

Easter Sunday:

The Resurrection of the Lord

April 12, 2009

"Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back, it was very large. Mark 16: 1-7

Practicing Resurrection

Clearly, on that Easter morning something happened to Jesus. But something happened to his disciples, too. They went into hiding after the crucifixion, but after the news of Mary Magdalene, Mary and Salome, and the resurrection appearances, they walked back into the world. They became braver and stronger; they visited strangers; they healed the sick. It's not only what they saw when they saw Jesus, or how they saw it, but what was set free in them.

What if the life after death Jesus reveals is not a life exclusively for the dead? What if it's a life available to us all - something that we the living can participate in, too?

What if the resurrection is not about the appearances of Jesus alone but also about what those appearances pointed to, what the Risen Jesus asked?

The resurrection of Jesus is a resurrection within us, now, in this time and place. A new pattern of events is set free around us, a new way of looking at one another and our world is opened up. It is what we do with this new freedom that matters. We have to *practice* resurrection.

As we peer into the empty tomb with Mary Magdalene and her companions, with Peter and the unnamed disciple this Easter, we are as confused and as scared as they are. But let the angel's good news open our imaginations to the possibilities, let the light that illuminates the tomb that can no longer hold Jesus illuminate our hearts to see our lives transformed in God's grace; let the Spirit of God release in us hope that we dare not trust, joy that we fear will be betrayed, dreams that we are resigned to keep hidden and unrealized.

Easter is more than an event. Easter is an attitude; Easter is liberation; Easter is life, our life, in the here and now. May this morning open us up to new possibilities and experiences of God's extraordinary grace transforming our most ordinary of days.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 13 - Easter Monday

5:15 PM

Tuesday, April 14 - Easter Tuesday

8:00 AM James J. Kelley

Wednesday, April 15 - Easter Wednesday

5:15 PM Jack Michael Dautovic

Thursday, April 16 - Easter Thursday

8:00 AM

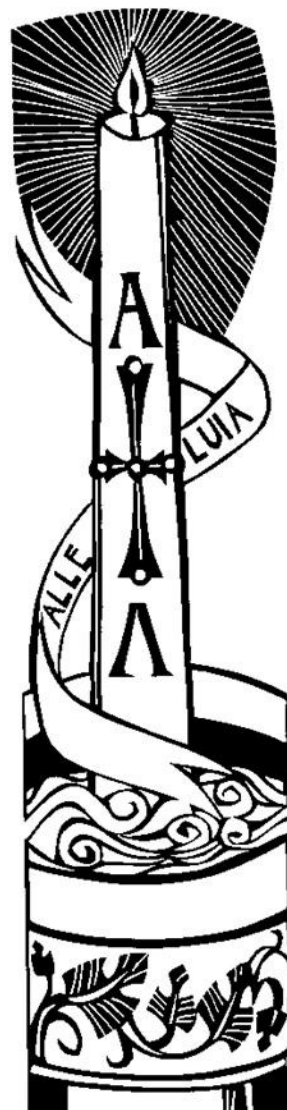
Friday, April 17 - Easter Friday

5:15 PM Mary M. Kralovic

Saturday, April 18 - Easter Saturday

8:00 AM Anna Klocek

5:15 PM Gus Boland



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2: 14, 22-23; Matthew 28: 8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2: 36-41; John 20: 11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3: 1-10; Luke 24: 13-35

Thursday: Acts 3: 11-26; Luke 24: 35-48

Friday: Acts 4: 1-12; John 21: 1-14

Saturday: Acts 4: 13-21; Mark 16: 9-15

Sunday: Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 5: 1-6;

John 20: 19-31



Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen! He is Indeed Risen!

... a Byzantine blessing given always by my friend, teammate, and priestly brother, Rev. John Keblesh, to anyone that he would meet. "Kibbies" (as we affectionately called him) was forever lifted up by the Good News of the Resurrection and he wanted to share that Good News with everyone. I rarely ever saw Kibs in a depressed or sour state because he lived as he believed - God was with him. John was in his late 30's when God rewarded him with eternal life and my life has been blessed in the fifteen years he called me "brother."

I often wondered why God called him home at such an early age when he could have led so many more people to Christ with his exuberant infectious faith. But then so was Jesus called back to the Father at the age of thirty-three. Both Jesus and Kibs were the proverbial "candle in the wind" placed here on earth to show us the way to the Father. Jesus led John believed and did his best to follow while helping others gain a foothold on the path to salvation.

If we surrender our self-centeredness, our selfishness - if we fully trust in the Easter blessing and news - we can achieve that life with the Father that Jesus promised he would lead us to. It can be done. I have seen it done in Kibs' life and in the life of others. Jesus would not have told us to follow Him if it could not be done. It can be and it starts by not only proclaiming but living, "Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen! He is Indeed Risen!"

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

Fr. John

Thank You

Our 2nd Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast was a success and enjoyed by all thanks to the many volunteers who helped out in preparing the breakfast, serving the meals, selling tickets and for cleaning-up afterwards. And a big thank you to Mary Machaskee for organizing the breakfast.

Pancake Breakfast Raffle Winners

50/50 raffle - (\$152.50) - John Nekl
Lottery basket - Mary Nekl
Easter baskets - Fran Bellomo & Barb Klein
Book - Connie Mazzella
\$25 Giant Eagle card - Janet Nekl & Buettner Family

Coffee & Donuts

Coffee & donuts are cancelled today!

Pray for the Deceased

Connie King (former parishioner)

Senior Clementines and Friends

All older adults are invited to join the Senior Clementines and Friends on Thursday, April 16th, from 1-3 PM in the church hall. Please join us as we welcome Mazie Adams from the Lakewood Historical Society. She will be discussing "Lakewood's Sacred Landmarks". We will also be holding a 50/50 raffle. All are welcome to come for the presentation, refreshments and good company. Don't forget to bring a donation of a non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. If this will be your first gathering, please call Fran Bellomo at 221-1301.

Good News!

Our St. Clement website is reactivated. Log on and see all the exciting things that are happening in our parish at www.saint-clement.net.

Divine Mercy Sunday

All are invited to join in a Eucharistic Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Luke Church on April 19th at 3 PM. Our Holy Father has granted a plenary indulgence for this day under the usual requirements established by the church. Please join us in the Easter celebration of God's love and mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) Maureen Tock, Rita Shinheard
Karen & Joe Venorsky, Fred Buelow,
Rita McMaster, Jason & Rita Foster



Financial Assistance for Assisted Living

St. Augustine Towers participates in two programs that provide financial assistance for assisted living for those who qualify. Now more people can enjoy their independence without the worries of home ownership. Call St. Augustine Towers at 216-634-7444 and ask about the Assisted Living Waiver Program and the VA Benefit, or visit our website at www.staugustinemanor.org.

Special Notice . . .

The Diocesan Tribunal will be presenting a new program for beginning the annulment process. Meetings will be held at St. Raphael Church, Bay Village, April 14th at 7:00 PM and April 28th.

Financial News

Offertory Contributions

Last Sunday \$ 6,636.07
Year Ago \$ 6,509.09
St. Augustine Hunger Center \$ 572.62