



FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Easter 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Happy Easter!!!!

Today we celebrate the most important event in human history, namely the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Even though the birth of Jesus was the event that changed the course of the history, the resurrection stands "Par Excellence" as the single most important event in human history. Today Jesus deals the decisive blow to Satan and his goal to destroy the human race through death. Death came as a result of sin and the devil, or Satan, took great glee in the in the destruction of the human person. And he still does. But Jesus came to undo the devil work as the letter of John states: "It was to destroy the devil's works that the Son of God revealed himself."

The evil one had a grip on humanity due to the disobedience of Adam and Eve. Since disobedience got us into this mess, obedience would get us out of the mess. Obedience is a key virtue for people who want to grow in the spiritual life. When I was ordained a priest, I took the vow of obedience to the Bishop. I will always remember the day when, as part of the ordination ceremony, I placed my hands into the hands of Cardinal Hickey and pledged obedience. The words that he spoke to me were burned into my consciousness. "James, may God who has begun the good work in you bring it to completion." I think about those words almost every day.

Jesus was obedient to the Heavenly Father and a part of that obedience was to die a horrible death. Read sometime the book called: "The Doctor on Calvary" and it will shock you to realize what crucifixion implies. It was the Roman's way of telling people, that if you don't follow our rules, this is what will happen to you. Despite all that happened, the Heavenly Father was always in charge. Jesus was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father. St. Paul says it to well in his letter to the Romans in Chapter 6: "Through baptism into his death, we were buried with Him, so that just as Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life."

And so, it is, that we have access to the Lord Jesus and his resurrected life through faith. Faith becomes a new pair of eyes that enables us to see the risen Lord.

Finally, I can never write or speak about the resurrection without mentioning St. Mary Magdalene. Her title is the "Apostle to the Apostles". She was the first to witness to the risen Lord as recorded in John 20:18. Her faith, more than all the others, has always inspired me. She had the eyes of faith to see beyond her first glimpse, from thinking he was the gardener, to the full-blown understanding of the Lord who had been raised in glory.

Easter lasts 50 days, so I will have much more to write about in the coming weeks. For now, Happy Easter to you and your family.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 22nd

Office Closed

Friday, April 26th

Holy Hour—8:30 to 9:30 am

Mass—11:00 am

Saturday, April 27th

Life Teen—5:30 to 7:30 pm (2)

Sunday, April 28th-Divine Mercy Sunday

Hospitality—9:15 to 11 am (2)

Eucharistic Adoration—1:00 to 3:00 pm (1)

Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 pm (1)

Last Faith Formation Class

Legend

Church (1) Padua Hall (2)
Religious Ed. Center (3) Ewald (4)

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 22-28

4/22	8:00 am	Grace Rymer (D)
4/23	8:00 am	Kenneth Dutile (D)
4/24	8:00 am	Charles Higgins (D) r/b Dan & Peggy
4/25	8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
4/26	8:00 am	Oliver Rayfield (D) r/b Woodburn Family
	11:00 am	Deacon Eric Mueller (L) r/b Ladies of Charity
4/27	9:00 am	Anne Steffanick (D) r/b Mary Ann & Norman Sawyer
	4:30 pm	Parishioners
4/28	8:15 am	Grace Coen (D) r/b Beth Donohue
	11:15 am	Lucille Dellosa (D) r/b Dellosa/Moltz Family

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FAITH FORMATION

Happy Holy Easter!

There are no Faith Formation classes this weekend as we celebrate the greatest feast of our Liturgical Year—The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Alleluia, He has risen!

Our last Faith Formation class is next Sunday, April 28th, on Divine Mercy Sunday. We will be having a “Summer Send Off” Rally in Padua Hall at 10:15 am.

All Parishioners are welcome!

Important Dates:

First Holy Communion Mass: Saturday, May 4th at 11 am. We have 21 children receiving the Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ for the first time!

Confirmation Mass: Friday, May 10th at 7 pm. We have 29 young people receiving the final Sacrament of Initiation into our beautiful Catholic Faith.

As we finish up our Faith Formation year, please prayerfully consider how you might be able to help the Faith Formation ministry next year — as a teacher, teacher’s aide, substitute, or a crossing guard! You will need to be VIRTUS Trained. You can do this by taking the VIRTUS Child Protection Class on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 pm at Jesus the Good Shepherd Church in Owings. We are always looking for faith-filled, joyful witnesses for our children. WE NEED YOU!

Middle School Youth Group meets this Friday, April 26th from 6:30 to 8:30 in Padua Hall for an **Easter Celebration!** All 6th through 8th graders are welcome to attend.

LIFE TEEN

Our next Life Night is Saturday, April 27th titled “The Wedding Feast”. This Life Night promotes an understanding of Mass as the Wedding Feast of the Lamb. Teenagers are challenged to approach Mass with joy and reverence, and to use every Mass as an opportunity to dedicate themselves to Christ.

Summer Camp: If you are registered for CoveCrest in Georgia, August 4th-11th, camp money is due **NOW!** Please submit your \$500.00 check payable to St. Anthony’s (put Life Teen Summer Camp in memo) and return to the Religious Education Office. Thank You!

St. Bernardine’s Food Pantry: On the fourth Sunday of each month invite you to bring non-perishable foods to any Mass for St. Bernardine’s Parish (in Suitland) for their food pantry. You may leave your donations in the large white baskets in the foyer of the church. The designated dates this month are: **April 27th and 28th**

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd at 1:00 PM in the Religious Education Building. We invite all to join us as we create shawls made with love and prayer. For questions, please call Marty Beyer at 301-855-4042.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chrissy Baxter, Vicki Baxter, JB, John Bell, Sam “Bo” Bradley, Florence, Dominic Brady, Jack Bragger, Jeff Carr, Ralph Carrello, Bill Carroll, Jimmy Carroll, Thomas Combs, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Elaine Cunnane, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Gavin DiBitetto, Jo Finch, Linda Foresta, Anthony Fowler, Taylan Fowler, Aaron Fortney, John P. Flynn, Noah Christopher Haas, Anna Halterman, Marie Heaton, Maslynn Holmes, Cory Honoker, Carolyn Humerick, Roza Ivanac, Lindsey Jay, Kayla Johnston, Shirley Kallal, William Kallal, JoAnn Kery, Richard Knupp, Rick Kollinger, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Anne Marie Mako, Maude Mangels, Mark Mann, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCarley, Josephine McWhorter, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Sarah Olsen, Doris Pettko, Darley Phillips, Payton Phillips, Barbara (Amon) Powell, Ray Pyles, Babies Ace and Troy Remer, Jonathan Rieger, Carolyn Ritch, Joel Rivera, Grayson David Rodriguez, Wayne Romanek, Geri Rosen, Kristy Salek, Richard Swann, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Marc Timms, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink, Sue White, Tina.

MEN’S DISCERNMENT DINNER

A Men’s Discernment Dinner will be held at Saint John Paul II Seminary on Sunday, May 19th from 5 to 8:30 pm. The evening will include Mass, dinner and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington DC area. Participants should be single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or email vocations@adw.org. Or register online at www.DCpriest.org.

Project Rachel: If you or a loved one are suffering from the emotional effects of an abortion, there is **HELP, HOPE and HEALING.** This ministry offers emotional and spiritual healing for women and men. All inquiries regarding this ministry are kept in strict confidence. Email STAnthony0119@gmail.com.

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Next Weeks Readings: Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31