

St. Ann Parish

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FROM THE PASTOR



Today's Gospel of the raising of Lazarus can be a great help for us when we doubt or do not believe in life after death. In restoring Lazarus to this life, Jesus is proclaiming that He is the Lord of Life and has power over death. Death is not the end and Jesus can "free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life" (Hebrews 2:15).

That said, since this is the Gospel according to John, we want to be alert for multiple layers of meaning and messaging. I am convinced that the Lord is also presenting himself to us as the One who also frees us from the fear of living fully while we are still breathing. When we find ourselves paralyzed or imprisoned from entering into life and in engaging with each day. One question is, "Is there life after death"; another question is, "Is there life before death." Jesus tells us that he "came so that (we) might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

RESUSCITATION ≠ RESURRECTION – Words matter. Today we are celebrating **not the resurrection** of Lazarus but rather the **resuscitation** of Lazarus. In the Gospels we encounter three individuals being restored to earthly life by Jesus: 1) the daughter of Jairus (Luke 8:40-56); 2) the son of the widow of Naim (Luke 7:11-17); and Lazarus. In each case these individuals are not raised up to a new level of existence where death ceases to exist. Rather, each of these persons are "merely" returned temporarily to the same level of natural life they had been living prior to their death. Each of these individuals remains subject to death, and when at some point they die a second time, they will not be resuscitated.

RESURRECTION – Jesus is the first person to have been resurrected; that is, elevated after death and burial to an entirely new level of being, or what Pope Benedict the XVI called "a quantum leap" of existence in which Christ (and all those who are in Him) dwell within the Trinity and share in the very life of God! Further, at the end of time there will be the marriage (union) of heaven and earth and the beginning of a new heaven **and a**

new earth! This is what we profess each Sunday as we say "I believe in the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come." As Bishop Wright says, "Heaven is important, but it is not the end of the world."

LONG WALK TO FREEDOM – is the title of Nelson Mandela's autobiography. I pray that our long walk for 40 days this Lent is helping us to open the door to the grace God wants to give us this Easter so that we may walk in the freedom of the sons and daughters of God.

LONG WALK TO BAPTISMAL FREEDOM – The 40 long days of Lent, culminating in the 4 long Gospel proclamations these final Sundays of Lent, are structured to sink us—again and again, year after year, decade after decade—more deeply into Christ. Remember the verb "baptize" means to "sink" and remember further that whatever we are sunk into sinks into us. And so this Lent we are preparing—*our Elect for their one and only sacramental sinking and the rest of us for our upcoming annual renewal of our one and only sacramental sinking*—to be sunk into Christ so that He may continue to sink into us. The long Gospels of these Sundays are intended to help us marinate, steep, become saturated in Christ.



IS ST. JOHN'S GOSPEL ANTI-SEMITIC? - Of the **sixty-four** times St. John uses the term "the Jews" in his Gospel, **thirty-five** (55%) are neutral, **seven** (11%) are positive, and **twenty-two** (34%) are negative. As we begin the "Season of John" we need to admit that about one third of the time John refers to "the Jews" he is presenting them in a collective negative light. Since Anti-Semitism is a sin, what are we to make of this? I think we face it and remember that God speaks to us in Sacred Scripture, in Catholic Tradition, in the failures and sins of our past, in the questions of the present, in our hopes for the future, through others, and in our own hearts. It is important to keep the conversation alive. For more on our relations to the Jewish people check the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraphs 60-64, 218-219, 597-599, 762, 839, 1611-1612).

FROM THE PASTOR, cont.



OVERNIGHT EMERGENCY WARMING CENTER

POOR BOXES - All funds received in our Parish Poor Boxes this Lent will be used to support this winter's **Cold Blue Ministry** located in Sacred Heart Church Hall from 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM every night.

"GIVING HOPE TO ALL" – is the theme of the **2017 Catholic Charities Appeal**. This annual appeal is our main corporate effort as the Body of Christ in the five counties of the Archdiocese to serve hundreds of thousands of our neighbors in need of material and social assistance. For more visit <http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org>.



PRAY, FAST, LEARN, GIVE
This week **CRS Rice Bowl** invites us to encounter resilience through Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children—even during a devastating

drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom? Visit crsricebowl.org for more. **You can access meatless recipes** to observe Lenten fasting protocols at www.crsricebowl.org/recipe. At the end of Lent, we ask you to convert your Rice Bowl donations into one check and place that check into the collection basket on Holy Thursday or on Easter Sunday.

SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION - Part of living a **penitential life** (that is, a life open to growing in Grace through Jesus Christ) is living a **sacramental life**. Part of living a sacramental life is celebrating the **Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation**. As a point for conscience examination this week how about: Is there anyone (any group) who in relation to me is darned if they do & darned if they don't? Who can never say or do the right thing? Whom I have written off? The complete Confession schedule for Lent and some aides for examining our consciences are available on our parish website.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2017

Universal Intention: Young People. That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

CEMETERY HOURS

AS OF APRIL 1 THRU SEPTEMBER 30 THE CEMETERY WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 7:00 PM



ADDITIONAL PEOPLE NEEDED

- We need additional people to serve as **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY** for the Paschal Triduum and Easter Sunday. Experienced Ministers of Hospitality will be at each service to direct any extra one-time helpers. We are asking all current Ministers of Hospitality and any other folks who would like to help just this time, to please put your name and phone number on one of the sign up sheets in Sacred Heart Church, St. Ann Church, the lobby of Chapel or near the St. Joseph statue.



FORMED is loaded with religious material for people of all ages, and this portal is accessible via computer, tablet and smartphone. Log onto www.FORMED.org and enter our Parish Code: W2HQ93.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (APRIL 2) PROGRAM: FOOTPRINTS OF GOD - JESUS

Watch Chapter 3: To Pay the Price starting at "minute 53"



As we approach Holy Week, take an "armchair pilgrimage" of the holy sites in Jerusalem and trace Jesus' steps to Calvary. Suitable for families. And check out the accompanying "Leader's Guide" for activities to do with children to help them truly understand Christ's sacrificial love for them!

**THE WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Mass in Chapel
9:30 AM Mass in Chapel
9:30 AM Spanish Mass in Church
11:30 AM Mass in Chapel
6:00 PM Mass in Chapel

Crab Cake order forms will be picked up after all Masses this weekend.

9:30 AM - Children's Liturgy (602)
9:30 AM - Sunday School (Pre-School)
10:35 AM - PREP K-6 (School)
12:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass (Church) and Social (Church Hall)
7:00 PM - Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group (Church Hall)

MONDAY

8:00 AM Mass in Church

7:00 PM - Women at the Well (Parish Office)
7:30 PM - Legion of Mary (Church Hall 2)

TUESDAY

St. Isidore of Seville

8:00 AM Mass in Church

8:30 AM - Confessions (Church)
6:20 PM - PREP K-6 (Church, School)
7:00 PM - Bible Study (Church Hall)
7:00 PM - RCIA (Parish Office)
7:00 PM - Adult Choir (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY

St. Vincent Ferrer

8:00 AM Mass in Church

8:30 AM - 7:00 PM - Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
8:30 AM - Flame of Love Presentation (Church Hall)
12:30 PM - Walking with Purpose (Church Hall)
6:30 PM - Confessions (Church)
7:00 PM - Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Hall)
7:30 PM - ESL Classes (Church Hall, 1, 3 & 4)

7:30 PM - Ecumenical Service at St. John's United Church of Christ, 315 Gay St. Rev. Dan McDowell of Grace Crossing Community Church will preach.

7:30 - 9:00 PM - **Catholic Young Adults** - Get ready for Holy Week at our monthly Holy Hour. Adoration and Night Prayer will take place at St. Agnes Church, 233 Gay St. West Chester in the Chapel. All are invited out afterwards for food, drinks and fellowship at Ryan's Pub.

THURSDAY

8:00 AM Mass in Church

2:00 PM - Confessions (Chapel)
2:15 PM - HFS Stations of the Cross (Church)
4:00 - 6:00 PM - Pick up Crab Cakes (Church Hall)
5:45 PM - Youth Choir (Chapel)
5:45 PM - Bridges to Faith (Church Hall)
6:00 PM - Church Cleaners (Church)
7:00 PM - Adult Choir (Chapel)
7:00 PM - Scripture Study (Parish Office)
7:00 PM - ESL Classes (Church Hall 1, 2, 3 & 4)

FRIDAY

St. John Baptist de la Salle

8:00 AM Mass in Church

9:00 AM - Rosary Makers Guild (Church Hall)
7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross in English (Church)
7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross in Spanish (Chapel)

SATURDAY

8:30 AM Mass in Church

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study (Church Hall)
3:45 PM - Confessions (Sacred Heart Church)

Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
5:00 PM Mass in Sacred Heart Church

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Sun: Ex 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
Mon: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tues: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wed: Dn 3:14-20/91-92,95/Jn 8:31-42
Thu: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Fri: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Sat: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
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Sun: Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66



**Table Fellowship for the
WEEK OF APRIL 2
St. Peter's Church
121 Church St.**

Lunch - Monday - Friday
Noon to 1:00 PM

Saturday (April 8)
Breakfast 8:45 - 10:30 AM
Pantry 9:00 - 11:00 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS



SEEING RED? – We invite you to wear something **red** to Mass next weekend as we celebrate **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.**

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET next Sunday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at St. Basil The Great Parish Hall



sponsored by The St. Basil Knights of Columbus. Tickets: Adults \$12/ Children 6-12 \$6/Children under 5 Free. For tickets call Bill Jennings at 484-716-1889 or tickets will be on sale after all Masses.

PHOENIXVILLE CROSS WALK

Next Sunday we are invited to participate in an outdoor celebration of the Stations of the Cross at places of suffering and hope in our community. The Service will start at 3:00 PM at Grace Crossings Church, Gay & Church Sts. This event is sponsored by the Christian Congregations of the Phoenixville Area Clergy Association.



IN PERSON - FR. TIMOTHY GALLAGHER, OMV, Living the Discerning Life on April 22 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Daylesford Abbey. Who am I and where am I heading? What decision should I make? Come explore your interior experiences in light of Ignatius of Loyola's teachings - called "the essential tool for practical counsel." A pragmatic presentation to uncover God's guidance in daily life. Fr. Gallagher is a renowned spiritual director, retreat master and professor. He is the author of 7 books on Ignatian Spirituality and an EWTN series host. Books, DVD's & CD's will be available. Details at www.daylesford.org or 610-647-2530 x 100.

A few spots remain for **Saints A.L.I.V.E.** on April 29. This retreat is open to youth in grades 5 to 8, and will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. The day runs from Noon to 5:00 PM and includes activities, great talks, fun, food and faith and ends with the Vigil Mass. The cost of this retreat is \$12 per student. If you or your parish are interested in attending, please contact Sue Matour in the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778 no later than Monday, April 3.



PREP REGISTRATION 2017-2018

**March 26 – June 3
DON'T DELAY!**

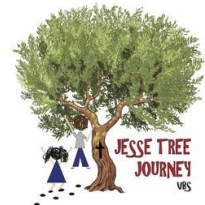
**Information and forms
now available online and
at the Parish Office**



Our **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be holding their 7th Annual **GOLF OUTING** at The Kimberton

Golf Club on Friday, June 16. All are invited to play. For reservations see **our website** at KofC1374.org.

**St. Ann Parish
Vacation Bible School 2017
Jesse Tree Journey
June 26 – June 30
9:00 AM - Noon
Ages 4 ½ -11**



The Old Testament leads us to Jesus as we explore HIS family tree. Studying prophets and faithful men and women creates adventure and when we reach Jesus we learn how beautiful God's plan was from the very beginning of time!

Children meet His family through music and art, prayer and game faith formation stations. Snacks, role plays and assemblies are enjoyed in this summer program, too.

Adult and youth volunteers (ages 12+) needed to help in all areas. Contact Julie Prichett at youthstann@comcast.net or call 610-755-1077.

Child registration forms are now available on the parish website and at the Parish Office.



The Parish Library is now displaying films, devotionals, and history books to enrich your Lenten observance. The Library is located in the Parish Office and is open during regular business hours Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Saturday, 9:00 AM – Noon. Please stop by.

Want to save some time and money while helping St Ann Parish in the process? Consider using Direct Deposit for your weekly Sunday donation. St Ann's offers a Direct Debit program whereby your total monthly (Sunday) contribution is automatically deducted from your designated account on the 15th of each month. There is no fee to use this service. Sign up forms may be found on our chapel shelves or call the parish office for more info.



If you use the monthly direct debit program and you are uncomfortable as the collection basket passes you, feel free to place an empty envelope marked 'direct debit' into the basket.

Also, you may contact your Bank or Credit Union to use the Bill Payer service they offer. Many financial institutions offer this service for free.

NEED A RIDE - HOPE volunteers drive people in need to appointments or on essential errands, Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Schedule a ride 4 days in advance.

April 1 - 15: Georgene O'Donnell at 484-985-8492

April 16 - 30: Joan Lyon at 610-933-4751

Necesita un "RIDE" - Nuestro Ministerio HOPE tiene voluntaries disponibles para llevarlo a citas esenciales de lunes a liernes, de 7 AM a 4 PM. Para coordinar esta actividad por favor llame a Rosa Padilla al 484-302-6056 con 4 días de anticipación.



AID FOR FRIENDS

FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you can assist by creating single-serving meals with leftovers for the homebound in our community, you can **pick up empty trays and supplies and meals can be dropped off at 602 S. Main St.**

**Sunday 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
and 5:30 - 7:00 PM**

For more information call Kate at 610-933-3814 or katecommiskey@msn.com.

	3/26/17 39th Sunday in Fiscal Year	Sunday Donations Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/16 - 3/26/17
Budget:	\$15,935	\$615,810
Offering:		
Envelopes	\$11,770	\$457,565
Loose	1,064	38,603
Online Giving	2,116	71,551
Mail	2,712	61,943
Total	\$17,662	\$629,662
Overage	\$1,727	\$13,852

Thank you for your generosity!

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Alicia Andrews, Gene Bernat, Chad Berish, Beth Booth, Carolyn Boring, Ashley Rose Bukay, Ed Cain, Eleanor and John Calvecchio, Leroy Campbell, Dave Cocci, Angeline Costello, John Daly, Joe Demyan, Michael DiArcangelo, Lida Dickinson, Lucille Dickson, Loan Doan, Tom Fedick, Dan Fennell, Daniel Flores, Sally Freed, Ryan Gerhold, Joe Gibson, Gordon Gladden, Jennifer Pacifico Golaszewski, Christine Greger, Jim Havrilla, Jean Hoffman, Joseph Hohenleitner, Angela Hogan, Ann Hovanec, Michael Hudak, Jeanette Jelus, Ann Johnson, Irene King, Jack Klenk, Patrick Koch, John Koch, Irene Layden, Denise Long, Ray Long, Claire Maestrale, Steve & Joanne Mardi, Marie Marosek, Thomas Mastrangelo, Heather McCann, John McKenzie, Michele Mellon, Ron Motzer, Tom Moyer, Karen Nesspor, Jacob Nichols, Georgene O'Donnell, Marcelo Opiela, Steve Pannella, Cindy Patton, Joan Pendergast, Abigail Pilcicki, Dianne Litishin Ponzio, Christine Radoiss, Katherine Raggazino, Jerry Ratchford, John Riegel, Kris Roberts, Kathryn Rocky, Florence Schlosman, Pat Scott, Ken Shackleton, Keith Sheridan, Patrick Sheridan, Eustachia Shtohryn, Margaret Sim, James Smith, Renee Smith, Jennifer Spencer, Sr., Evelyn Spitz, Bob Stancavage, Marc Stevenson, Sherri Stover, Ethel Thomas, Glenn Thomas, Don Troncelliti, Helen Twargoski, Doris Valerio, Jeff Vance, Joe Vargo, Paul G. Weaver, Charles Wertz, Talan Wolstenholme, our homebound, parishioners in Nursing Homes, Hospitals & all serving in the Armed Forces.