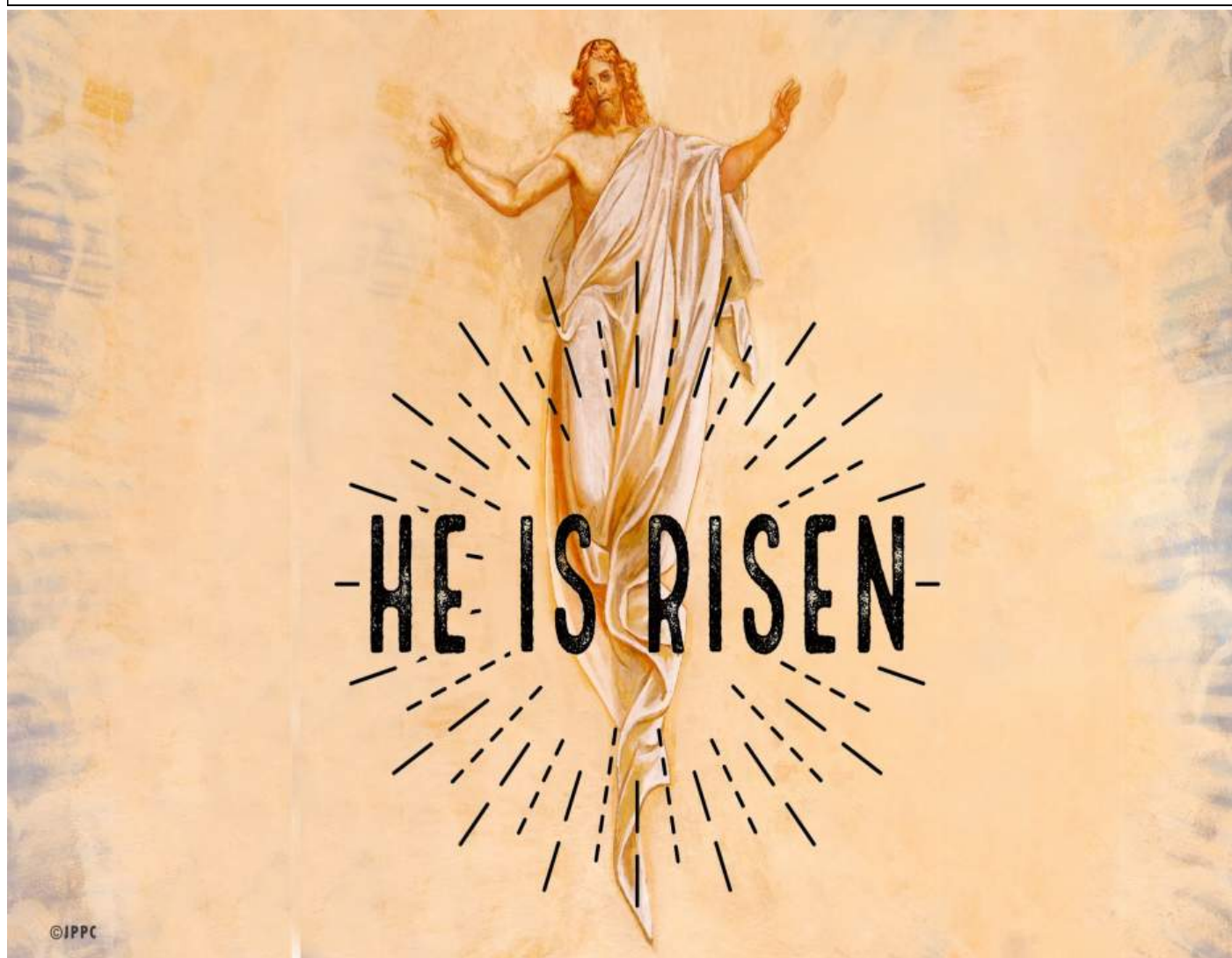


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SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Dear Friends in Christ:

Happy Easter! May the Risen Lord continually bless us!

Easter provides us with the opportunity to reflect upon the salvific history presented in the Old Testament as it relates to the Paschal Mystery and the Resurrection. Easter also represents the culmination of the Life, Death, and Resurrection of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, in its fullness. Certainly, we rejoice on this day, and it is important to reflect on why.

Easter provides us with the opportunity to celebrate with family and loved ones, which can produce a feeling of joy. But the joy of this day revolves around the freedom that God only can give. As Americans, we often look to freedom as one of our great societal gifts. But the freedom that God offers is something much deeper.

As individuals, created in the image and likeness of God, we are called to see freedom as the gift to love as God loves. Whereas cultural freedom (license) can be an invitation to do what one wants, the freedom of Christ is the fulfillment of our nature. When we pray quietly and think of the times when we have truly loved someone, we get a taste of the freedom of God. God who respects the freedom He has given us, invites us to use our freedom properly to share the good news of Jesus Christ risen from the dead. True love results in the gift of self.

As we reflect upon and celebrate the victory of Christ over sin and death, let us continually remind ourselves of the promise of eternal life in the Kingdom offered to us through the Resurrection of Christ from the dead.

Happy Easter!

Father DiMaria





A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of \$5,000.00. We appreciate their continued support and generosity to our parish.



"Companions in Prayer and Ministry" will not meet on Sunday, April 7th.

First Saturday Devotions

Immediately following the Saturday 8 a.m. Mass at Our Mother of Divine Providence Church on April 6, First Saturday devotions consisting of the rosary and other prayers to honor Our Lady of Fatima will be held. All are welcome!



The Officers and Members of the Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council #3327 would like to thank all those who participated in the PA State Special Olympics event. Through your generosity at Sacred Heart a total of \$572.00 was collected.



Monday Night Rosary

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 30
7:00pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31
8:00am The Deceased Members of the
Perretta Family
Requested by Carl & Kass Perretta

10:15am Eugene Pera
(1st Anniv. Remembrance, March 30th)
Requested by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Monday, April 1
8:00am Susan Wolf

Tuesday, April 2
8:00am Jack Guziewicz
Requested by Joseph McQuaite

Wednesday, April 3
8:00am Catherine DePaul
Requested by Jeanette Guziewicz

Thursday, April 4
8:00am Deceased Sisters of the Immaculate
Heart of Mary
Requested by The IHM Sisters of Sacred Heart

Friday, April 5
8:00am Joseph Prestia
Requested by Margaret & Ron Halas

Saturday, April 6
NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Joseph & Concetta Pizza
Requested by Bob & Theresa Wagner

Sunday, April 7
8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Edward Keszczyk
Requested by Wanda Opielski & Family



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!
The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, April 6:
4:00pm

Lector: Elisa Pagnotti

Sunday morning, April 7:
8:00am

Lector: Rich McVoy

10:15am

Lector: Chris Kilian



Weekly Report

Due to an early bulletin deadline, financial information will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



Save The Date!

Our parish's Feast Day Dinner will be held at Spring Mill Ball Room in Conshohocken on **Sunday, June 9th** beginning at 4:00 p.m. We have contracted with PTG caterers to prepare and serve the meal. Fasano entertainment will provide the music. Further details to follow.



This week the bread and wine for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is in loving memory of

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Please Pray For All Who Protect Our Country, especially...

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ETERNAL REST,
GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!

*In your kindness,
please pray for the happy repose of the souls of*

Theresa M. Romahn

*Who was called from this life on
March 3, 2024*

Mary Ann Barainyak

*Who was called from this life on
March 18, 2024*

*"May Their souls and all the souls of the
faithful departed Rest in peace."*



**THE LORD'S REAL
PRESENCE**

We are fortunate enough to worship in a Church in which the **Body of Christ** is **reserved**. It is right to acknowledge the **Lord's Real**

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Normally, a **genuflection** in the direction of the place of Reservation is enough. One who is physically unable to genuflect may substitute a **profound bow** at the waist.



**PREP Summer Session for
2024 will run
June 17-21 from 9:00 am
to 2:00 pm.**

**To register, please contact PREP Coordinator,
Linda Moser at: Imoser@shswedesburg.org**



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Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



The Jesus story might have become a popular Greek tragedy written and staged sometime late in the first century. Or it might have become a Roman version written by a famous playwright of the time who based his production on many conversations he had had with a friend in the Legion that guarded Palestine. All of this flows from a tale that went from Bethlehem to Calvary and ended with His death on a Friday afternoon.

But neither of those would ever be composed because of the marvelous wonder that took place on "The Third Day." In fact the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the tomb made that one "the Day of days" and so it has remained such ever since.

What are we Christians to make of it in this largely apathetic mostly anti-Christian world of the twenty-first century that we inhabit? One option is to tone down the excitement or hide behind a festival of rabbits, chicks and chocolate covered coconut eggs. Put the accent on Springtime and multi-colored flowers in bright baskets. Or a fine ham dinner.

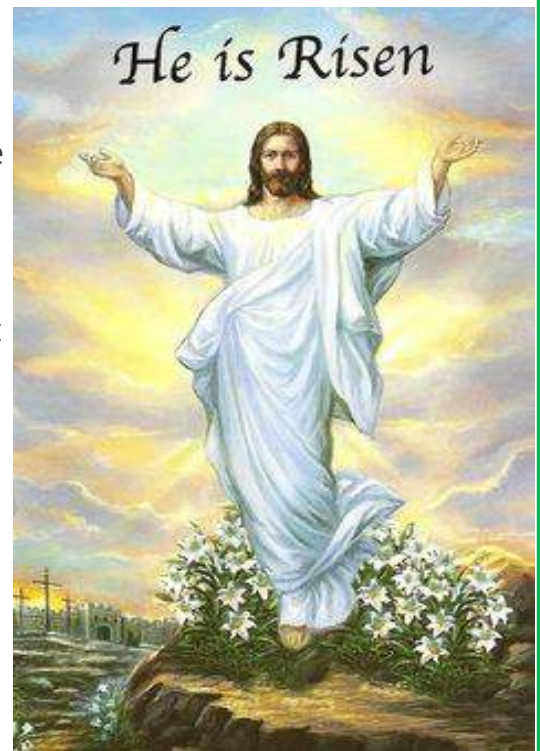
The other option, preferred by people of genuine faith, is to rejoice once again at the plan of God and His decision to include us in the mix of once-dead cells of the Mystical Body now capable of vibrant and never ending life. To live it in a kingdom St. Paul once described in one of his Letters as wonderful beyond our senses to conceive.

That rejoicing need not be expressed in a lively dance with the clapping of hands, although that would not be a bad thing in itself. Rather for most of us the joy is mostly felt inward. A peace that permeates our outlook for our future. That even spreads through our vital organs urging us to recognize that this lowly body of ours will one day be glorified to be like our Savior's.

Our inquisitive minds might want more information than the gospels give us. But our hearts will know that the God who knows all things will let us know and experience His kingdom with just the right amount of peace to fill our capacity to the brim.

Meanwhile, we renew our trust in Him. His resurrection is the endorsement by God the Father and the Holy Spirit of everything Jesus said and did; every command He gave and demand He made. Best for us to know them and observe them, and not be deceived by secularism, materialism and every other "ism" out there in the world of darkness. The Light has returned, even brighter than before. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Alleluia!



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