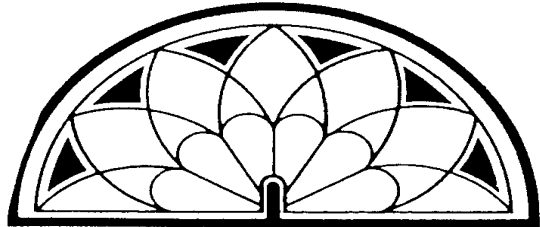


April 4, 2010

ST CECILIA PARISH



HAPPY EASTER

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ALLELUIA

CHRIST IS RISEN!

**Easter Sunday
April 4, 2010**

To Him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in Him
will receive forgiveness of sins through His name.

— Acts 10:43



**From the
Pastor**

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Last week, many of you kindly brought a lily to our families who are mourning the death of a loved one within the last year. The lily was a sign of our prayer for them in their grieving, but also a reminder of the new life God wants to give us with Him in Heaven. We began Lent with an ash on our forehead reminding us of the frailty of our bodies and our inevitable meeting with God at the end of our life. The ash was put on us in the sign of the cross as a reminder that Jesus' death made possible the saving grace and mercy we need to call on in order to be saved from our sins.

All through Lent there were signs of new life. In the Gospels we heard at Mass Jesus offered us the power of overcoming the devil's temptations and of seeing God's glory in the Transfiguration. The parable of the fig tree told us we could trust God's patience; and the prodigal son shows us His forgiveness is infinite. If you made a Lenten confession like our children who made their first penance, you experienced the peace of Christ's forgiving heart healing your own and giving you the new life of His love within you.

Perhaps Jesus moved you to forgive someone who hurt you or to accept another's forgiveness for a harm you caused them. And so, you are grateful this Easter for the new life coming from what you thought was a dying or even dead relationship. You may even be feeling joy from almost coming back to life from a long illness or accepting chronic physical pain with new hope. We pray too that some have found new life from an answer to their prayers that were placed in front of our Blessed Mother's statue all during lent. Our Church's season of Lent coincides with the new life we see in the coming of spring. With all the snow this winter how happy we are for God's gift of changing seasons.

So we rejoice with all Christians on Easter for the most definitive and ultimate hope of new life which Jesus promises by His resurrection – the eternal life of the soul beyond the physical death of the body. Our Parish's joy this Easter is brought to greater heights as we welcome our new converts into our Catholic faith. Erica, Annaliese, Zaimara, Chastity, Alicia, Glenn, Maria and Havier, we pray the new life God has begun in you He will now bring to completion. We thank all who helped us express our joy in God's new life through our liturgical celebrations this Easter. Our gratitude is given especially to the many decorators who so beautifully adorned our altar which adored our Savior. We are so grateful to our choir, organists, cantors, lectors, extraordinary ministers, altar servers, ushers, and collection counters.

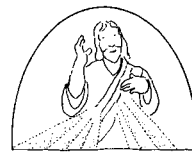
Jesus' love is so beyond the limits of human love that He has offered us this new life with him to be renewed at every Mass. Here is where he brings God's life from its beginning at creation to its fulfillment in Heaven into the present for each of us. He does this by saying the most loving words ever spoken, "This is my body and blood given up for you." We can only reply, "Amen! Allelulia!"

With Father Dininni, Father Semanhyia, Father McCartney, Deacon Fred, Sister Jean, Sister Ann, Sister Maryann, Sister Maureen, and the Rectory Staff, I wish you, your family and your friends a very happy, most joyful, and truly blessed Easter.

In the peace of our Risen Lord,
Father Mulranen

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy which is celebrated the Sunday after Easter be preceded by a Novena of Chaplets to the Divine Mercy which began on Good Friday. In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: "On each day of the novena you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy...On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls. By this novena I will grant every possible grace to souls". (Diary 1209, 796) You may pray the Chaplet privately or join with others in Church. It will be recited after the Mass during the week and according to the following schedule: Friday, April 2nd, 6 P.M. - April 3rd, 10:30 A.M. - Easter Sunday, 8:45 A.M. - Monday, through Friday, 6 P.M. - Saturday, April 10th, at 4:50 P.M. **The Novena will conclude on Sunday, April 11th, at 3 P.M.** The Novena prayers are available in the vestibule.



**DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY**

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EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

We all know what to expect of Easter: lots of lilies around the altar, our "Alleluia" joyfully sung over and over, perhaps a tasty ham dinner later in the day, topped off by some chocolates from the Easter basket. But all of this began, as we hear in today's Gospel, with the "unexpected" when Mary Magdalene found the tomb empty. Indeed, Peter's speech from Acts in the first reading could insert the phrase "you might have expected" at a number of points . . . that Jesus would baptize John, not the other way around . . . that His healing and exorcising ministry would win Him acclaim, not death . . . that his resurrection would place Him in another dimension, not back at table with His followers. On a day like Easter, a day filled with traditions, customs, and expectations, we are called more than ever to keep looking for God's will in unexpected places, people, and events. In this way we can continue to give witness, like Mary Magdalene and Peter, that Christ is truly risen from the dead, and continues to live among us.

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT IN CONCERT

Eves of Reflection - "Lessons in Simplicity in the Light & Peace of Jesus" (A free will offering will be taken). The Concert is on **Thursday, May 13th, at 7:30 P.M. at St. Cecilia Church.** **Friday, May 14th, at 7:30 P.M.** Teaching by John Michael Talbot on "Lessons in Simplicity." Tickets are required. Please call 1-888-716-9504 for concert ticket reservations.

DAN SCHUTTE

An evening of Sacred Music will be presented by Dan Schutte, on Friday, April 23rd, 7:30 P.M. at St. Anastasia Church, Newtown Square. Dan has composed many well known hymns such as Here I Am, Lord and Sing a New Song. Reservations can be made by calling Norbert Elbersen at 610-604-4898. (\$12 each at the door).

SAVE THESE DATES - April 18th Bake Sale
May 2nd Mother's Tea

PJPII COMMUNITY SUMMER CAMP

The camp is open to all children in the community entering grades K-8 in September 2010. For more information go to our web, www.popejohnpaul2sch.org or contact Terry Altschuler at 610-384-5961 X 5410.

REGISTRATION PJPII

Kindergarten is filling fast for the 2010/2011 school year. There are a few spaces available. PJPII will be having tours and **registration on April 14th.** For an **appointment, please call 610-384-5961.**

BISHOP SHANAHAN ATHLETIC BEEF AND BEER

**Saturday April 10th
7 P.M. to 11 P.M.**

**\$30 per person - Casual Dress Attire
Roast Beef Sandwiches, Beer, Salads**

**Set-ups and Door Prizes
All Proceeds will Benefit**

**The Bishop Shanahan
Athletic Department**

For tickets call Barb McCarron

619-692-8992 or bmctpm3@aol.com

THE CATECHISM CORNER

Paragraph 640 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states - "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." The first element we encounter in the framework of Easter events is the empty tomb. In itself it is not a direct proof of Resurrection; the absence of Christ's body from the tomb could be explained other wise. Nonetheless the empty tomb was still an essential sign for all. Its discovery by the disciples was the first step toward recognizing the very fact of the Resurrection. This was the case, first with the holy women and then with Peter." This suggests that when he saw the empty tomb's condition that the absence of Jesus' body could not have been of human doing and that Jesus had not simply returned to earthly life as had been the case with Lazarus.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Apr 03		HOLY SATURDAY
	4:15 PM		Deceased Religious
Sun	Apr 04		EASTER SUNDAY
	7 AM		Michael & Agatha Rostich By Mary Tandarich
	9 AM		Dorothy Mihalak By John
	11:15 AM		Ruth & Dunlap Wingo By Ruth Heaven
Mon	Apr 05	6:45AM	All Parishioners
Tues	Apr 06	6:45AM	Robert & John Hayes By Ellen & Tom Cerritelli
Wed	Apr 07	6:45 AM	J. Richard Weaver, Sr. By Rita
Thur	Apr 08	6:45 AM	Helen Holroyd By The Middleton Family
Fri	Apr 09	6:45 AM	Richard Alferez By Don & Anne Riley
Sat	Apr 10	8 AM	Harold Levenite By Joan Levenite
	4:15 PM		Michael Hennessy By John & Anna Marie Newswanger
Sun	Apr 11	7 AM	Horace Marsh By Horace & Mary Ellen Marsh & Family
	9 AM		Peter DiMaio, Sr. By George & Betty Gregory
	11:15 AM		All Parishioners

ALTAR SERVERSApril 10th & 11th

4:15 P.M.	K. Gilligan/S. Hickey
7:00 A.M.	P. Kane & D. Cavanaugh
9:00 A.M.	J. Byler & H. Jonik
11:15 A.M.	R. & A. Wildauer



Congratulations on the Baptisms of: Jeyani Evelis Rodriquez, Gabriela Mendez, and Alexis Herr on Sunday March 21, 2010. Please

remember them in your prayers and their parents and godparents who have accepted the responsibility of training them in the practice of our faith.

Essential Reduction - All my theology is reduced to this narrow compass: "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners."

FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH

The Baptism Preparation Program is a must before your baby is baptized. The next baptismal preparation meeting for parents and godparents will be held on **Monday, April 12, 2010**, in the Church Rectory at 7:30 PM.

We recommend parents attend this class before the baby is born. *Please call the rectory to register for the class and for information regarding our baptismal program.*

YOUR PRAYER REQUEST

Every Thursday evening from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. we have Holy Hour at St. Cecilia. Prayer intentions will be prayed for and presented before the Blessed Sacrament. If you are unable to attend Holy Hour please fill out the slip found on the table at the entrance of the church and we will present your prayer request.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Charles Mulranen	Angela Mulranen
Barbara Grow	Peg Mohr
Chuck Byerley	Jacob Furlong
Pearl & Billy Gill	Linda Pieri-Rambo
Edward Sexton	Joseph Burns
Rose Marie Rose	Moriah Nast
Edward Sockoloskie Jr.	Molly Baldwin
Catherine Finn	Linda Hall
Thomas Madrigale	Dale Lucas
Helen Sexton	Mary Stefankiewicz
Mary Riley	Ernest Compo
Diane Gielow	Dorothy Tripp
Jenny Shesko	Francis Nimako Mensah
Fr. Thomas Doyle	

If you wish to have someone added to the list please call the Rectory.

2011 MASS BOOK

The 2011 Mass Book will open when the present year is full. The exact date will be published in the bulletin several weeks before the book is opened. The annual requests for weekend Masses have quickly filled the 2010 book. Daily Mass dates are *still open*. In order to be fair to the parishioners who want to schedule weekend Masses we will begin to limit the choices of the number of weekend Masses and the time that the Masses are offered during a month. Only one name on a weekend per month.. Only one name during the week (up to 4 names per month). These guidelines will give everyone the opportunity to choose a special date for Mass to be offered for their deceased loved ones.

CANDLES

BVM: In Memory of : Edward J. Keer, Sr., Frank Ward, Jr. and Horblinski and Chengler Family

St. Joseph Shrine: In Memory of : Francis Ward