



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 11th

Easter Vigil

Sun. April 12th

*Easter Sunday
Easter Blessings*

Mon. April 13th

Donna Konyar

Tues. April 14th

Vicenzo Viterbo
(Vincenza Viterbo)

Wed. April 15th

Janet Marie Jones

Thurs. April 16th

Frank Braga
(Mary Aliotta Family)

Fri. April 17th

Robert Bastian Jr

Sat. April 18th

Dorothy Riordan
(Sharon Grove)

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In this passage, Peter testifies that he and his followers saw the miracles performed by Christ, witnessed His death, and believe in His resurrection. Now they will proclaim to all that Christ is the Son of God.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul tells the Colossians that they will appear with Christ in glory. They should be mindful of things above rather than things on earth.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

In vivid detail, John tells us that when Mary Magdalene visited Christ's tomb, the tomb was empty. She told the apostles, who ran to the tomb, and saw the "wrappings" on the ground. The disciple who entered first "saw and believed."

Second Collections

April 19- Holy Land (*Collection has been postponed to September*)

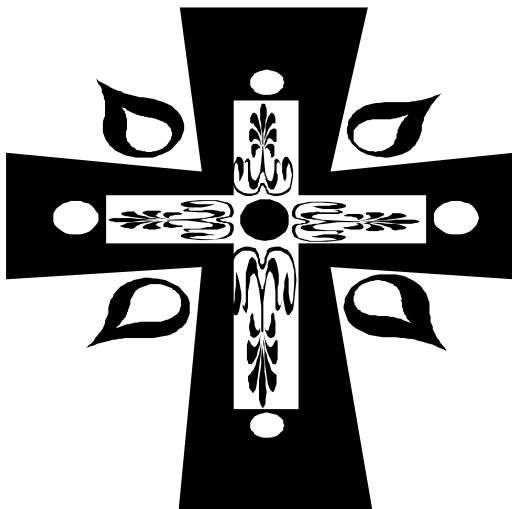
April 26 -Catholic Home Missions Appeal

May 3 Our Faith and Future

Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Dorothy Riordan.

Thank you to our many volunteers who generously and continuously offer their time and talent. Each and every one of you are a true blessing!

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY: Elizabeth Muscarella, James Tomedi, Lisa Ressler, George Baran, Christine Koons, Bernice Yocom, Keith Robenolt, George Sarfine, Abram Koons Sr., Tom Robenolt, Theresa Folk, Rita Prentiss, Aiden Barsis, Connie Buehler, Mason Reeder, Maria Harper, Matthew Rosboschil, Charlotte Farrell and Jackie Rando.



From Your Pastor,

"CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS TRULY RISEN!"
Here we have the ancient Paschal Greeting, not only sung inside the Churches on Easter morning but also given as a normal Easter greeting on the streets and in the homes as family gathered for their Easter dinner. It is an essential part of the Easter Celebration, that of being personally excited and delighted, and amazed and wonder-filled over the turn-about, passing over from sadness to joy. For now and forever, because of Christ's Resurrection, death and sorrow do not have the last word. Even if sorrow comes into our life, even if we continue to walk in dark valleys in the sight of the enemy, we know that the Risen Victorious Conquering Christ is at our side. He has the last word, 'I have overcome the world.'

I understand there is now 'facial recognition' for security entrances. In other words, we get in by our faces, not by codes, or plastic cards. Let us play a game this Easter Morning; after all, you have nowhere to go, so let us go to the mirror. And make as many wonder-filled, amazed, surprised, delighted happy faces and then say, "Christ is risen! He is truly risen!" Don't stop until you are laughing with delight. Now, that was just your rehearsal. Let the show begin! Go out to your family, or look through the window and show the world your new face and proclaim, "Christ is risen, He is truly risen."

We have been through an incredible Lent, an unbelievable quarantine continues even through Easter, even to Divine Mercy Sunday. So much human loss sorrow and fear has come upon us. But because of our faith in the Risen Christ, we go through it in hope and peace, knowing that as we share in the Lord's cross so shall we share in His glory. Even under the weight of the cross we have the joy of knowing "Christ is risen!"

**Happy and Blessed Easter my dear family,
Fr. Hoke.**

On line giving has been made available on the Diocesan webpage, please remember this is only temporary due to the current measures taken to ensure social distancing. Visit our webpage to access the link. We encourage you to continue mailing your contributions directly to our parish. By mailing your offering we are able to record your offerings for those who will request a contribution statement at the end of the year.

Church Office is closed due to the mandated quarantine. For emergencies, please call 570-742-4356. If no one answers, please leave a message.



Tithing Envelopes: In this time of crisis the church still depends on your support. Please mail your tithing envelopes to St. Joseph Church, 109 Broadway Street, Milton, PA 17847.