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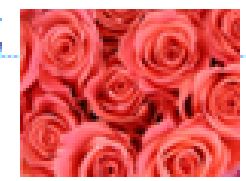
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We are a family that is nourished by the sacraments, and led by the Spirit. Welcome to our Family!



The Jubilee Prayer 2025

FATHER IN HEAVEN, MAY THE FAITH YOU
HAVE GIVEN US IN YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST,
OUR BROTHER, AND THE FLAME OF CHARITY
ENKINDLED IN OUR HEARTS BY THE HOLY
SPIRIT, REAWAKEN IN US THE BLESSED HOPE
FOR THE COMING OF YOUR KINGDOM.
MAY YOUR GRACE TRANSFORM US INTO
TIRELESS CULTIVATORS OF THE SEEDS OF THE
GOSPEL. MAY THOSE SEEDS TRANSFORM
FROM WITHIN BOTH HUMANITY AND THE
WHOLE COSMOS IN THE SURE EXPECTATION OF
A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH, WHEN,
WITH THE POWERS OF EVIL VANQUISHED,
YOUR GLORY WILL SHINE ETERNALLY.
MAY THE GRACE OF THE JUBILEE REAWAKEN
IN US, PILGRIMS OF HOPE, A YEARNING FOR
THE TREASURES OF HEAVEN. MAY THAT SAME
GRACE SPREAD THE JOY AND PEACE OF OUR
REDEEMER THROUGHOUT THE EARTH. TO
YOU OUR GOD, ETERNALLY BLESSED, BE GLORY
AND PRAISE FOR EVER. AMEN.

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St. Benedict's Winter Mass Schedule

Sundays 10:30am
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Weekly Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If anyone ever questioned the Why of your faithful Christian Witnessing or if you yourself ever wonder why you must press on in difficult moments, or make the sacrifices you make for your family, friends, humanity, the Church and God, the answer is BECAUSE OF EASTER, THE RESURRECTION. So today, we celebrate this hope, strength, and joy of all believers. Today's readings offer us a profound meaning into the significance of Easter which celebrates the Lord's Resurrection, the central mystery of our Christian faith. Easter is not just an event of the past. It is a living reality that transforms and impacts us here and now and provides grounds for our options and actions in life.

In the first reading, Peter gives testimony to Cornelius and his household that Jesus was anointed by God, performing mighty deeds and preaching peace. He affirms that the resurrection is the definitive proof of Jesus' identity as the Son of God who offers forgiveness and salvation to all who believe. This is what Easter invites us to be: Witnesses of the Risen Christ. Not just by words, but by our deeds and transformed lives. The Psalmist invites us to rejoice and be Glad, for such a great day of the Lord and our salvation. It reminds us that steadfast love endures forever and that we are called to respond with gratitude and joy. In our lives, we often face trials. But the resurrection assures us that even in darkness, there is light. Every challenge can be viewed through the lens of hope and resurrection. In today's Second reading, St Paul reminds the Colossians and us that if we have been raised with Christ, then we must seek the things that are above. So Easter is not just about Christ rising, but us striving to rise with Him in our daily lives and options. Our lives must reflect the reality that we are no longer trapped in sin or death but called to live in the light of Christ. This means setting our minds on eternal things, not on the distractions of the world.

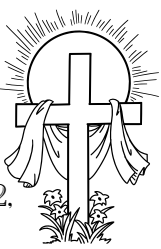
The Gospel brings us to the empty tomb. Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the beloved disciple all respond differently to the resurrection news. But more fascinating is that Peter went right into the tomb, saw and believed. The empty tomb is not just a proof that Jesus is alive but an invitation to strongly believe and go tell the world about it in words and deeds. That is what it means to be an Easter people that Easter challenges us to be. Let nothing stand between us and the love of Christ and His Church. Remember that what soever you do to the least of Christ brethren, you do unto Him and His promises shall not pass you by. It is very hopeful to hope in His promises for hope does not disappoint (Spes non Confundit).

**May the Joy and Peace of Easter be Christ's Easter gift to each and all our Parish family
now and forever
AMEN.**

APRIL 20TH, 2025 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD ~ YEAR C



AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM FATHER SEFEMBIY JUSTIN



Dear and Beloved God’s Wonderful People of Christ the Divine Mercy and St. Benedict Parishes of Cluster 2,

There is no other fitting time to express my love for each one of you and my gratitude for all you have been to me, to each other, to your respective families, our Parish community, the Church and the concerns of our broader communities, than on Easter, this Day of the lord that was made by the lord for us to rejoice and be Glad.

I feel blessed to be here working with you and for you in spreading the Good News, sharing my faith, and with your collaboration, building up a community that would mirror that of the early and post resurrection Christian Community talked of in Acts 2:42-47, amongst you. A community where the joys and sorrows of one become the joys and sorrows of all, where no one is lacking behind, where our love for Christ in the Eucharist is deepened. Where all tap strength from the table of God’s word and the Eucharist at Mass, from communal prayers through our beloved Mother the blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints and by the encouragements we receive from each other and not from judgements, negative criticisms, and condemnations. A community in which the concerns, joys, and sorrows of one become that of all. A community in which no one holds his/her talents back but by identifying with at least one ministry in the parish and uses his or her talent in gratitude for service to God and His people, the church. A community in which God our creator is given what is His due in our acts of gratitude, alms giving, Charity, donations, celebration of the liturgy, and reverence for His dwelling place always. A community in which no one feels a stranger, and no one thinks, feels, and says it does not concern me.

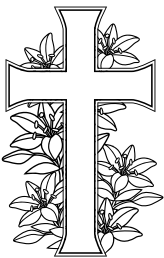
Let us feel blessed to belong to these wonderful parishes with their outstanding uniqueness which I remain thankful to God for bringing me Thousands of Miles across the Atlantic Ocean to share in. You are for me not just my Parishioners and Christian faithful, but my parents, brothers, and sisters of this other new home away from the other distant home. May we continue to work hard and live no stone unturned to making this our present home, that is, our Parish communities’ veritable homes for an encounter with Christ the Divine love, kindness, and Mercy. These could be expressed in three magic words or phrases: 1) Affectionate greetings 2) A simple “Thank You.” 3) I am sorry. Let us wish each other good. Let us be grateful to God and to one another. We are humans and pruned to mistakes. So, we shouldn’t hesitate to tender apologies and ask for forgiveness when our human weaknesses surface at any given moment. It is when we realize that we are weak that we become strong. Each one of you is a cornerstone in building our Parish community. Do not hesitate to step forward with an idea either from your insightful thoughts, reflections and inspirations or as practiced elsewhere to improve on any aspect of our Parish life be it Liturgical, spiritual, pastoral, social, financial and infrastructure wise that can help us achieve any of our Parish goals and bring God’s people closer to Him.

As we strive towards self-reliance in the management and maintenance of the temporal goods of our Parish, I invite you to double your efforts so we could save for rainy days. No one knows tomorrow. May we in this endeavor to build up our parish communities and save for rainy days, not lose sight of our equal and very essential Christian duty and calling for an outreach to the needy elsewhere. Our Diocese creates room for this outreach through the various programmed Diocesan collections and appeals. We shall soon hear the bells of the Catholic Appeals ringing. When we do hear, please kindly “put into the deep” for a target realization. Remember that what goes around, comes around. Our outreach comes back to us in varied transformed and multiplied forms.

Know of my prayer assurance for each one of you especially with regards to the present difficult situation you or your spouse, friend or family member is going through. Equally know of my availability to serve you always as long as the lord keeps me strong for this mission with you. May the Risen Lord’s special gift for you at Easter be Joy and Peace for our lord is good all the time. And all the time, the lord Is good. And That is His Nature....


Wow. Happy Easter to everyone. I love you all.

Fr. Sefembiy Justin (pastor).



In Memory of:


Joseph J. McAvoy
(09/10/1933—08/30/2021)




Wesley “Jim” Cunningham
(10/26/31 ~ 01/11/08)
Richard M Cunningham
(03/14/62 ~ 11/06/21)

Lovingly Remembered
Anders Staats Nielsen
07/07/2019

Basil & Margaret McAvoy
(8/5/1921 ~ 7/31/1969; 9/29/1923 ~ 12/30/2014)
Linda McAvoy Bouchard
(2/22/1945 ~ 1/6/1982)
Mary McAvoy Lowe
(10/15/1957 ~ 2/9/2005)
Anna McAvoy
(6/28/1964 ~ 7/30/2011)



Fred Lewis
(11/25/1897 ~ 7/05/1995)
Ethel Lewis
(5/12/1897 ~ 10/07/1981)
W. H. Lewis
(4/19/1923 ~ 03/28/2001)
Helen Lewis
(7/23/1926 ~ 10/19/2005)
Susan L Brooks
(8/01/1954 ~ 1/20/2009)



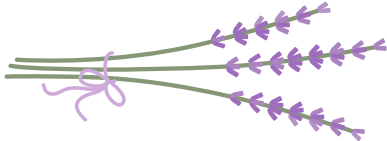
Lovingly Remembered
James C. (Buster) Guiggey
(4/8/1927 ~ 12/4/2010)

In Loving Memory Of
Lloyd E. Bryant (1928 ~ 1987)
Esther Grass Bryant (1931 ~ 1988)

In Loving Memory Of
Joseph P. Rush, Jr.
(11/02/1928 - 04/12/2013)

Jane M. Rush
(02/03/1930 - 09/02/2013)

Jacqueline M. Rush-Johnson
(05/04/1972 - 03/26/1996)



"The poor and the sick are the heart of God. In serving them, we serve Jesus Christ."
~Saint Camillus de Lellis

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In case of an emergency, call Fr Justin on his emergency cell, 207-531-0280

In Loving Memory
Chris Marston
(9/18/1978 ~ 8/24/2018)
Aaron Marston
(04/04/1975~ 10/19/2022)

In Loving Memory Of:
Frank Duffy (7/18/37 ~ 03/08/96)
Bobby Duffy (3/21/72 ~ 10/08/93)

Arthur Qualey
(3/5/1916 ~ 10/24/2008)
Rita Qualey
(1/13/1924 ~ 9/4/ 2011)


Lovingly Remembered
Joan Filanowski
(5/26/1935 ~ 6/14/2000)

John J. Cummings
(8/23/1907 ~ 4/18/1993)
Lucile E. Cummings
(8/19/1908 ~ 3/15/2003)
Cecelia R. Cummings
(11/18/1933 ~ 2/18/2013)
Earl L. Cummings
(7/04/1929 ~ 3/10/2018)


Lovingly Remembered
Leo Joseph Crowe
(9/5/1935 ~ 1/8/2019)

In Loving Memory Of
Leo Crowe
(3/19/1893 ~ 12/17/1975)
Molly Crowe
(2/13/1900 ~ 11/18/1967)
Mary Crowe McDonough
(2/27/1937 ~ 9/28/2002)

In Memory of:
Robert Taylor
(12/13/1948 - 10/19/2023)
Charlene Taylor
(01/07/1943 ~ 02/20/2020)





In Loving Memory Of
Richard Rush
(01/02/1931—1/24/2024)
Celine Rush
(07/08/1936 ~ 11/04/2021)
Christopher Rush
(4/17/55 ~ 1/8/22)





In Loving Memory Of:
Robert Allen (10/13/46 ~ 10/18/21)
Andrew Allen (06/14/65 ~ 12/05/20)



Albert J. Qualey
(08/20/1923 ~ 06/11/2012)
Rowena Qualey
(9/22/1927 ~ 8/01/2017)




In Loving Memory
Martin Qualey
(2/16/1984 ~ 7/24/2017)





Edward Rush
(5/25/1920 ~ 10/17/2013)
Mary Rush
(12/04/1921 ~ 6/05/2005)



John W. Allen
(1912 ~ 1/02/2004)
Margaret L. Allen
(4/03/1924 ~ 11/19/2005)



Otis M. Hunt
(6/15/1936 ~ 5/30/1999)
Mary Ellen Hunt
(1/30/36 ~ 4/17/17)



Francis H. Qualey (5/22/1914 ~ 2/28/2000)
Margaret R. Qualey (11/6/1919 ~ 5/01/2018)
Peter Qualey (12/17/1948 ~ 09/07/2020)

"Oh Jesus, bless those living and dead, who have led me to the Holy Altar."

A Remembrance of the Ordination to the Priesthood of
Rev. James Clifford Brown
(6/6/1936 ~ 4/6/1941)
Brother Benedict Brown, O.F.M.
(3/23/1891 ~ 7/18/1969)
Sons of St. Benedict’s Parish