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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord March 31, 2024



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening 5:30 PM
Sunday.....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
Monday thru Saturday..... 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday4:30 PM

HOLY HOUR

Every Friday9:30 to 10:30 AM

For a Communion visit and/or
Anointing of the Sick,
please contact the Parish office.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Easter is a story about dirt and graves and uncertainty. Even Mary Magdalene mistook Jesus for a gardener.

Nadia Bolz-Weber, a theologian and author, reminds us that the depictions in churches of the risen Christ never show dirt under his nails. Somehow, we needed to 'clean things up' for Easter, so no one would be offended by the truth.

For the truth is that new doesn't always look perfect. Just like the old, new can be messy: new looks like recovering alcoholics, new looks like mourning on the first anniversary of the death of a loved one, new looks like getting a new smartphone or a new job or a new car and still feeling restless and empty.

And this leaves us at the empty tomb. We are an Easter people because it was cloth, and not a body, that was found in the tomb. Even more so, there was a light that radiated from that tomb, for the Light of the World had risen. And that is what we celebrate today: the light that radiates from that empty tomb means we are not alone. Christ the Gardener was, and is, willing to get his hands dirty so that our lives can be transformed in His. God does not demand death for our sin but death of our sin. It is death and resurrection each time it happens. No matter how hard we try, we can't dig ourselves out of our self-created gardens, we need Christ to set us free.

So sure, it's a dirty business, and far from the Easter bunny, bonnets, and the soon-to-be-filled restaurants on Easter morning, but that is what Easter is truly about. Easter is a story about dirt and graves. It is about the truth that the tomb was empty. The truth that He is Risen. The truth that Christ the Gardener transforms the dirt of the world's pain into the life and joy of Easter. Perhaps then, in a certain way, Mary Magdalene was not mistaken after all?

On behalf of Fr. Nico, Fr. Jared, Deacon Sebastian, Deacon Bob, Deacon Nick, and the parish staff, have a blessed Easter!

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

FROM FATHER NICO

As we celebrate Easter, we are reminded that our true life begins not with our earthly birth but with our decision to follow Jesus, accept His gift of salvation, and live in the light of His resurrection.

Lent has prepared us for this moment, guiding us through reflection, penance, and anticipation. As the light of Easter dawns, we rejoice in the promise of new life that Jesus offers. His resurrection is not merely an event in history; it is a transformative reality that invites us to embrace a new life illuminated by His light.

In rising from the dead, Jesus has conquered sin and death, opening the gates of heaven for all who believe in Him. This victory is our source of hope and joy, assuring us that our faith is not in vain and that our trials and tribulations are not the final word. We are offered eternal life with God.

Through our words and actions, may we spread the joyous message of Easter: that death does not have the final say, that love is stronger than hate, and that new life is always possible with God.

May the joy of the Risen Lord fill your hearts and homes this Easter season and always. May you experience the peace and happiness that come from knowing Jesus and living in His light.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Father Nico

PLEASE NOTE

On Monday, April 1,
Mass will be celebrated at 9AM.
The church will be closed following the Mass.
The Parish Office will be closed.

DIVINE MERCY



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join us on

**Sunday, April 7th
at 3 PM**

in the church for Holy Hour
and recitation of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

"Therefore what God has joined together, let no
one separate." -Mark 10:9

As we approach the end of this Lenten season, we
are reminded of and would like to share with you,
how we came together: to work on songs in the
youth choir, the crosses we made in the early
childhood wing with Ms. Viggiano, the prayers we
have all learned that bring us closer to God, and
how we all gathered together in the auditorium to
see all the hard work from middle school that went
into the presentation of The Living Stations of the
Cross, and how much it has touched all of our
hearts.

St. Philip Preparatory School would like to wish
everyone a very Blessed and Happy Easter.



RESPECT FOR LIFE

MONUMENT DEDICATION

Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Columbus,
Columbiettes, and Junior High Students of the
Preparatory School

Invite You

To Attend the 10 AM Mass

On Sunday, April 7th

And

Immediately following the Mass

Join Fellow Parishioners

In the Peace Garden,

Adjacent to the Front of the Church

For The Blessing of the Memorial Stone

To the 65 million Aborted Babies

LIFE MINISTRY

Request a Mass for Life



GOAL: 7,500 Masses by 12/31/29

5,020 Masses arranged to date!!!

Let's pray for and expect miracles for life!

**"The celebration of Holy Mass has the
same value as the Death of Jesus on the Cross."**

-St. Thomas Aquinas

**Ask your Church Secretary to schedule one or
more Masses to be said "For the Protection of
Babies in the Womb and their Families." (Sunday
Mass is preferred, but any day will do). Make an
offering to the Church, typically \$10 per Mass.**

**Then, email info@lifeneteducation.org with
the Church name, and date(s)/time(s) of the
Masses and we'll add it to the tally. **That's it!!****

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIMETIMERS

Please note that there will not be an April meeting
of the Prime Timers. Please join us on Friday, May
3rd at 1:30 PM for our Tricky Tray! Stay Tuned for
more details.

Atlantic City Trip

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, May 21st. Bus leaves from St. Philips Drive at 9:30 AM. Price is \$50.

For tickets, please call Sylvia at (973) 742-9286.



ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us in celebrating the Annunciation on Monday, April 8th at 6:30 PM.

Mass begins in Marian Hall with the Rosary to follow. A day of dispensation from Lenten practices, with plenty of refreshments!

SAVE THE DATE!

The Rosary Society will be hosting a Spring Social Tea on Sunday, April 21st in Marian Hall. Doors open at 1 PM. Tickets are \$35. To register or for more information, call Elaine Vigilante at (973) 472-9019.

COLUMBIETTES

St. Philip's Columbiettes would like to wish the parish community a very Happy Easter! May our risen Lord fill your hearts and souls with joy. May hope be the light that guides us on our journey!

VACATION BIBLE FUN

Mark your calendars:
July 29 - August 2
8:30 AM to Noon



Songs, skits, snacks, games, crafts, logo t-shirt
Registration begins May 25th.

We invite Children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade.

Students want 30 Community Service Hours?

Sign up to be Junior Leaders.

Don't miss out on the fun!

DIOCESAN NEWS

HIKE THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

HELP DISCOVER YOUR VOCATION

Join us for a 5-mile hike on the Appalachian Trail's "Stairway to Heaven"

- Adventurous & challenging hike
- Outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Sweeney
- Several talks by priests and religious sisters
- For young men & women ages 15 and older - families welcome!
- Breakfast & lunch included

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
NO FEE



SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM

Meeting point: St. Francis de Sales Parish
614 Route 517, Vernon, NJ

Contact: Rev. Ed Rama, Vocation Director
(973) 777-8818 x.711
vocations@patersondiocese.org
patersonvocations.org
Sponsored by Paterson Diocese Office of Vocations

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JEREMIAH PROJECT

For Young Men High School Age

Join priests and seminarians for a night of sports, games, fellowship and more:

Basketball, soccer, and board games

Time for prayer and teaching of the Catholic Faith

Light snacks and refreshments

Help discern your call in life

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7 PM - 9 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024

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RSVP Requested

Contact: Rev. Ed Rama, Vocation Director
✉ vocations@patersondiocese.org
☎ 973-777-8818 X.715
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PARISH TRIP

On Tuesday, May 21st, the Parish is offering a trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Ronks, PA to see *Daniel*

\$175 Per Person, includes Ticket, Lunch and Transportation.

The Bus will depart from the St. Philip Lower Lot at 7 AM sharp.

For More information, and to reserve your seat, please contact the Parish Office at (973) 779-6200 or Raquel Nael-Marrero at (973) 563-6924 or Virginia Sipin at (973) 760-8484.

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For more information, please contact any of the following:
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Raquel Nael-Marrero 973-563-6924 | Virginia Sipin 973-760-8484

PARISH GIVING

THE COLLECTION INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING.

Upcoming Second Collections:
March 31 - Project Faith
April 7- The Beacon

WE PRAY FOR...

For the Recently Deceased...

Khareem and Shavonn Oliver, Jose Carmargo

A Time to be Healed...

Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Joseph Gore,
Sikora Sisters, Reverend John Klein,
Philip Kutzenko, Carol Saam,
Sr. Pauline Piechocki, Tom Mullin, Khameryn Oliver



MASS INTENTIONS

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

- 8:00 Joseph and Ann Jasionowicz
John Tomesco
10:00 Marie D'Angelo
Mark Meola
Giuseppe Esposito
Joseph Scafidi
12:00 Marlene Chidiac
Kathleen Valenti LaMantia

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

- 9:00 Mauro D'Alto
Dorothy Sisco

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

- 9:00 Francis, Miriam, and Kevin O'Brien
Derek L. Borkowski

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

- 9:00 John Anderson, Jr.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

- 9:00 Valentin Aguinaldo
Edgar T. DelaTorre, Sr

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

- 9:00 Exasperanza & Msgr. Esteban S. Binghay

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

- 9:00 Arsenia & Escolastico DelaTorre
5:30 Nick Barlotta
Frances Spazian
C. Mildred Petaccio

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

- 8:00 Teresa Villegas
Cristina Apostadero
10:00 Michele Monteleone
For the Unborn Child
Richard Kochan
Rosina Gioia
12:00 All the People of the Parish

CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31

In Memory of Rosalia and Giuseppe Rinaldo
-With love from their children



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Gospel Today

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | John 20:1-9

On the very first Easter morning Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter and another disciple found Jesus' tomb empty — He has risen... Alleluia!

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Easter	Removed	Greatest
Morning	Risen	Eternal
Joy	Disciple	New
Jesus	Empty	Life
Lord	Tomb	Alleluia
Stone	Kingdom	Resurrection

Alleluia ... Alleluia ... Alleluia



The Lord is Risen, the Kingdom has come... He has given US new life!

J	O	Y	M	O	D	G	N	I	K	R
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The Highest Holy Day • Alleluia • The Greatest Feast

EGGS ARE A SYMBOL OF...

The Resurrection, the shell cannot contain the chick as the tomb could not contain the risen Christ.

Of new life, reminding us of the new eternal life we find in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

- color the eggs -

What word of joy do we sing today, that has not been proclaimed all during Lent? We join the Angels and Saints in Heaven singing this praise to God _____!

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