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Alleluia

Christ is Risen!

+ My dear parishioners and friends:

Happy Easter to you all!! As I was preparing my column for this week, I looked back to review my message from last year. I have to say I was really struck by the many things that have changed over the past year. Last year, we were locked down in our homes and making serious plans to obtain even the most basic of household items. We were consumed with praying for worldwide health and a miracle cure. We could not even receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion. All we could do was to express our great desire to be united with Him if only in spirit.

In the last 12 months, it is amazing to see how far we have come from those days. Life-saving vaccines have been developed, and soon our over-abundance of medicine will be shared with the world. Slowly, we are re-emerging into the world and respecting each other by staying distant and wearing masks. Of course, this absence of touch and shared experience is completely unnatural for human beings, but we have profoundly learned that it could save someone else.

The more I quietly pondered this highly unusual way we have all been living, I started to think that with God there is always a purpose. What if this historic time in our lives was also a spiritually historic time? What if these last 365 days and more have actually been Good Fridays lived over and over again? Similar to the plot of Bill Murray's movie, Groundhog Day, what if all the day-to-day hardships, frustrations, and stress resulted in a sudden realization that no matter the difficulty, Jesus had been there all along. The light that Jesus had been shining on our difficult daily path suddenly grew wider, and we began to see His hand in all things.

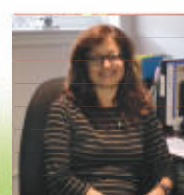
Is it possible, as we begin to emerge from the darkness that brought us to our knees this past year, that THIS Easter is the BEST Easter we have ever known? For all that we have given to others this past year in a time of great need and great loss, for all the prayers whispered in utter sincerity, for all that we offered up, perhaps with the glorious light of the Resurrection, it is the first time that we can truly experience a clean new heart and joyous new spirit. If this is true, then this is fantastic news because it means that we are *genuinely* renewed! Our Holy Communion with Jesus is both figuratively and literally revived! Take a moment to feel the relief of that statement and feel Jesus' radiance warming your soul.

This Easter, we are changed. We are more attuned to Jesus and the world around us. We are able to cherish hope more dearly. Through the sacraments, we are promised to Him and look forward to the day when we hear Jesus say, "*This day you will be with me in Paradise!*" THIS is the glory of the Resurrection. I don't think we have ever known it more fully than we do today. Alleluia! Alleluia!

On behalf of Father Carlos, Father Jae, Deacon Andy, Deacon John, myself, and all the members of our staff, we wish you a *very* happy Easter!

In Christ's Peace,

Father Stephen



MASS INTENTIONS

Holy Saturday, April 3

9:00 am Morning Prayer

Easter Vigil 8:15 pm Ronald Zier,
Sveto Beverin, Wanda Kondrat

Easter Sunday, April 4

7:30 am James Pressimone

9:00 am Karol Wojtyla

10:30 am Michael J. Novack III,
Herbert Oberle

12:00 noon People of the Parish,
Lori Oldenhage

Monday, April 5

One Mass Only

9:00 am Ellen Nelson &
Raymond & Helen Nelson

Tuesday, April 6

7:00 am Marie E. Kovach

9:00 am Ann Pisciotta

Wednesday, April 7

7:00 am Virginia Crilly, 1st Annv.

9:00 am Thomas James Wright

Thursday, April 8

9:00 am Owen & Anne O'Malla

7:30 pm Kate Leanzo

Friday, April 9

7:00 am Terry & Trudi Cronin

9:00 pm Margaret & Harold Bell
Bonnie Bell Gerli

Holy Saturday, April 10

9:00 am Mary Ann Mitchell

5:00 PM Frank, Teresa & Sal Anello

Sunday, April 11

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am Lidia & Walter Kozlowski

10:30 am Robert Outerbridge

12:00 noon Odell Nasser

6:15 PM Nicholas Stathakis



NEWS AND EVENTS

Please note: on Monday, April 5 there will be one Mass only at 9:00 AM and the Parish Office will be closed.

Rosary Society: the first meeting of the New Year will be on Thursday, April 15, at 10: AM in the Elizabeth Room. Our presenter will be our own Father Carlos. All men and women are welcome. Come join us and be inspired by Father Carlos. If you have any questions, please contact Ronnie at 201-892-5560.

St. Elizabeth's Bereavement Ministry:

Due to the pandemic, the Bereavement Ministry has not been able to offer in-person support groups. However, the designated, confidential phone line continues to be monitored by the Bereavement Ministry team of facilitators. The line is checked frequently for messages and calls are returned as soon as possible. For all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, we encourage you to call the bereavement line at 201-891-1122 ext. 266 for support during these difficult times.

R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA is designed to welcome adults into our Catholic faith. Preparation is a year-long ongoing process culminating at the Easter Vigil Mass. The goal is to receive the Sacraments of Baptism (for non-Christians), Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. IS RCIA FOR YOU or SOMEONE YOU KNOW? Do you know someone or are you someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but have not yet received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)? The RCIA is a process of prayer, reflection, and learning that allows for the continual discernment of God's will in our lives. Candidates include: Non-baptized adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church, baptized adult Christians of another denomination (i.e. Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian) who wish to continue their Christian faith in the Catholic Church, adult baptized Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) and wish to do so. Now is a great time to get information and find out more! For more details contact Father Jae at FrJae@saintelizabeths.org or Father Carlos at FrCarlos@saintelizabeths.org.

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

Your loved one will be announced at Mass for two weeks, then included in the bulletin for six weeks. Call the Parish Center to let us know the names of those we should include in our prayers.

A time to be healed...

Healing prayers for: Sean Conyngham, Joe Begnoche, Maria Mastesic, Ginny Schroller

A time for sorrow...

Recently Deceased: Jean Avia, Richard Wilhalme

Memorials for the week of April 4

Altar Bread & Wine: In memory of June A. Phelan,
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Sanctuary Light: In memory of Dora Villa Franco,
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Candles on the Altar: In memory of Henry McNamara,
donated by Joan

Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine: In memory of Barbara Ruppercht,
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Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine: In memory of Olivia Grace Rife,
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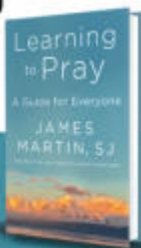
Learning to Pray - A Guide for Everyone

Father Jim Martin, SJ

will discuss his book via ZOOM

a link will be provided

Monday April 26 | 7:30 PM



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— Bishop Robert Barron

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