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April 21, 2019

“For I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

EASTER SUNDAY
the
Resurrection
of
the
Lord
Easter Sunday of the Lord’s Resurrection
April 21, 2019 Mass during the Day

Just as the Easter season celebrates Christ arisen, our own lives must be celebrations in which the life of Christ arises from our daily living.

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

The Fourth Gospel gives us many takes on the stories about the life and ministry of Jesus. Now with the story of the discovery of the empty tomb we have another story. Though Luke tells us that Mary Magdalene (in the Gospel of John: Mary of Magdala) and other women were the first to encounter the empty tomb, that story also had two men “in dazzling garments” speaking to the women. In John’s account Mary seems to be alone, and upon finding the stone turned away, she runs to Simon Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved. We need to read further in the gospel than what we hear in today’s liturgy to find out more about Mary’s role on that morning. The gospel reading for today is content to have Mary fetch Peter and the other disciple. We hear no more about her.

And though Luke tells us in one verse, which happens to be missing from many ancient manuscripts, that Peter found the tomb empty, John tells us that he was accompanied by the disciple whom Jesus loved. And it is he, this latter disciple, who is the first to believe, even though neither he nor Peter at that time understood the Scripture about rising from the dead.

So this becomes something of a model of faith. We, like the beloved disciple, believe before we understand completely. Upon believing, we spend the rest of our lives contemplating the mystery of faith. And like the Beloved Disciple we are led to faith by another, in this case Mary of Magdala. She is the one who indicates that the stone was rolled away. She points to something that needs to be explored, investigated. And once the Beloved Disciple has that encounter the response is faith.

How often do we say yes before completely understanding the ramification of our assent? How often does something simply feel right and we dive in before we have a complete picture of what’s at stake? That might happen upon falling in love, having a child, or making another sort of life commitment. Once made, these decisions and commitments alter the course of our lives.

In the case of the Beloved Disciple, once he encountered the empty tomb he believed even before he understood. It’s quite likely that he spent the rest of his life pondering the events of Jesus’ life, death, and ultimate resurrection, drawing connections between the Scriptures and what he had witnessed. The entirety of Jesus is something we can never fully comprehend or understand, much like we can never fully comprehend or understand any human being. At the center of each is mystery.

On this Easter Day, let us sit with Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple in the empty tomb, having been drawn there by Mary. Let us ponder the meaning of this extraordinary Event and believe. We have the rest of our lives to unpack and better understand what that entails.
April 21, 2019

04/20 Saturday Holy Saturday
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
Intentions of the Celebrant

04/21 Sunday Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

04/22 Monday 8:00 a.m. † Sasha Panasik
(by: Linda Buckley)

04/23 Tuesday 8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

04/24 Wednesday 8:00 a.m. † Sally Maulsby
(by: The Kissane Family)

04/25 Thursday 8:00 a.m. Lina Henry (Birthday Blessings)
(by: Pura Lippi)

04/26 Friday 8:00 a.m. † Salvatore “Sal” Rinaldi
(by: Rose Rinaldi)

04/27 Saturday 8:00 a.m. † Hilda O’Connor
(by: The Kissane Family)
5:00 p.m. † Deceased Members of the Pavone Family & Lloyd Miller
(by: Rosa Pavone)

04/28 Sunday Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi (Special Intention)
(by: Rowena & Scott Kern)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Let us remember in our Prayers…

Those who are sick or who suffer in any way, especially the homebound and the elderly, that God will assist them in their time of need and that they may find comfort and healing in Christ.

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Those who have died, the deceased of our parish, and especially those who have no one to pray for them.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

We are sincerely grateful for your financial stewardship supporting our various parish needs.

April 7, 2019—First Collection
Basket $1,953.00
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Next Week’s Readings (4-28-2019)
Prepare Your Heart & Mind for Next Week’s Encounter

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16
Psalm: 118:1
Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Gospel: John 20:19-31

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.
Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father,
we come before you on this Easter Sunday
with full and grateful hearts for the gift of
the Paschal Mystery that you showed us
in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son,
our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love.
Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you.
You are God for all.
We ask all this in Christ's name.
Amen.

Can you imagine that moment? Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true! The past three years weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong." Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?

It didn't start that way, of course. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don't wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance. They run to the site. When is the last time you ran for something? This isn't a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment? The fear pounding in their temples, matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."

This is the drama of our great feast! The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised. Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality. We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary's story. It's not Peter and John's story. It's our story. From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Alleluia! Christ is risen! We are called, by how we live our lives, to celebrate the risen Christ. How do we do that? Our faith in the resurrection gathers us here today to celebrate this incredible event. The good news is that the doors of eternity are open! We can now understand that the fullness of who we are will be discovered when we one day meet God face-to-face in heaven. Our faith in the truth of who God is and who we are affects how we live our lives and the decisions we make. We are called to love our neighbor...to love those who hurt us...to work on behalf of the poor and the weak...to be people of justice, integrity, and hope...to practice compassion and mercy above anything else. Our lives are meant to be oriented around the axis of the Gospel. Are they?

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:
Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other celebrations are celebrated on the same day?

Answer:
Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason. Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we don't know Jesus' exact birthday, we celebrate the "light of the world" around the time of winter solstice, as dark, wintery days begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was crucified the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corresponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don't re-calculate the full moon every year. As astronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter would occur in future years. The Church has created a table of calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in advance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days following in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects our Christian faith now to what has come before - our Jewish roots and the real, historical reality of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.
Due to early printing schedules for our bulletins donations received after April 9th are not reflected below. An updated list will be presented in our next issue. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

If you have not had a chance to send in your contribution, please consider doing it today. Brochures are available at the back of the church. No amount is too small. We offer our gratitude and acknowledge the following supporters of this year’s Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Our assessment is $38,971.64. As of April 9, we have raised: $23,785.00 including pledges. Thank you.

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Our parish is blessed and enriched by the presence of new parishioners.

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Interested in having your child Baptized at Saint Philip the Apostle Church?

Please call the parish office at 415.282.0141 to reserve your spot for any upcoming preparation session and schedule a date for the baptism.

Next Session will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

Call the Parish office to make your reservation.

Faith Formation

2019-2020 First Communion and Confirmation Religious Education Classes

Saint Philip Parish is pleased to announce we are currently accepting applications for the 2019-2020 term for students enrolled in our public and private schools into our Faith Formation Programs.

Sessions will commence in the fall during the September timeframe. If you are interested, please take an application from the vestibule bulletin board or visit our website at www.saintphilipparish.org for an online application.

You may also call the Parish Office for detailed information at 415-282-0141.

Are you planning a summer 2019 wedding?

If so, now is the time to contact the church’s rectory office and discuss your plans with our pastoral staff and reserve the church.

Keep in mind Archdiocese guidelines require couples contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date to begin the Pre-Cana preparation.

Call our parish office to schedule your initial meeting at 415-282-0141.

Easter A time for Renewal!

May our celebration raise us up and renew our lives!

One of the great songs we often sing on Easter has the words, “This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia!” Everything with which we struggle, and every hope and desire we have, come together in this day. The tomb is empty!

Sometimes Easter Sunday can be a busy day, with visiting, meals, and travel. Our prayer when we wake, and our “calling to mind” throughout the day, can help us remember what we are grateful for today.

There is Light in the midst of every darkness. New life, ever lasting life is ours. Our journey to the font of renewal has helped us remember we have been placed with Jesus.
PARISH SERVICES

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
This Sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill, or scheduled for surgery. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the anointing in Church or at home. If in hospital, or care facility, please request the Catholic Chaplain or a priest from the Parish in which the hospital or care facility is located, through the nursing station.

BAPTISM
Parents wishing to baptize children should call the parish office to schedule the baptism and to schedule participation in our baptismal preparation program. Please call two months before you wish the baptism. Parents must make an appointment to attend the preparation session. Godparents may attend if they wish. As of January, 2019, these sessions will take place the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The preparation maybe done before the birth of the child. Please call the Parish office at 415-282-0141 for more information.

FAITH FORMATION
Sacramental preparation is a one year program here at St. Philips. First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated in the 2nd grade. However, we offer accommodations for those older. Classes are held in the chapel on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. A copy of the child’s baptismal certificate will be required upon registration. Please call the Parish office for complete details. 415-282-0141

Our Confirmation Program is designed for those youth entering the 8th grade or already in high school. These sessions begin in the fall. You must provide baptismal and First Eucharist certificates. To register call the Parish Office 415-282-0141

R.C.I.A.—Adults wishing to explore the Catholic faith are welcome to attend an Inquiry Session in the fall. Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m.in the Resource Center building (the old convent). Call the Parish Office at 415-282-0141 for a registration form.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY
Call the Parish Office to arrange for visitation and the gift of Holy Communion from one of our Extraordinary Ministers for your friends and family members who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or hospitalization. This is a beautiful ministry which allows for the Church to reach out to those who are homebound and share faith and friendship.

MARRIAGE
Couples are asked to call the Parish Office at least six months prior to their intended wedding date to schedule an appointment with the Pastoral Staff to begin their marriage preparation journey.

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 4:15—4:45 p.m. or by appointment During Lent on Tuesdays from 6-8:00 p.m. as well

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Baptismal Classes First Saturday of the Month 9:00 a.m. (Rectory by appt.)
Belfry Society Tuesday 7:30 p.m. (Church)
Children Choir Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)
First Communion Instruction Sundays 9:15 a.m. (chapel)
CCD Confirmation Instruction Sundays 9:15 a.m. (Lyons Rm)
Liturgy Committee
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Group (PTG) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)
Rosary Makers
School Consultative Board
Young at Heart (Senior Club 50+) Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Please contact the rectory at (415) 282-0141
As a service to the community, we sponsor the following:
Monday A.A. Meeting (Men’s) 7:00 p.m. Hall 3
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