

Saint George Parish Community

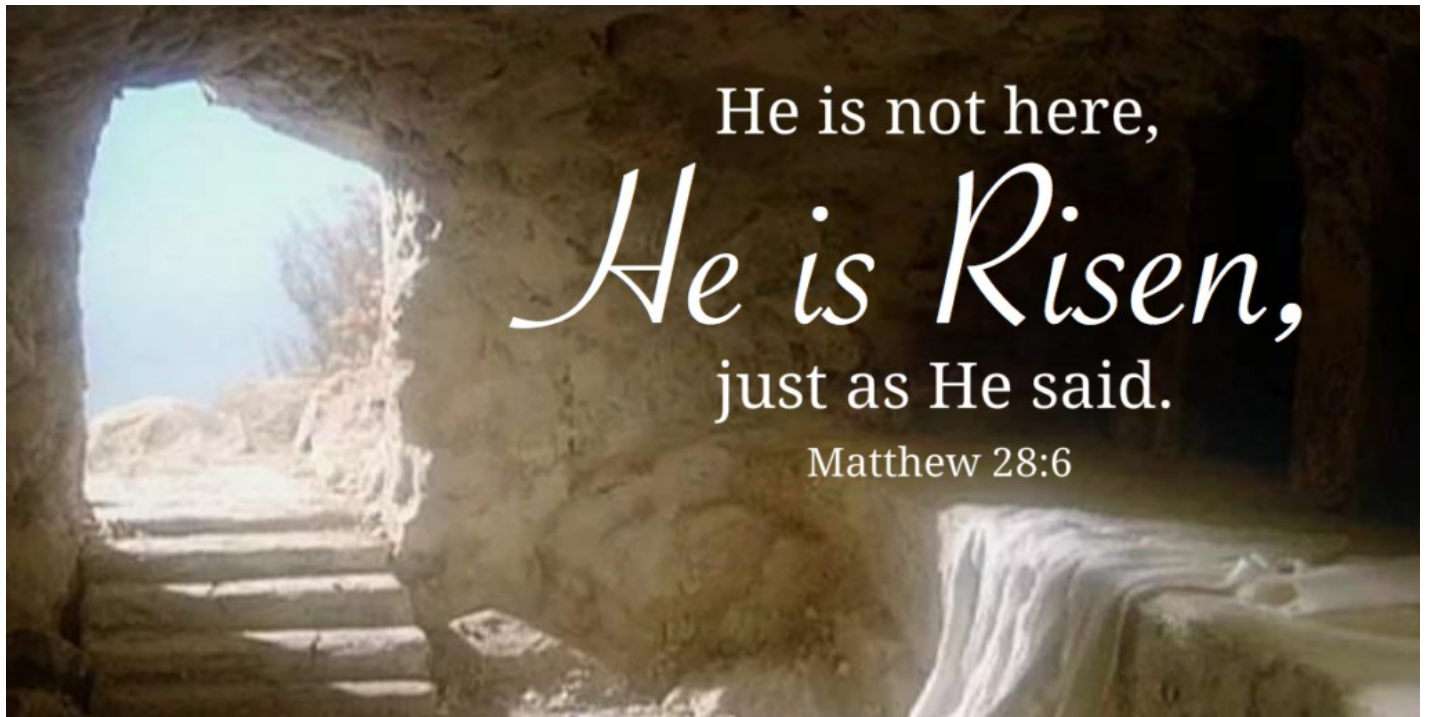
Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

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Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary Year

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



He is not here,

He is Risen,

just as He said.

Matthew 28:6

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put Him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered His head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead. ~John 20: 1-9



Christians, to the Paschal Victim, offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous; The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring. What you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels the shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

Contact Us!

New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please call the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to make an appointment to register and to learn more about our parish, or visit www.stgeorgeparish.org. *Note: Students must be registered in the Parish before registering in the Parish Religious Education Program.*

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the **second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM**. Parents seeking baptism for their child are asked to please call the rectory. Pre-Jordan is required for parents with a first-born child or parents with additional children who have not attended within a two-year period. Pre-registration is required for Pre-Jordan and Baptism. Please contact Mrs. Lynda Batten at the Rectory Office for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning a wedding are asked to call Father Oswald at the Rectory Office at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Couples are required to attend the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Preparation Program.

Sick or Homebound

In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory Office. Arrangements will be made for the Sacrament of the Sick and for Holy Communion. If you are going into the hospital and you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Rectory. Also, when you are hospitalized, please contact the hospital Chaplain and the Rectory Office.

Tree of Life Memorial

If you would like to have a leaf (\$150) or a boulder (\$600) permanently inscribed in memory of a loved one on the Tree of Life, which is located in the vestibule at the main entrance of the church, please contact the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633.

Vigil Candles

Vigil Candles, which are located in front of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statues in the front of the church, are available for your intentions. Small candles are \$2 and will burn for two days. These can be purchased by placing your donation in an envelope and dropping it in the slot provided by the candles. Large candles are \$125 and will burn for an entire year. Large candles can be purchased by contacting the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633. A gold label with your loved ones name will be placed on the candle and it will remain there throughout the year.

Godparents

Only one godparent is required for Baptism. If two are chosen, one must be male and one must be female. A godparent must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed and receiving the Eucharist), at least 16 years of age, if married, must be married in the Church, and in good standing with the Church.

R.C.I.A.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or if you were baptized Catholic but did not complete your sacraments, please contact Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ at the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 for RCIA details.

Mass Cards and Memorial Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or a Memorial offering for a special intention, please contact the Rectory Office for details. Standard Mass cards are available for a \$10 stipend and booklets are available for a \$20 stipend. Memorial intentions for the Sanctuary Lamp are \$10 and for the Bread and Wine are \$15.

Quotes of the Week

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.” ~Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyła)

“Each night, when I go to sleep, I die. And the next morning, when I wake up, I am reborn.” ~Mahatma Gandhi

“My sun sets to rise again.” ~Robert Browning

“Even the smallest one can change the world.” ~Peter Rabbit

“Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy.” ~Anne Frank

“Easter is very important to me. It’s a second chance.” ~ Reba McEntire

“Oh, carrots are divine, you get a dozen for a dime, it's maaaaagic!” ~Bugs Bunny

“Easter is the only time when it’s perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.” ~ Evan Esar

“I still believe in Santa, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy, and true love. Don’t even try to tell me different.” ~Dolly Parton

“I must have flowers, always and always.” ~Claude Monet

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.” Audrey Hepburn

Parish Staff

Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Pastor

Rev. Martin E. Woodeshick, Pastor Emeritus - Holy Spirit

Rev. Francis Caponi, OSA, and Rev. James McBurney, OSA, Weekend Assistants

Weekday Assistant, Rev. John Hand, Pastor, St. Gabriel Parish

Mrs. Lynda Batten, Administrative Assistant and Secretary for Religious Education, Ext. 101

Mr. Paul Dallatore, Business Manager, Ext 104

Mrs. Pat Dinan, Receptionist, Ext. 113 (Tues & Wed)

Mrs. Barbara Fister, Housekeeping (Rectory & Church)

Mrs. Gloria Greene, Bookkeeping/Accts. Payable, Ext. 104

Mrs. Kathleen Lerro, Director of Music

Mr. Patrick McCullough, Maintenance & Building Manager

Ms. Kathy McGovern, Director of Religious Education, Ext. 105

Sister Lorraine Muglie, SSJ, Director of Adult Faith Formation and Pastoral Care, Ext. 103

Mrs. Theresa Murray, Housekeeping (Convent & Church)

Parish Information

Rectory Hours

Monday thru Friday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Phone Number: 610-237-1633

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Convent

11 E. Lamont Avenue
Glenolden, PA 19036

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Office of Religious Education

Director of Adult Faith Formation

Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ

Phone Number: 610-237-1633

For details about RCIA and Bible Study, please contact Sr. Lorraine.

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Kathy McGovern

Phone Number: 610-237-1633

Fax Number: 610-237-9626

Our Parish Religious Education Program serves students in Levels 1-8 and prepares them for 1st Penance, 1st Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

Bereavement Ministry

Mrs. Mimi Ednie

Legion of Mary

Mrs. Theresa Murray

Ministry Outreach Program

Mrs. Lynda Batten

Choir Director and Music

Ministry

Mrs. Kathleen Lerro

R.C.I.A.

Sister Lorraine Muglie, SSJ

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Rite of Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Saturday afternoons

Care of the Sick

Please contact the Rectory Office in the event of sickness or hospitalization.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Thursday 6:30 PM - Sept. to Easter

Baptism

Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM

Please call the Rectory Office for an appointment to schedule a Baptism and Baptism Preparation (Pre-Jordan)



Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Fridays 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Miraculous Medal Devotion - Following the 4:00 PM Mass on Mondays
Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet - Thursdays 7:00 PM

Daily Mass Intentions

Holy Saturday, March 30: Genesis 1: 1-2; Genesis 22: 1-18; Exodus 14: 15-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55: 1-11; Baruch 3: 9-15; 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36: 16-17a, 18-28; Mark 16: 1-7:
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

7:00 PM Pro Populo

Sunday, March 31: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9: *Easter Sunday*

8:00 AM Nancy Gerace and Pro Populo
Requested by: Giorgi Family

10:30 AM Joe and Mary Doran and Pro Populo
Requested by: Nester Family

Monday, April 1: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28: 8-15
4:00 PM Deceased members of the Oswald and Moran families
Requested by: Father Oswald

Tuesday, April 2: Acts 2: 36-41; John 20: 11-18
4:00 PM Alice Bittle
Requested by: Cynthia Bittle

Wednesday, April 3: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24: 13-35
4:00 PM Thomas Wizda
Requested by: Mary Wizda

Thursday, April 4: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24: 35-48
4:00 PM Larry Gilchrist
Requested by: Marie Gilchrist

Friday, April 5: Acts 4: 1-12; John 21: 1-14
4:00 PM John Cunningham, III
Requested by: Bill Battagliese

Saturday, April 6: Acts 4: 13-21; Mark 16: 9-15
4:30 PM Pro Populo

Sunday, April 7: Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 20: 19-31:
2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy

8:00 AM Nicholas Sloan

Requested by: Sloan Family

10:30 AM Gertrude DeCristo-20th Anniversary
Requested by: Rita DeCristo

Daily Mass

4:00 PM Monday thru Friday

Weekend Mass

4:30 PM Saturday

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday

Holy Days and Legal Holidays: As Announced

Contributions & Mass Counts

This issue of the Parish bulletin was printed in advance. For contribution totals and Mass counts, please feel free to contact the Rectory Office.



Sanctuary Lamp/Bread & Wine

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for **Joseph and Mary Doran.**

The Bread and Wine is being presented for the same intention.

Masses are open for your loved ones intentions through April 2025. Please call the Rectory Office for details.

Gospel Reflection & Parish



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.

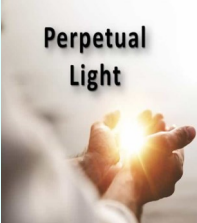
The other option, preferred by people of genuine faith, is to rejoice once again at the plan of God and His decision to include us in the mix of once-dead cells of the Mystical Body now capable of vibrant and never ending life. To live it in a kingdom St. Paul once described in one of his Letters as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



Pray for Our Beloved Deceased

As we remember to pray for our own families and our parish family, we ask for your prayers for **all those who have died this past week**. May all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in the peace of Christ.


Parish Bake Sale

April 13-14, 2024 - Donations Welcome! If you would like to donate a baked good, please call the Rectory to add your name to the list. Drop off is Friday the 12th at the Rectory or by 3:00 PM on Saturday in the church where bake sale will be held.



Pray for the Sick

Marge Barclift, Bill Battagliese, Lynda Batten, Brenda Brolley, Irene Burns, Rose Celia, Christopher Chamberlain, Fred Cuccinello, Lenora Cuccinello, Marin Deeney, Terry Dolores, Jean Doney, Jayse Dougherty, Mark Ednie, Tina Gula, Ken and Peg Haynie, Peggy Hershman, Cynthia Horton, Diane Horton, Romano Horton, Madeline Loftus, Margie Loftus, Sean Mackey, Maureen Maley, John McBride, Packy McCann, Peg McCann, Bethanne McCormac, Marianne Mezei, Colleen Muldoon, Nancy Pastore, Ralph Pfaff, George Phillips, Michael Plasha, Jr, Maria Prince, Rosemary Rausch, Stanley Riley, Edward Springfield, Lillian Springfield, Michael Talent, Robert E. Watson, Yvonne Gair Wolfe and Carmella Young. **Names are listed for 30 days unless otherwise requested.**



Annual Healing Mass

Our Annual Healing Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, June 1, at 1:00 PM**. If you are sick, having surgery or tests, or suffering physically, mentally or emotionally, please consider joining us for the Sacrament of Healing. A common misconception is that this is a sacrament just for those in danger of death. That is not the case. A letter of invitation will be mailed to our homebound parishioners and additional information will be posted in upcoming Parish bulletins. Experience the healing graces found in the sacrament and consider joining us on **June 1**. Mark your calendar now.




Adult Choir

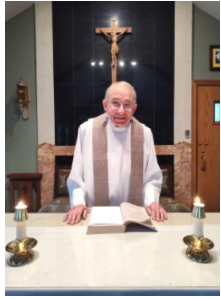
The Adult Choir continues with practice on **Tuesdays, beginning at 7:00 PM** in the church. We will continue through the Healing Mass on June 1st and then break for the summer. New members are always welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Kathy Lerro, Director of Music, at the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633.

Discover the Power of Praying the Rosary

Our Rosary Group gathers on **Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM** in the Church. Pray the rosary daily during Lent and witness how Mary's intercession is working in your life. Please visit our Blessed Mother Shrine (weather permitting) in the courtyard behind the church and pray a decade of the Rosary. Pray for her gracious intercession



Parish



A Message from Our Pastor

A happy and glorious Easter to you and your family! On behalf of our visiting priests, our parish staff, and in my own name, I wish you a blessed day, filled with renewed hope and Easter joy!

If you have been away and have returned for Easter Mass, welcome! You have been missed. Please consider returning for weekly Mass with your family.

I invite you to take home a bottle filled with holy water, which was blessed at the Easter Vigil, and take a moment to read the article about Holy water in the column to the right to learn about the benefits of using it. We take this sacramental for granted and often forget about its power.

If you are homebound and are not able to join me for Mass this Easter, know you are in my prayers. Please say a prayer for me as well. Our parish counts on your continued prayers. This is a very special gift to us.

If you are serving in the military, I pray that God will bless you and keep you safe from harm. I thank you for your service to our country. May the blessings of our resurrected Lord be with you and remain with you as you continue to serve.

For our faithful, weekly participants, lay ministers and volunteers, I thank you for your ministry to St. George Parish. May the gifts you bring to our parish bring you many blessings and a lifetime of fulfillment.

And for those who dropped off Easter goodies to me and our parish staff, thank you! We always enjoy a good treat. I will worry about the extra pounds another time.

He's alive. It's true!

Many blessings for a good Easter week!

~Father Oswald

Time to Start Drawing!

This week's drawing challenge is to draw a picture of Jesus at Easter. Make sure you listen to the readings for clues. Don't forget to sign your name before hanging them up in the Cry Room.



He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. ~Romans 4:25

Tree of Life

Did you know you can purchase a leaf for the Tree of Life, located on the wall in the main vestibule of the church as a permanent fixture in memory of a loved one? The leaf is \$125. A short paragraph can be added such as, *In loving memory of* (name of loved one), or something similar. If you would like to have a leaf added to the Tree of Life, please contact the Rectory Office for details.

Sanctuary Light Bread & Wine

The Sanctuary Light burning by the Tabernacle and the Bread and Wine presented during Mass can be reserved for one week in memory of a loved one or for a specific intention. The Light is \$10 and the Bread and Wine is \$15. A beautiful presentation card is also given. If you would like to reserve a week, contact the Rectory.



Holy Water

A Means of Spiritual Wealth

Holy water is a sacramental that remits venial sin. Because of the blessing attached to it, Holy Church strongly urges its use upon her children, especially when dangers threaten, such as fire, storms, sickness and other calamities. Every Catholic home always should have in it a supply of holy water. *We do not take advantage of the benefits derived from holy water.*

Let Us Cultivate Its Use: Untold spiritual wealth is concentrated in a tiny drop of blessed water. *And we give it so little thought!* Did we realize now, as we shall realize after death, the many benefits which may be derived from holy water, we would use it far more frequently and with greater faith and reverence. Holy Water has its great power and efficacy from the prayers of the Church, which its Divine Founder always accepts with complacency.

Following are Some of the Petitions the Priest Makes to God When He Blesses Water: *"O God, grant that this creature of Thine (water) may be endowed with divine grace to drive away devils and to cast out diseases, that whatever in the houses or possessions of the faithful may be sprinkled by this water may be freed from everything unclean, and delivered from what is hurtful...Let everything that threatens the safety or peace of the dwellers therein be banished by the sprinkling of this water; so that the health which they seek by calling upon Thy Holy Name may be guarded from all assault."*

Prayers Effective: These prayers ascend to heaven each time you take holy water and sprinkle a drop either for yourself or for another, whether he be present or absent; and God's blessings descend for soul and body.

Dispel the Devil: The devil hates holy water because of its power over him. He cannot long abide in a place near a person that is often sprinkled with with this blessed water.

Do Your Dear Ones Live at a Distance?: Holy water, sprinkled with faith and piety can move the Sacred Heart to bless your loved ones and protect them from all harm of soul and body, when worry and fear take possession of your heart, hasten to your holy water font, and give your dear ones the benefit of the Church's prayers.

The Holy Souls Long for It: Only in Purgatory can one understand how ardently a poor soul longs for holy water. If we desire to make a host of intercessors for ourselves, let us try to realize now some of their yearnings, and never forget them at the holy water font. The holy souls nearest to Heaven may need the sprinkling of only one drop to relieve their pining souls.

Remits Venial Sins: Because Holy Water is one of the Church's sacramentals, it remits venial sin. Keep your soul beautifully pure in God's sight by making the Sign of the Cross carefully saying, "By this holy water and by thy Precious Blood wash away all my sins, O Lord"

Use Holy Water as follows: Dip your fingers in Holy Water and say, "**By this holy water and by thy Precious Blood, wash away all my sins, O Lord.**"

Imprimatur: Albert B Meyer, Archbishop of Milwaukee, Jan. 13, 1958

Parish & Local



Light Up the Church

Light a candle at our Jesus with the Children Shrine, Blessed Mother's Altar or St. Joseph's Altar. Let your joy shine bright and illuminate our beautiful church this Holy Week and Easter weekend. Candles are a suggested \$2 donation and burn for 2 days for your personal intentions. Don't forget to write your intentions in our prayer book in church. We pray for you daily.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Morton

Saturday, April 6

9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 7

8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

This exhibit was collected and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis and contains 160 beautiful and extensive images, photographs and historical descriptions of Eucharistic miracles recognized by the Church throughout the ages. Includes a first class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, beatified in 2020. Self-guided tour.



The Real Presence

The Lord Jesus, on the night before He suffered on the cross, shared one last meal with His disciples. During this meal our Savior instituted the sacrament of His Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages and to entrust to the Church, His Spouse, a memorial of His death and resurrection. As the Gospel of Matthew tells us: *While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, Take and eat; this is my body.* "Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Mt 26:26-28; cf. Mk 14:22-24, Lk 22:17-20, 1 Cor 11:23-25)

Recalling these words of Jesus, the Catholic Church professes that, in the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. . . . For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink" (Jn 6:51-55).

The whole Christ is truly present, body, blood, soul, and divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine—the glorified Christ who rose from the dead after dying for our sins. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist. This presence of Christ in the Eucharist is called "real" not to exclude other types of his presence as if they could not be understood as real (cf. Catechism, no. 1374). The risen Christ is present to his Church in many ways, but most especially through the sacrament of his Body and Blood.

For more details, please visit www.usccb.org.

Jesus and the Eucharist Lenten Study

This Lent, as we continue this year of Eucharist Revival, we invite you to grow closer to God alongside fellow parishioners and friends through the *Jesus and the Eucharist* study. This 7-week study is being used in parishes throughout the county for the Year of Parish Revival. Each session is full of powerful content and testimonies. It will be a great opportunity to grow in community and explore the richness of our Eucharistic faith. We would love for you to join us! The study is held in the convent on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM through April 3.**

If you have any questions, please email tricia.trochlil@gmail.com.

Catholic Cruises and Tours and Apostleship of the Sea of the United States

Fatima, Lourdes & Shrines of Spain

August 20, 2024 to August 31, 2024

Day 1: Arrive in Lisbon, Portugal. Day 2: Lisbon-Santarem-Fatima. Day 3: Fatima. Day 4: Fatima-Brage-Santiago DeCompostela, Spain. Day 5: Santiago DeCompostela. Day 6: Santiago De Compostela-Burgos. Day 7: Burgos-Loyola-Lourdes, France. Day 8: Lourdes. Day 9: Lourdes-Madresa-Monsterrat, Spain. Day 10: Montserrat-Barcelona. Day 11: Barcelona. Day 12: Barcelona. If interested in more details about this Catholic Cruise and Tour, please call Brian at 860-399-1785.

Why Did We Do That?

Why did we veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent?

You may have noticed that the statues and crucifix were covered in purple clothe as of the 5th week

of Lent. Why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. The last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready. Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene. Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered. The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

Parish Religious Education & Local

PREP News



The new email address for Kathy McGovern, new Director of Religious Education at St. George is st.georgePREP@astound.net.

Our faithful parish families have several inspiring things to look forward to during the remainder of this PREP year:

⇒ **Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 PM** will be a time of **Evening Prayer, Reflection & BENEDICTION of the Blessed Sacrament**. *All are welcome*, but our PREP children **NEED** to attend. This event replaces Living Stations of the Cross.

⇒ **April 13 and 14** will be our parish **PREP BAKE SALE**. Please support our children by making &/or purchasing BAKED GOODS to be sold after all Masses.

⇒ **Thursday, April 18, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** will be our First Communion Retreat for Level 2 students.

⇒ **Sunday, April 28, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM** will be our PRACTICE for First Communion in Church

⇒ **Saturday, May 4 at 4:30 PM** our Mass will include First Holy Communion. Please pray for these children!

⇒ All are invited [but for PREP it's required] to attend our annual May Procession honoring our Blessed Mother immediately following the **10:30 AM** Mass. This is the last PREP activity for the 2023-2024 school year.

Registration 2024-2025 Program

Registration for the 2024-2025 PREP year is now open. Register early to ensure that there is space open in Levels 1-6. Levels 7 & 8 will be receiving Confirmation in 2025. Level 2 will be receiving First Penance and First Holy Communion.

Is it Half Empty or Half Full?

We see a glass with some juice in it. It is not filled to the top. There are two ways of looking at this glass of juice. Some people would look at the glass and say it is half empty. There are others who would look at the glass and say it is half full. We are going to drink it all now...

Well, we solved that problem, didn't we? Now everyone who looks at this glass would say that it is empty, but guess what? Everyone still wouldn't look at the glass in the same way. Some would look at the glass and grumble and complain because it empty. Others would look at the glass and see it as a glass just waiting to be filled with good things to drink. We guess there are always different ways to look at any situation.

On the Sunday morning after Jesus was crucified, a woman named Mary went to visit the grave where the body of Jesus had been laid. When she got there, she found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. She ran to find someone to tell them what she had seen. She found two of the disciples, Peter and John, and she said to them, "They have taken our Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put Him."

The three of them immediately ran to the tomb. When they got there, they all saw the same thing, but they didn't all look at it in the same way.

Peter looked and was curious. The Bible says Peter went in the empty tomb and looked around. He saw strips of linen laying around and the cloth that Jesus had been buried in folded neatly and placed where the body had been. "Hmmm, very interesting," Peter might have said to himself.

Mary looked and was sad. The Bible tells us that Mary didn't even go inside the empty tomb. She just stood outside the tomb and wept because she feared that someone had stolen the body of Jesus.

John looked and believed. The bible says that John went inside the tomb and he saw and believed. Now, we don't know exactly how much John understood, but we think he believed that Jesus had risen from the grave just as He said He would.

Three people -- they all saw the same thing -- one was curious, one was sad, and one believed. We think that is pretty much the same way people react to the story of Jesus today. Some people hear the story and they are curious, others hear it and think it is sad, others hear it and believe. How do you look at it?

Dear Lord, today we look into an empty grave. Help us all to see and believe that Jesus has risen just as He said He would. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Quo Vadis 2024

June 24-27, 2024

A camp for young men in High School, sponsored by the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood. Join other young men from across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for four days and three nights of fun, prayer and discernment. Registration today. The deadline is May 24th. For more information, visit www.heedthecall.org/QuoVadis, email smatour@archphila.org or call 6510-6567-5778.

Path of Hope Retreat

Saturday, April 13, 2024 - 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

St. Charles Borromeo Parish School in Bensalem

Bilingual retreat which will include sessions for adults and activities for children. Children with Down Syndrome, Autism, deafness/hearing impairments, blindness/vision impairments, intellectual disabilities, learning disabilities, behavioral disabilities, orthopedic impairments, speech impairments or ADHD are all welcome.

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