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Alleluia! He is Risen!

Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Easter is not simply a memory of a moment long ago—it is the living heart of our faith, the promise that love is stronger than hate, that life is stronger than death, and that hope is stronger than despair. It is time to rejoice in the glory of the Resurrection.

Christian hope is not wishful thinking or naïve positivity. It is a virtue, a steady and solid anchor planted in the truth of who God is.

The image of hope as an anchor feels especially important in our times. We live in a world marked by rapid change, social unrest, economic uncertainty, political division, and widespread anxiety about the future (if not the present). It can feel like we are being tossed about on stormy seas, unsure where to turn or what lies ahead. In such moments, hope does not remove the storm, but keeps us from drifting away or being swallowed by the waves.

The Resurrection of Jesus is the anchor that holds us because we know that God is not far from us, even when the headlines are troubling and life seems unclear. The empty tomb is a sign that suffering is not the end of the story. Christ has gone before us through every kind of human pain—betrayal, injustice, loss, and death—and He has emerged victorious. In Him, we find a sure foundation.

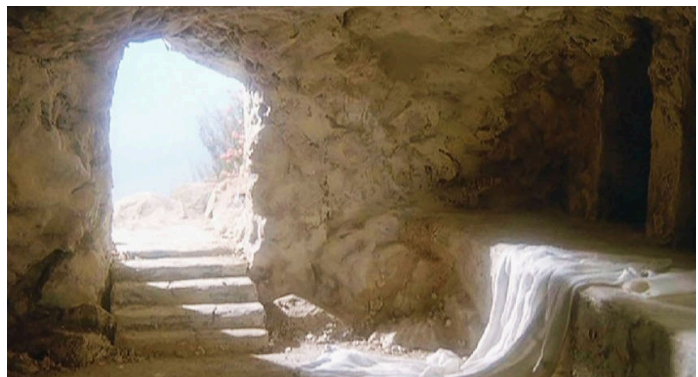
Hope also gives us the strength to act. When others give in to cynicism, we continue to serve. When the world says, “Give up,” we say, “God is not finished.” Christian hope is not passive. It is alive. It urges us to build, to forgive, to show compassion, to work for justice, and to love without counting the cost. It teaches us that no life is beyond redemption, no community beyond healing, no person beyond the reach of God’s mercy.

This Easter, I encourage you to let hope take deeper root in your life. If you are feeling weighed down by fear or disappointment, take your burdens to the Risen Christ. Let Him speak peace into your heart. If you are in a position to lift others up, become a beacon of hope for those around you. A kind word, a prayer, a simple gesture of generosity—these are small seeds of Resurrection that can bloom into something beautiful.

As a people of hope, it is vital for us to show the world that Christ is alive—because we live differently, love more boldly, and trust more deeply.

God bless,

Fr. Bryan



MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 19- APRIL 27

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 19	8 PM EASTER VIGIL LIVINGSTON FAMILY
EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20	10 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12:30 PM REV. WALTER NIEDZWIECKI
TUESDAY APRIL 22	12:30 PM. DENISE WILLSON FROM PEGGY BENNETT
WEDNESDAY APRIL 23	12:30 PM SPECIAL INTENTION OF DR. VIC JOSEPH FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA
THURSDAY APRIL 24	12:30 PM VENER DE LA CRUZ FROM VIRGINIA ELBARODY
FRIDAY APRIL 25	12:30 PM BLESSINGS FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE BLACK MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ORPHANAGE FROM ANETA COLLINS
SATURDAY APRIL 26	5 PM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR NEMY ONG
SUNDAY APRIL 27	10 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12:30 PM AMIRA KERBAJ FROM KERBAJ FAMILY

Sunday Scripture

April 20

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col. 2:1-4

John 20:1-9

April 27

Acts 5:12-16

Rev. 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

DONATIONS



OVER THE WEEKEND OF
APRIL 12 AND 13, 637 PEOPLE
ATTENDED MASS WITH
AN AVERAGE DONATION OF \$38.57.

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Support the Annual Appeal online by going to
rcan.org/sharing.

Choose the cause(s) you prefer to support –
and make sure to choose “Our Lady of
Czestochowa in Jersey City” – there’s an OLC
in Harrison, too!



Easter Symbols



Lilies!

Flowers!

Why is Easter always on a different day?

The heart who knows and loves Jesus sees how all things are gifts from God and that He takes care of us. Jesus talked about how God takes care of even flowers!

Because of that, and because Easter is always connected to springtime, flowers are an important symbol during Easter.

"Behold the lilies of the field," Jesus said (Mt 6, 28), reminding us that creation is a mirror that reflects God the Father's love and care for us. Thus, we are called to be thankful for the gift of creation. Right now in Jersey City, there are many different flowers in bloom: cherry blossoms on the trees, and daffodils and hyacinths around the sidewalks of Paulus Hook.

But a special flower is associated with Easter: the white lily. It represents purity, hope, and new beginnings.

Springtime!



The date of Easter changes every year because of the moon: Easter is always the Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring.



A "blooming" cross is also a symbol of Easter - a cross with flowers on it

If Jesus is the lamb of God, how did we get an Easter bunny?



Everything about the season of spring, from flowers to bunnies and colors, was used to explain Jesus to people who did not know Him. When the first Christians shared His story, they used these items to help people understand the message of absolute joy and new life that Jesus brought to the world through His Passion, death, and Resurrection.

As a result, bunnies just got associated with Easter because they're fun and springy - don't you agree?



The Mercy House in Jersey City is a family resource center providing food, clothing, housewares, and baby items to our neighbors in need.

Support Mercy House!

Please bring to Mass on the last weekend of every month:

Food:

Pasta & sauce
Coffee/tea
Canned fish/chicken
Complete pancake mix & syrup
Breakfast cereal (hot & cold)
Canned/dry beans
1 lb, 3 lb, or 5 lb bags of rice
Evaporated/shelf-stable milk
Condiments and seasonings

Baby items:

Diapers (sizes 4,5,6, & 7) and wipes
Car seats (unexpired)
Gently used cribs, bassinets, playpens
Toddler clothing

Household:

Small kitchen appliances
Gently used sheets/comforters/quilts
Plates, utensils, glasses

Personal items:

Gently used clothing for adults & teens
Toiletries/feminine hygiene items



*Make 2025 the year you read
the Gospel of St. Luke.*

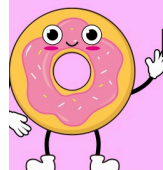


Go to olcjc.org to see Fr. Bryan's recommended versions, or read what you already own.

St. Luke's Gospel is considered the most accessible of the Gospels, containing rich details about Jesus' life.

Read one chapter a day. It will make a difference in your spiritual life.

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