

EASTER TIME

WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE



Our Easter Banner shows a symbol of the Cross of Resurrected Glory as the dawn of a new day of Easter grace. Every moment of life is an invitation for us to awaken to a new way of encountering the presence the living Christ among us. Each day is a chance to meet the Risen Lord in prayer, in ordinary events and in the people we encounter. Easter is the time to Remember, to Celebrate and to Believe.

We **Remember** the suffering of Jesus as a sign of God's unconditional love for us. We Remember the Pascal Mystery of death and glorious Resurrection which is our promise of eternal life. Remember God's grace at work in your own life. Call to mind your **past** blessings and **thank** God. God did provide. Gratitude grows **Faith**.

We **Celebrate** that the Risen Christ is alive in us and works through us. Affirm God's presence with you in this very moment. Pray, "Lord, I trust that you are with me **now** in mind, body and spirit. My **hope** lies in you." God is providing. **Trust** gives hope.

We **Believe** that we are given each day of new life to be ambassadors of love and service, as Christ, for one another. You were created to receive and to give love. Imagine your **future**. How is God inviting you to live your mission in doing Christ's work? God will provide all that you need. Second by second, you are being endlessly supplied and empowered to **love** and to offer **service** to others.

EASTER HYMN

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

Marty Haugen Adapted

We remember in our prayer time we've been blessed,
And so we celebrate for you are with us here.
And we believe that you entrust us
With your work, of love and service, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.



EASTER PRAYER

THE SIGN OF THE EASTER CROSS

Make the sign of the cross. As you do, know that this desire to pray is God's gift. You are praying.

- Touch your forehead...
Remember God's blessings in your life. Say, "Thank You" which is the perfect prayer.
- Touch your heart...
Celebrate God's presence in you. Smile.
- Touch your left and right shoulders...
Believe that you were created to receive and give love.

What love and service are you giving next?

EASTER RELECTION – WE CELEBRATE

A prominent court judge receives a call from his wife to come home immediately. Their four year old daughter is hysterical because her pet turtle, Pepe, has died. The judge is deeply upset upon seeing his daughter so inconsolable. He offers to buy her a new turtle releasing a new wave of crying. He suggests a turtle funeral, but the girl doesn't know what that means. The judge explains that it is a celebration of life. She is not sold so he says, "We will celebrate like a birthday. You can invite your friends and we will have ice cream." The girl stops crying. He continues, "how about balloons and pony rides?" The girl now has a full-on smile. "OK" says the dad, let's bury the turtle and plan the party. As they approach the turtle box, the turtle moves and looks up. The little girl grabs her father's hand and says, "Daddy do me a favor, please". "Anything" he says. She says emphatically, "kill it".

Laughter is a reason to celebrate!

The little girl and every one of us really like to celebrate. We call Easter a celebration and there is a lot to celebrate. Easter is a time to remember all that God has done for our Salvation, to celebrate the Risen Christ with us and to affirm our belief that we are given new life

each day to love and serve one another in our mission to do Christ's work.

Easter is a celebration of what God desires to do for us and in us every day. Like the father in our story, God wants to console us, heal us and empower us to live our lives most fully alive, to live in a spirit of celebration for God is with us here.

Easter celebrates what happened in the past and what God, through prayer and the Sacraments can do for us here and now.

Easter is a time to celebrate our God who brings new life into every situation which is a reason to celebrate.

We Remember God's healing power that enables us to renew our relationships through forgiveness and with hope.

We Celebrate God in the gifts of nature, beauty, art, music, poetry and in the faces of those we love. We celebrate that suffering and death lead to new life and **Resurrected Glory.**

We Believe that prayer, scripture and the sacraments grant us peace in this life and the motivation to love others as God loves us.

We remember that we are lovable because God loves us. We celebrate the love that God places in our hearts. We believe that we are here to share all of our gifts and our hearts with one another in practical ways of services.

Easter is every day whenever
WE Remember, WE Celebrate, WE Believe!

MEDITATION HOUR

Please join for prayer, guided meditation and reflection on Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Students in Grades 2 through 8 attended Reconciliation this past week. Students have been participating in weekly Stations of the Cross prayer services, and attended a Living Stations presentation reenacted by students from Grades 5 through 8. Third graders have enjoyed learning about Westward Expansion and imagining life as a pioneer, and are working hard on their Biography Book Reports! We are looking forward to a busy Spring filled with exciting events such as Multicultural Day, field trips and Field Day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Grades 7, 8: May 7

Confirmation Grade 9, 10: May 7

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

COLUMBIETTES

All are welcome to attend the annual Columbiettes workshop. The event will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 in Marian Hall at 9:45 AM. Our own passionate Father Julio will be our guest speaker. A light breakfast will be served. Cost \$5.00

Reserve a seat today. Call Sharon Festa at 973-742-0926 or Cathie Murtha at 973-471-1265.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

"Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted."

- **The Monday Night Widow/Widowers Group:**

A social group for widows and widowers. Next meeting: **April 24th** at 6:30 PM

- **Spouse Bereavement Group:**

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meeting: **TUESDAY, April 25th** at 7:00 PM in the **RUSSO ROOM**

- **BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR:**

A Source of Understanding & Hope

- Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church-Cedar Knolls, NJ
- **Thursday, May 4th** at 7PM; Room 103
- Hosted by Deacon Henry deMena, MA
- Contact Notre Dame Parish office at 973-538-1358 ext. 122 or email at hdemena@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K OF C ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

St. Philip the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council 11671 will hold their annual Msgr. Peter J. Doody Scholarship Beefsteak Dinner on Saturday, **April 29th** in the St. Philip the Apostle Prep School Auditorium from 7- 9pm. All proceeds from this event go to providing scholarships for St. Philip's Prep School students. Tickets are \$35 each; call Dennis Fitzpatrick at (973) 271-9577. Tickets will be sold after all masses next weekend, **April 22nd & 23rd**.

COLLECTION FOR CITIZENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

This Knights of Columbus annual collection to help our citizens with special needs will take place next weekend, **April 22nd & 23rd** at all masses.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

DIOCESAN TRIP TO FATIMA & SOUTHERN SPAIN

Bishop Serratelli will be the Spiritual Director of a trip this summer to *Fatima and Southern Spain*. The Pilgrimage will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima and then continue on to Spain. The Pilgrimage will be from **July 16 to 24**.

For more information or to make reservations, please contact Great Experiences at 201-825-3725 or email them at greatexinc@verizon.net.

CITY OF CLIFTON'S 100TH CENTENNIAL

Celebrate Clifton's 100th Birthday on **Wednesday, April 26th** at 6:30 PM at City Hall.

- Opening of 1967 Time Capsule
- Prayer Service
- Clifton High School Choir Performance
- Birthday Cake

PRAY FOR

THE NEWLY MARRIED:

James Avagnano and Jennifer Terrannella

THE SICK: Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Barbara Sikora, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Zigrid Roman, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Susan Russell, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Theresa Buhler, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Alan Graf, Jim Lacava, Catherine Jackson, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Leonor Calvi, Michael Chiaramonte, Stephen Blayney, Rachel Livi, Don Muller

THE DECEASED: Jane Bertrand, John Babyak

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: APRIL 22/23, 2017

5:30 PM	Fr. Julio	10:00 AM	Fr. Joe
8:00 AM	Fr. Miguel	12:00 Noon	Fr. Kevin

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection: April 10, 2016	\$17,781.00
April 9, 2017	
Envelopes	\$17,152.00
Cash	\$ 2,519.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,486 .00
Total	\$24,157.00

**EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

8:00 Angela Coffaro; Fabian Izsa
10:00 Emma Dewland
 Helen Veliky
 Ernest & Philomena Cordasco
 Joseph Bianchi
 Sergio Mella, Jr.
12:00 Joseph Scafidi; Stanislaw Sudol

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017

7:00 **No Mass At This Time**
9:00 John Strangeway

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017

7:00 Don Brown
9:00 Judith Rodriguez; Alfredo Valle

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017

7:00 Michael Chiaramonte
9:00 Charles Elbert

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

7:00 Jane Hughes
9:00 Charles Salzer

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017

7:00 Special Intention: Erica Betacourt
9:00 Anna & James Nicosia

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017

9:00 Roberto DeSomma
5:30 Alton Ferry
 Mary Becker
 Ida Pompeo

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

8:00 Helen Veliky; Regina Pellegrino
10:00 Ann Albright
 Edward Yobs
 Thomas McGregor
 Catherine McClane
12:00 All the People of the Parish

The Offertory Candle: In Loving Memory of Charles Salzer

