum and in Easter Week. Thank you for thinking of us so personally. It makes us realize even more that we are part of your families. God Bless You! Happy Easter Season!

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS APRIL 9-15**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8: 10</b> <b>Hebrews 10: 4-10</b> Gospel: <b>Luke 1: 26-38</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Acts 4: 32-37</b> Gospel: <b>John 3: 7b-15</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Acts 5: 17-26</b> Gospel: <b>John 3: 16-21</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Acts 5: 27-33</b> Gospel: <b>John 3: 31-36</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Acts 5: 34-42</b> Gospel: <b>John 6: 1-15</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Acts 6: 1-7</b> Gospel: <b>John 6: 16-21</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19</b> <b>1 John 2: 1-5a</b> Gospel: <b>Luke 24: 35-48</b>

### **SANCTUARY LAMPS & FLOWERS**



You may have the Sanctuary Candles in the Church, Chapel or Adoration Chapel burn in memory of a loved one (\$10.00 donation), roses at the Tabernacle (\$10.00 donation), or flowers at the altar (\$50.00 Donation). Please call or stop into the rectory office.

**April 8-14**

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Church** is for Joseph S. Lubertowicz  
**Sanctuary Lamp in Mary's Daily Chapel** is for Our Priests  
**Sanctuary Lamps in the Adoration Chapel** are for the Special Intentions of Sister Sylvia Berzinski & Our Deacons  
**Tabernacle Flowers:** Betty Birilli

### **MARTHA MINISTRY – FRIDAY, APRIL 13 – TEAM 1**

Jo Byrne, Millie Smith, Carol Patterson, Maria Cruz

### **ALL SAINTS ACADEMY FUND RAISER**

All Saints Academy 8<sup>th</sup> Grade is sponsoring a Zumba Fundraiser on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 PM in the Parish Center (Doors will open at 6:30 PM). Donation: \$20. For more information, call 973-334-0487. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **A JOYFUL PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IN MEXICO CITY MONDAY, MAY 7 – SATURDAY, MAY 12**



Join Msgr. Herb and Fr. Yojaneider for a beautiful pilgrimage in May, Mary's month, to visit and pray at the great Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City. This is a trip of a lifetime for our parish because we have such great devotion to Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Call the Rectory for a trip brochure. The trip is \$1,759 per person, double occupancy. Nuovo Tours – 973-882-0021 or 973-980-5636

### **FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION – APRIL 14/15**

Thank you for your continued generosity to our Food Pantry! Our April collection will be next weekend, April 14/15. We need the following items: rice, canned fruit, juice, condiments, side dishes, canned tuna, coffee, tea, cookies, crackers, cold & hot cereal, prepared spaghetti sauce, pancake mix & syrup, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste & toothbrushes, bar soap, cleaning products, laundry detergent and paper products. Monetary donations are always welcome; please put your donation in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" and place it in the collection basket.

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 9-15**

#### **MONDAY, April 9-The Annunciation of the Lord**

**6:45AM**-People of the Parish  
**8:00AM**-David Minsavage, Henry Veglia

#### **TUESDAY, April 10**

**6:45AM**-Angela Blake  
**8:00AM**-Special Intention for Sister Sylvia Berzinski

#### **WEDNESDAY, April 11-St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr**

**6:45AM**-Charles Hathaway, Gregory Loff, Richard Locilento, Redentor Lapid  
**8:00AM**-Dorothy Schoepf, Carmen Pasquale, Sr., Diane Dean

#### **THURSDAY, April 12**

**6:45AM**-Special Intention for Bishop Frank Rodimer  
**8:00AM**-Thomas Mercurio

#### **FRIDAY, April 13-St. Martin I-Pope and Martyr**

**6:45AM**-Carlos A. Gamarra  
**8:00AM**-Isabel Kowalik

#### **SATURDAY, April 14**

**8:00AM**-Ann Gilman, Marguerite Gerbasi  
**5:30PM**-Eleanor Carlton (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Estelle Gutkowski (18<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Barbara Dianuzzo

**7:00PM**-Letha M. Cabalar, Miguel Ferrer Cordova, Special Intention for Miguel Ferrer Alvarez

#### **SUNDAY, April 15-3rd Sunday of Easter**

**7:30AM**-Kuhn & Ryan Families, Paul Ryan, Francis Cassidy  
**9:00AM**-Geraldine Kelly Vloras, Nick Capriglione, Tomaselli Family  
**10:30AM**-Deacon George Dimler (21<sup>st</sup> Anniv.), Lucy & Tony Venadas, William & Jewel Donovan  
**12:00PM**-Frank & Lucy Guarino, Tony Maiuro, Samuel Ruiz  
**7:00PM**-Dolores C. Ventre, Marian Mezejewski

### **OUR BAPTISMAL FONT**

We are brought to the Lord on the day we are Baptized – arguably the most important day of our lives – that initiates us into the death and resurrection of Jesus, the formal, sacramental beginning of our lives as Christ's disciples.

Our Baptistry was a lovely wooden structure. Several years ago we added the striking Baptism pool and moved the Baptistry to its location at the middle center of the Church in the midst of the pews where the faithful assemble to celebrate the Mass.

Our wooden Baptistry had \_\_\_\_\_ thirty years of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. It was determined that it wasn't practical to make reasonable repairs. The Baptistry needed to be replaced.

Through the kind generosity of a parish benefactor, we have been able to build a beautiful new Baptistry in the exact same shape as the original. The center aisle has also been tiled to avoid having a lip that people could easily trip over. The new Baptistry and the new tile floor are both very beautiful enhancements to our parish Church where the sacred action of Baptism takes place.

We are so grateful for the generosity that has made these substantial improvements possible without financial pressure on the parish. We hope that you will be pleased with these improvements. Again, we thank our benefactors for farsighted generosity and \_\_\_\_\_ to making our parish church always more beautiful for our worship and \_\_\_\_\_ of our loving God.

### **MOUNT ST. DOMINIC OPEN HOUSE**

Open House for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their families will be held on Wednesday, April 25a t 6:30 PM in the Performing Arts Center of Mount St. Dominic Academy, 3 Ryerson Avenue, Caldwell, NJ. Call 973-226-0660, ext. 1122 for more information.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH APRIL 8-14**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018**

9:00AM-Children's Gospel Program – Church Hall  
10:15AM-Sunday CCD – School  
11:30AM-Farewell Reception for Pat Bartle – Church Hall  
**2:15PM-Divine Mercy Sunday – Church**  
4:30PM-Indian Community Mass & Fellowship-Church/Hall  
5:30PM-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class – Chapel  
8:00PM-Antioch Team Meeting – Youth Room

**MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018**

10:30AM-Troy Hills Mass Troy Hills  
10:30AM-Rectory Staff Meeting – Rectory  
2-5:00PM-ASA Donation Truck in Parking Lot April 9-12  
4:15PM-Monday CCD – School  
6:00PM-Stephen Ministry Meeting – Rectory Basement  
7:00PM-RCIA – Rectory  
7:30PM-S.I.N.E. – Spanish Room

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018**

10:00AM-Peanuts Playgroup – Church Hall  
7:00PM-High School Basketball – Parish Center  
7:15PM-Tuesday CCD - School

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018**

6:00PM-Boy Scout Troop 72 – Cafeteria  
6:00PM-Polish School Communion Practice – Church  
7:30PM-Spanish Bible Class – Spanish Room  
7:30PM – Antioch Team Meeting – Youth Room

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018**

7:00PM-Safety & Security Meeting – Church Hall  
7:30PM-Adult Choir Practice – Church  
8:30PM-Senior Men's Basketball – Parish Center

**FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018**

10:00AM – ASA School Mass – Fr. David – Church  
6:00PM-Girl Scouts – Cafeteria  
6:00PM-ASA Zumba Fund Raiser – Parish Center  
7:00PM-Spanish Choir - Church

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018**

8:30PM-Polish School – School  
8:30AM-Spanish Pre-Cana – Convent  
10:30AM-Associates of SSC – Church Hall  
12:30PM – Polish School Communion Practice - Church  
4:00PM – Penance – Church  
5:30PM-Spanish RCIA – Convent  
7:00PM-Indian Sports – School  
7:30PM-AA Meeting - Church Hall  
8:00PM-Spanish Ministry Formation - Church

*Youth News*

Please visit [www.facebook.com/spayouthministry](http://www.facebook.com/spayouthministry)

**ALL SAINTS ACADEMY SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE**

From Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 PM in the school parking lot donations of gently used clothing bedding, shoes, small appliances, household items, toys, stuffed animals, reading books and small furniture (end tables, chairs, etc.) will be happily accepted. Donations will benefit Catholic Charities agencies.

**COLLEGE OF ST. ELIZABETH OPEN HOUSE – APRIL 14**

The College of Saint Elizabeth will host an Open House for prospective students on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Annunciation center on campus. Open House will run from 9:30 AM-1:00 PM. For more information about ur programs go to [www.cse.edu](http://www.cse.edu).

**OUTREACH CORNER**

A parishioner needs a ride to his doctor. Please call the Rectory at 973-334-2090 if you can help.

*For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven...*

*...a time to be born*

*...a time to die*

*...a time to heal*

*Fr. Leo Carey, Noah Lorencovitz*

*...a time to love*

*"...and a time of peace." Ecclesiastes 3:11*

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – TODAY, APRIL 8 – 2:15PM**

Please join us today at 2:15 in our Church as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena which began on Good Friday with the Divine Mercy Chaplet helped us prepare for this celebration of our Lord's tender mercy. Please try to come. All are welcome!

**SNOW REMOVAL-PEASE HELP US IF YOU CAN**

On Monday, February 26, I received my church envelopes for March 11 to May 6 in the mail. I opened the package and the envelope staring at me read **SNOW REMOVAL**. I felt a little embarrassed because February was warmer than usual. Did we need this envelope this year?

Then along came the big storms of March 2 and even worse, Wednesday, March 7 (we lost power for only 3 hours Wednesday evening here. Many families, school and businesses lost power for days.) We have mountains of snow in our parking lot and several badly damaged trees. Snow removal costs hit most families reading this. For March, our parish bills – so far – are several thousand dollars with a third storm heading our way. Under very difficult conditions, our snow removal contractor has been doing a very good job so that we can be safe driving in our parking lots and walking into Church or school. We thank them.

We thank you too, for any donation you can contribute in the **SNOW REMOVAL** envelope. Just put it in the collection basket at Mass. I hope it warms up soon! Thank you.

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Can you believe it? We now have 4 Northeasters for March. Many of you have contributed to our **SNOW REMOVAL** envelope appeal in the last few weeks. Thank You! If you are still considering this request, please help us if you can. Our snow bills for this winter (and now spring) are now more than \$15,000. Please! It's spring! No more snow! Please!!

**COME JOIN US: SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Would you like to become a "Digital Missionary"? You need just a few clicks:

1. "Like" our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/SaintPetertheApostleParsippany](http://www.facebook.com/SaintPetertheApostleParsippany)
2. Share our posts often and tag a friend in the Comments.
3. Invite a friend from outside the church to one of our events.
4. Ask your family members to do the same.

This is the easiest way to get involved with our newest Parish Ministry. Questions? Contact Nicole C. Green at 973-650-4732 or use Facebook Messenger to send a message. Thank you!

**DEPAUL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – APRIL 25**

An Open House will be held on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 PM. Register online at [www.depaulcatholic.org](http://www.depaulcatholic.org). Contact the Office of Admissions at [aadmissions@dpchs.org](mailto:aadmissions@dpchs.org) or 973-694-3702 ext . 442 for more information.

**PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER WANTED – NOTRE DAME**

Experienced bookkeeper (1-2 Years) wanted for Notre Dame Church in Cedar Knolls. Works well with a team, handling various support tasks, knowledge of QuickBooks. Contact Jean Pankow at 973-538-1358 ext. 122 or send an email to [jpankow@ndcarmel.com](mailto:jpankow@ndcarmel.com).



**ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER**

**Blessed Easter Greetings**

This year, as we end the season of Lent, we turn our thoughts to Easter and the joy and the hope that it represents. Without Easter, without the Resurrection, we would face a future of darkness rather than the promise of eternal life. Easter is truly a time of celebration! As we see signs of emerging life all around us in nature, we realize that we can share in that renewal is so many ways. What a sign of God’s love we experience with the Resurrection! We are truly Easter people. Together, as parents and teachers, we face the future – with all of its challenges and all of its opportunities – with renewed faith and hope as we voice our joyful “Alleluia”. We wish you the many blessings and joy of Easter and the days ahead.



[www.allsaintspar.org](http://www.allsaintspar.org)

**PARTNERS IN FAITH – A SUMMARY PROGRESS REPORT  
60% OF PARTNERS IN FAITH CONTRIBUTIONS BEING  
MADE NOW ARE COMING BACK TO OUR PARISH**

Last year, in 2017, our **Partners in Faith** pledge gifts surpassed our total campaign goal of \$905,000. From 2013 to 2017 our parish received back \$226,500, 25% of our contributions as the parish share of our \$905,000 campaign goal. Late in 2017, our parish contributions began to exceed the \$905,000 goal. **Congratulations!** Thank you very much!

Because our parish has reached its campaign goal, we now receive a 60% share of every gift that our parishioners are still contributing to **Partners in Faith**. After achieving the goal, our parishioners subsequently contributed \$15,691.79 more to **Partners in Faith** in 2017. Our parish share of this money was \$9,415.07 (60%) through December 31, 2017. This is good news!

So now in 2018 and beyond, our parish is receiving back 60% of everything we contribute to **Partners in Faith**. If you are still making payments on your **Partners in Faith** pledge, thank you for your perseverance. We especially urge you now to please continue making your pledge payments because our parish will receive 60% of your contributions back from the diocese.

Our parish decided on 5 **Partners in Faith** projects for our own parish in 2013. Since then our parish share of **Partners in Faith** has enabled us to completely restore the exterior church walls, our most important priority, to buy a new parish truck, to pave a large part of our parking lot, to update our church lighting system and upgrade some parish office space in the rectory. Thank you!

We still have more parish **Partners in Faith** projects to accomplish: finish paving our parking lot and upgrade our outside lights and to make repairs in the rectory. Your continuing pledge gifts now are giving us more resources to keep working at and paying for these necessary repairs and improvements.

Thanks again to everyone who has completed your **Partners in Faith** pledge. You have helped our diocese and our parish. Please be faithful to your pledges if you are still working on them. If you have any questions about the status of your pledge, please call Father Herb at the rectory (973-334-2090). We thank God for the many blessings made possible to our community by your participation in **Partners in Faith**.

**ALTAR SERVERS – APRIL 14/15**

- 5:30PM – Arminio, Wingard
- 7:30AM – Torres
- 9:00AM – Chen, Chen, Regalado
- 10:30AM – Sebastian, Sebastian
- 12:00PM – Sunga, Sunga, Abrenica
- 7:00PM – Keimel, Gonzalez

**CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS OF THE USA**

Join the CWV – We need YOU with US to help THEM. Membership eligibility requirements: Baptized Catholic; 90 Days of Active Duty, Honorable Discharge – any branch welcomed. For more information, please contact Deacon Rick Gaydo – email: [Deacon.Rick@yahoo.com](mailto:Deacon.Rick@yahoo.com) or call 973-539-7050. You can also visit the post. Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at Saint Christopher’s.

**ADORATION CHAPEL**

On May 13, 1917, our Blessed Mother, appearing to the three Fatima children, taught them the following prayer: “O Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee, My God, My God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Can you sacrifice one hour each week to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? Please call Kim at 973-886-6334 for further information.

**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS – APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>**

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Christopher’s Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany at 7:30PM in Room 101. Program: “Signs, Dreams and Coping”. For more information, please call Lily Capriglione at 973-568-4164.

**FR. HERB’S ANNIVERSARY AD JOURNAL**

We hope you will be able to attend Msgr. Herb’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Friday, May 25, but whether you attend or not, you can show your support for the his Anniversary Ordination by having your name listed in the Commemorative Journal. Just write your name on a piece of paper as you would like it listed and put it in an envelope marked “Commemorative Journal Patron” along with a check for \$25 and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory. All requests must be submitted by April 27. There is also time to submit a full-page congratulatory message before April 27; please use the form included in this bulletin. We appreciate your support!

**INVITATIONS FOR FATHER HERB’S  
50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



We will be celebrating Father Herb’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination as a Priest on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, if you would like to receive an invitation, please stop by the Rectory during regular business hours or call 973-334-2090 to give us your address.

**GOLDEN AGE – APRIL 16-11:00 AM**

Saint Peter’s Golden Age will meet at the Community Center on **Monday, April 16, 2018** at 11:00 AM – All welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE – SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

We will be honoring Sister Sylvia on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> as she celebrates her retirement. Please save the date.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY DRIVE**

Knights of Columbus Council 3680 will be holding their Annual Fund Drive for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in front of Food Town and Shop-Rite. If you are interested, please call Al Clark at 973-887-8588.

# Hablado español en San Pedro Apóstol

## domingo, 8 de abril de 2018

### Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

#### Horario de las Misas:

lunes a viernes: 6:45 y 8:00 a.m.  
sábado: 5:30 p.m. y 7:00 p.m. en español  
domingo: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 m. y 7:00 p.m.

#### Confesiones:

sábado: 4:00 a 5:00 p.m.

**Intenciones de las Misas:** Por favor, notificar a la oficina parroquial (973-334-2090) con una semana de anticipación. El donativo para las intenciones es de \$10.00.

#### Mensaje del párroco:

#### **Por favor celebre los 50 días del tiempo de Pascua hasta el Domingo de Pentecostés**

La mayoría de los católicos reconocen que la Cuaresma es un tiempo – 6 semanas de oración, ayuno y limosna. Nos preguntamos unos a otros “¿Qué estás haciendo para la Cuaresma? ¿Cómo vas con tus resoluciones Cuaresmales?” La mayoría de la gente – no sólo los católicos, son muy conscientes de la temporada de Navidad, o los días festivos como el mundo secular los llaman. Y todos estamos muy familiarizados con su presencia muy elaborada en la mayor parte de nuestras vidas.

Pero ¿qué pasa con la Pascua? ¿Qué pasa con el tiempo de Pascua? Ante los ojos de la Iglesia este tiempo desde la Pascua hasta el Domingo de Pentecostés, esta celebración de 50 días de la Resurrección de Cristo, es el tiempo más importante y glorioso de todos los tiempos. Pero nuestra percepción es bien diferente, porque nuestra cultura no reconoce la temporada de Pascua en absoluto. Una persona ajena a nuestra tierra, fácilmente puede interpretar el Domingo de Pascua como el dramático final de la Cuaresma, y no el principio de la temporada más grandiosa del año entero. Una vez que viene la Pascua, la primavera está aquí y culturalmente nuestra atención se dirige a muchas otras cosas. En términos prácticos, la Pascua se ha ido y ya hemos terminado con ella. **Pero para nosotros los creyentes no deber ser ese el caso.**

Jesucristo ha resucitado, ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya! Proclamamos ésto, lo celebramos y debemos hacer nuestro mejor esfuerzo por entenderlo durante todas estas siete preciosas semanas del tiempo de Pascua. Necesitamos toda la temporada de Pascua. Se necesita más de un día, o incluso una semana para vernos unos a otros como gente de la Pascua.

Jesús vivió, murió y resucitó de entre los muertos porque El ama y nos salva como nuestro Señor y Redentor. Y nosotros, como Iglesia tomamos todo este tiempo de Pascua para absorber y formarnos como pueblo por la abrumadora realidad redentora, que da significado y esperanza al mundo y a nuestras vidas, ante tanto mal y sufrimiento en el mundo y muchas veces, también, en nuestras propias vidas. Cada año, este tiempo de Pascua es la respuesta de Cristo a la desesperanza – siempre y cuando lo reconocemos como una “temporada” y conscientemente decidimos celebrar por estos 50 días previos al Domingo de Pentecostés.

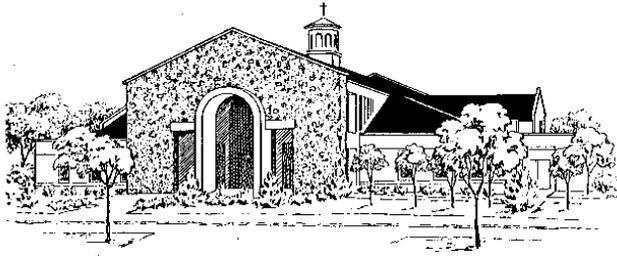
Hoy en día, al igual que los discípulos de Cristo, El nos llama a ser proclamadores del Evangelio de la Vida Pascual. Defendemos la vida y la dignidad de toda vida humana, porque Jesús ama a todos los seres humanos y da infinita dignidad a cada persona. Nuestro Santo Papa Juan Pablo II nos dijo que nosotros – los discípulos de Cristo – nos encontramos en una gran lucha con una cultura de muerte. Proclamamos el Evangelio de la Vida Pascual de Cristo a un mundo fascinado por la muerte, el aborto, los abortos tardíos de nacimiento parcial, el suicidio asistido, la pena de muerte, tortura y terrorismo – todas las formas de matar supuestamente para hacer un “mundo mejor”. Todavía estamos viviendo con terribles guerras. Pero la muerte solo engendra más muerte y la vida engendra vida. ¡Oremos para que vivamos el Evangelio de la Vida Pascual!

Cristo y Su Iglesia nos piden que celebremos la vida a lo largo de este tiempo de Pascua, de modo que recibamos la fuerza, el coraje y la constante esperanza para vivir y difundir Su Evangelio de la Vida todo el año. Cada domingo del año, se hace eco el Domingo de Pascua, el gran domingo. Cada domingo Jesús nos nutre con su Cuerpo y su Sangre en la Sagrada Comunión. Cada domingo celebramos el triunfo de Cristo en la Vida, la cual El nos llama a abrazar en nuestras propias vidas cotidianas a través de nuestra adoración. Cada domingo Jesús nos llama a estar con El en la Iglesia. Aquí y ahora, estamos adorando a Jesús durante los gran 7 semanas de la Pascua, cuando cantamos “Aleluya” a Su triunfo. Por favor, vivan este tiempo de Pascua. Por favor, celebren este tiempo de Pascua. Por favor, acepten a Cristo como nuestro Camino, nuestra Verdad y nuestra Vida eterna. ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!

Dios le bendiga,

**Padre Herb**





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## **RETURN OUR CHILDREN BACK TO THE CHURCH**

Would you like your child to come back to Jesus, in the Church He founded? We have a small group at our Church, Saint Virgil's, dealing with this question. Perhaps you read about it in the January 18<sup>th</sup> edition of *The Beacon*.

Everyone is welcome to visit our group, examining ways that could possibly help parents bring their loved ones back to the faith. We pray together, share our stories and support each one's efforts. We use a book entitled, *Return, How to Draw Your Children Back to the Church*, which recommends steps a parent could take to encourage dialogue and create an environment in which parents and child are comfortable discussing matters of faith.

We welcome you to stop in to see if this approach makes sense in your life and offers you hope.

Please call the Saint Virgil's Church office – 973-538-1418 – and join us on Thursday mornings at 11:00 AM in the School Library.

Saint Virgil's is located at 250 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ 07950.

