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MESSAGE FOR EASTER: DEATH IS NOT THE END

On Easter Christ has risen from the dead, as promised in the Old Testament by the Law and Prophets, and by Him. Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah (The Christ).

Now is the time to take up Easter's Hope and renew your spiritual life. Trust in God, He will lead us all on the right path: Return to the Church of God! The Resurrection teaches us that death is not the end, and beyond death there is eternal life! Fr. Paul

From the heart of Nancy Hefele, Director of Faith Formation

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<u>First Holy Communion:</u> We have twelve children in our Faith Formation Program who recently received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive First Holy Communion on April 30th.

<u>Divine Mercy 101:</u> The Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday is coming up on April 24 (the Sunday after Easter). Whether you'd like to learn about Divine Mercy or get a quick refresher on the message and the devotion, please join us on **Wednesday April 13, either at 1:00 pm or at 6:30 pm inside the church** for a powerful 50-minute video. Sign-up sheets are located inside the church, but walk-ins are also always welcome.

<u>Divine Mercy Sunday:</u> Please join us on April 24th for Divine Mercy Sunday. Eucharistic Adoration will begin at 2:00 p.m., and together we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Our Lady of the Lake, pray for us!

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

We will continue to recite this prayer in conjunction with the return of our Faith Formation Education Program. The following prayer will be prayed by the entire congregation prior to every Mass going forward. Its intent is to help our students (and all parishioners) become better prepared for the Mass before it begins. It will be led by a volunteer or Lector just before Fr. Paul enters to begin each Mass. You can find copies of this prayer in each pew.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Lord, open my eyes at this Mass today. Show me what I need to see. Look at my heart and help me this hour, That I may grow closer to Thee.

MASS CARDS

We are asked to pray for the dead, just as we pray for each other and share each other's burdens now, the faithful on earth can offer prayers and sacrifices to help the departed souls undergoing purification, and no better prayer could be offered than that of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The best way to do this is to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-398-0240. Offering s \$15.

"Tree of Life"

Engrave a Leaf to Honor a Loved One or to Memorialize a Special Occasion!

The forms are located in the church and at the Rectory. Please complete the form and return with your check made payable to Our Lady of the Lake, to Rectory or place in the collection basket.



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FILM AND SPIRITUALITY

On Tuesday, April 12, at 7:30pm "Libeled Lady" (1936)

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STEWARDSHIP

Please remember Our Lady of the Lake Church in your will, and have the following statement included: "I leave to Our Lady of the Lake Church/Parish, Mount Arlington, New Jersey the sum of \$_______ or _______ percent of the Residue of my estate, whichever is greater, for its religious, educational, and charitable works." Stocks may also be donated to the Church/Parish. Our Lady of the Lake Parish will gratefully accept donations of real estate, stocks, bonds or other valuables. All such donations qualify for a charitable tax benefit.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 17, 2022

"Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus, were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall be united with him in the resurrection.... Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus."

We are blessed with countless scripture readings, joyfully reminding us of Jesus' resurrection, which is a foretaste of our own, one day with Him. Every time we celebrate baptisms in the church, the newly baptized dies and rises, in Paul's words, to 'a newness of life.' Baptism is not an event, but an encounter with the Risen Christ.

On this, the greatest feast day of the church, may I recognize that I have been called to a new life, and my heart burns with excitement, as the scriptures tell me of the ongoing significance of this day. He speaks to us in His word, and we discover Him present 'in the breaking of the bread.



With sincere appreciation, we would like to thank **Michelle & Matthew Grose** for their very generous gift of the Incense Censer for our use during religious ceremonies.

And, again, we appreciate our Music Minister, Joyce Zakierski Simmons, for purchasing the

Paschal Candle for Our Lady of the Lake Church -2022-2023.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

EASTER VIGIL MASS

8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

8:00 AM CAMILLE FICCIO

(GAIL ANKLOWITZ)

10:00 AM VOLUNTEERS OF THE PARISH

12:00 PM FRANCES & PHILIP AGATINO

(AGATINO FAMILY)

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

5:00 PM KEN KULL

(THE SCHODER FAMILY)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022-DIVINE MERCY

8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 10:00 AM VOLUNTEERS OF THE PARISH

12:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The people held the apostles in great esteem and brought sick people to them to be healed. Although some were afraid to be known, the number of Jesus' followers continued to grow steadily.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John depicts a vision of lamp-stands of gold and one like the Son of Man in a robe with a sash of gold. This apparition told John he had nothing to fear and then described himself as one who was dead but now lived again. He then instructed John to record any other visions he might have.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples and breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gives them the power to forgive people's sins or hold them accountable. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe Jesus had appeared until he came to them once more. Jesus told Thomas to believe and added, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

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Pray for the Sick

Wayne Dreitlein, Audrey Riccioli, Sofia Orr,
Jake Grimes, Larry Middleton, E. Nicholas Lepore,
Bill Bohan, Carolyn Pepe, Dan Cross, Rob Gaspercic,
Barbara Tuhy, Pamela & Douglas Franciose,
Paul & Elaine Henke, James Di Stasio, Norma Kays, Brian
Collins, Jan Del Vecchio, Ken Chatlos,
Dave Jones, Michalina Tutalo, Brenda Gaskins,
Jessica Crawford, Grace Dreitlein, Judy Olander, Charles
Hart, Walter Mosnick, Yvonne Nunn,
Larry Rygiel, Nicholas Johnson, Katherine Johnson,
Sara Rosenstein, Elisabeth Hefele.

<u>Please Note:</u> We retain names on the Prayer List for six weeks. If you wish to have them continued after that period, please call the office and let us know.



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