

MASS/MUSIC

Opening song: Festival Canticle: Worthy Is Christ #171
Lord Have Mercy: #913
Glory To God: #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 page 135

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Acclamation: Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

Gospel: John 20:1-9 Homily-back of bulletin

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Sprinkling: River Of Glory #652

Prayers of the Faithful: Response:-Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Vine and Branches #354

Holy: #917

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lord's Prayer

Amen: #921

Lamb of God: #922

Communion: I Am The Bread Of Life #329

Meditation: Christ Be our Light #158

Recessional: Jesus Christ Has Risen Today #178



EASTER SUNDAY

Please join us after Mass today for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Although all chocolate lovers might like to participate, we have to restricted the hunt to all children 12 and under. Please congregate after Mass in the Fellowship Hall for instructions. If you need a container, we will have one for you. When you are finished, please remember to empty the candy from the eggs and leave the eggs in the box provided. We will use them next year. Thank You



SOCIAL "WELCOME" SUNDAY



Reminder that next Sunday, April 16th, we will have our Social Sunday. We will be welcoming all the new parishioners who have joined our church since 2020. Please stay that day, after Mass, to get acquainted with the many new people who have become a part of our church family. If you are able, please bring a dish to share. See you there!

LEGACY GIFTS

What better goal for this year than to create your own personal legacy to continue your ministry beyond your own lifetime? We support our congregation and other ministries with our gifts during our lifetimes but creating a legacy through a permanent fund means our ministry will continue for all perpetuity.

Create a list of the ministries you love and support now. Consider your own dreams for those ministries for the future. Next consider all the goals you have (support your family, provide for your own retirement, provide an education for grandchildren, etc.).



Potential Promise Purpose

Meet with your professional advisor or to learn how informed estate planning can increase the overall value of your estate with a gift of tax-burdened assets (like IRAs, 401(k), or savings bonds) to the church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Today-Easter Sunday-(Easter Egg Hunt)
- April 10th-Visitation Singers 9:30am COV
- April 12th & 13th No Daily Mass
- April 16th-2nd Sunday of Easter "Divine Mercy" & Social "Welcome" Sunday
- April 23rd-3rd Sunday of Easter
- April 29th-Virtus @Fds 10-2pm (must have pre-registered to attend)



OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR April 2, 2023

Collection:	\$ 2,691
Second Collection: Easter Flowers	\$ 575
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 95,934
Total Budget Projection	\$ 91,824

There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:

\$946 Sundry Credit Card Purchases;
\$500 Shrub/Trimming of Bushes; \$640 Mulch.



Palm Sunday 2023

A NOTE FROM FATHER GERRY

Dear Friends,

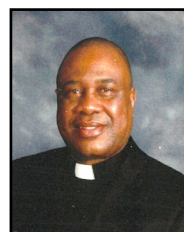
Appearing to the Apostles after the Resurrection, Jesus gave them the greeting of peace. Peace is a great gift to receive and to wish it for those around us. Let us ask it from our Lord who is the Prince of Peace during this time for ourselves and for the whole World.

Again, this year we celebrate Easter still enveloped by the continuing war between Russia and Ukraine: a war that certainly has far wider consequences. We all feel the pain of so many innocent people, especially children who are caught up in this violence.

We believe in a God who loves life and not death, a God who fights all that demeans and extinguishes it, such as wars. In the death and resurrection of Jesus, truth, reconciliation, forgiveness, and love shine in the mystery of the Risen One. Indeed, there is always a time when the forces of evil seem to prevail, but we know that the last word is the Resurrection.

As we celebrate Easter this year, the central event of our Christian faith, let us focus on the Risen Lord. Jesus is alive! death has been overcome. Jesus who is Risen proclaims God's victory, which is our victory too.

May this Easter teach us to discover our frailty, and bring us to the Lord with hope, and a strong faith. May the Risen Lord grant you a renewed life in him; the Lord is alive, he is risen and is always with us.



Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Easter!

2023 ANNUAL APPEAL

Our participation in the Appeal now encompasses 36 families who have contributed an outstanding \$11,333. This represents 158% of our goal, an achievement reached by about one third of the churches in the Diocese to date. We thank the 36 families fervently and continue to hope we can increase participation by a minimum of 15 families and reach 200% of goal.

Father Gerry



Please remember in your prayers

*Father Robert Cummins Jr., Jerry McMurtrie
& William C. Richardson*

PARISHIONERS

*Sal Messina, Ralph Linden, Don Tyrrell, David Rector,
Lorraine Kirsch, Tom Shoemaker, Tom & Bea Foley, Jack & Laurie
King, Shelley Katsuki, Steve Forte, Donna Thompson, Brendan
O'Brien, Spike & Becky Nunn, Lois & Skip Kramb, Marianne Krop,
Michele Meanley, Louise Petralia, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith,
Pat Paul, Margaret Hock, Anne Dunn, Mike Lokie, Steve Kirsch,
Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Nancy Wirth, Bettie Hodge,
Bill & Linda Gray & Pat Reamy, Lynn Vajda.*

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

*Ann Dreelin Shephard, Sue and Lisa Ferari, Barbara and Ron
Burkhart, John Calvin Barnard, Penfield, Joseph Gascoigne, Joseph
Borzelleca, Andy Hetzer, Sandy Alter, Ryan Jessee, Larry Hersh, Lynn
Messina, Shirley Schultz, Michele MacFarland, Jillian Messina,
Dominick Perry.*

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

*Pattie Sovieski, Cliff Dean, Bill Penfield, Christopher Hutton, Mason
Goodrich, Olga Hall, Karen Armstong, Elizabeth Panzer, Tom
Sennott, Gary Campbell, Jim & Inga Peddicord, David Gunn, Hunter
Jacobs, Kathy Goynes, Peg Meushaw, Rita Blommel, Linda Cryer,
Allen Hines, Tyra Freed.*

If you need to add to the prayer list please call the office or email us.

EASTER FLOWERS IN HONOR/LOVING MEMORY OF

*Lewis Forte & Kenneth Anderson
Steve & Lisa Forte*

*Marty Hawksworth
Tom & Sharon Hawksworth*

*In memory of loved ones who have gone before us
Barbara & Lee Hollingsworth*

*Frances Rummings, Elizabeth & Jack Verblud,
Michael Kostaske
Ray & Jean Kostaske*

*All our loved ones
Sal & Lorie Messina*

*Charles Alter, Matthew & Buddy Moore
John & Andrea Moore*

*Paul & Agnes Strayer
Dan & Linda Peterson*



Thank you all who have donated to our Easter Flowers.

God Bless Everyone!

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

Easter is a Feast which gives us hope and encouragement. On Easter Sunday we celebrate a new beginning in and with faith. In a World of pain, sorrows frustrations, fear, .. Easter reminds us that life is worth living. No matter our present discouragements, hope is always there.

Easter Sunday Readings sum up this sense of hope and encouragement. There is no way Peter could have spoken like that on Easter Sunday. Like the others apostles, Peter was both scared and discouraged after all that had happened to Jesus. Because up to the moment of the Resurrection, after the terrible death of Jesus on Good Friday, the disciples of Jesus were devastated. The one they had leaned on was gone. They never imagined Jesus would be taken prisoner and crucified. In that instant their dreams evaporated. The disciples experienced a dreadful loss and no doubt were shattered, their hopes taken away in those short few days. They were also afraid for their lives and half expected to be caught and punished by the religious leaders who plotted the death of Jesus and had him crucified. For them at that terrible time, there was no light at all, but after experiencing the Risen Lord, the light in their lives started to shine again.

In today's gospel, Mary of Magdala reports to Peter and John that the tomb is empty. In nearly all the Resurrection accounts, it is the women who first experience the Risen Jesus. Women at that time as in many places still today were looked down upon. This may be why the disciples did not believe them. It seems that the proclamation of life of the Risen Jesus starts with the very people who were marginalized and who count for little in society. In any case the curiosity of the two is awakened and they run to the tomb. Peter sees the linen cloths on the ground in an empty tomb. But their faith had been crushed so finding the empty tomb meant nothing especially to Peter at the beginning. Only the beloved disciple, John the Gospel says, that he 'saw and he believed'.

The real good news of Jesus' resurrection is that we do not have to gloss over pain, suffering and difficult daily life situations. Because the Resurrection does give us a new outlook on life. It gives us the freedom to face the dark side of life, and even death with confidence knowing that Jesus broke the bonds of human limitation and slavery in our lives. Jesus is alive and if we really have experienced the joy of the Risen Jesus in our daily lives we will have deep joy, peace and serenity because of Jesus who is now alive and makes all thing new.

In the first reading today Peter says that he and the disciples are now witnesses of all they saw Jesus doing even if for a few days they were paralyzed by his death and seeming failure. If we really experience the Risen Jesus in our lives like the Apostles then we will begin to develop talents and gifts we never knew we had, because fear gives way to trust, trust in the Lord and in ourselves. This empowers us to break free from former limitations.

John in his Gospel offers us as an example of a believer' a woman Mary Magdalene. Who was an outcast, a prostitute. It is she who, first, on Easter morning, when it was still dark, runs to the tomb and then goes to announce to the disciples that Christ is risen. Magdalene believes because she was in love. She believed in life. She believed in the impossible. Her faith is born out of love. Magdalene teaches us today that one can learn to believe in the impossible, but only if one learns to love. Easter is an invitation to never resign to our failures and hopelessness but to make room for hope, love, and new life in the Risen Lord.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa V. F.

HE IS RISEN
CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION