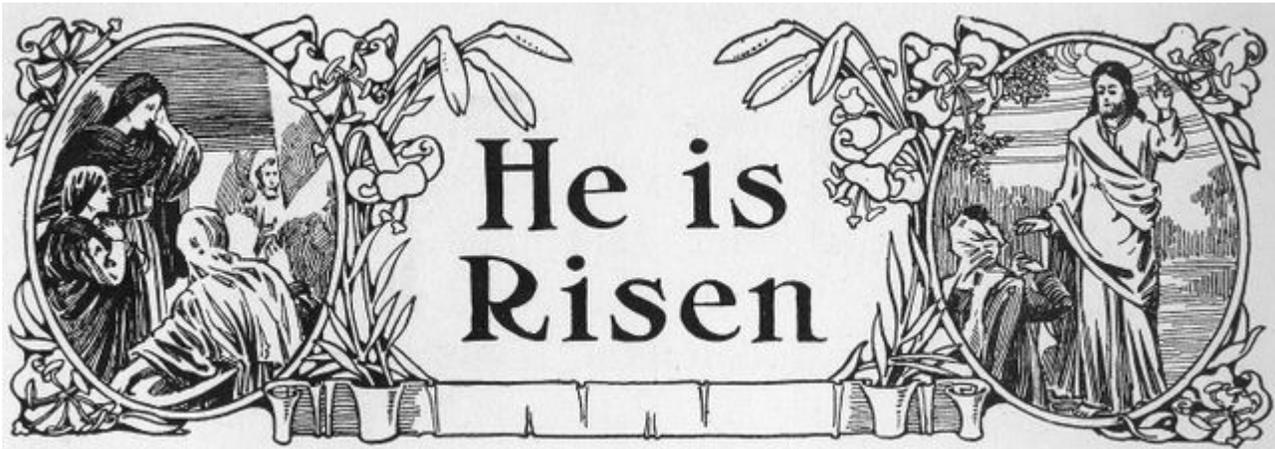


EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 12, 2020



“ EASTER “

Dear Friends:

Part of our Christian vocation in the world is to try to bring something good out of something bad. It can be very simple. For example, say that you said something that was harmful to another person. If you sincerely apologize, that apology can build toward a stronger relationship. Making good out of something bad.

That reminds me of an airline pilot I knew at another parish. He wasn't Catholic, but he was married to a Catholic, and he attended Church. He was parked at Newark Airport during September 11th. He watched it all. He decided to become Catholic at that moment. That is something good coming out of something very bad.

We are now faced with a very difficult and terrifying event. The coronavirus has penetrated our lives and brought great worry and suffering. Our world has changed. We pray in a special way for our health care professionals and the work that they do and the risks that they take.

Is there anything good that could come out of this tragedy? If it causes us to take that special effort to help our neighbor, that is good. If it helps us to realize that life is fragile, and we are so much more grateful for it, that is good. If it intensifies our love for our families and friends, that is good. If it helps us to abandon the petty conflicts and divisions in our society, that is good. Can these things take away the sorrow of this scourge? No, but they can help.

On Easter Sunday we celebrate the triumph of Christ over sin and death. The passion, death and resurrection of Christ is the greatest example of making something good out of something bad in history. The message of Christ is a message we need today. On Easter, Christ gave us His life, so that we could live forever. And He is with us today, and with us in our worry, our fears, our pain. Maybe it is a good time to let Him heal us.

Fr. Wilson

UPDATE ON THE CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK - In accordance with the guidelines from medical professionals with respect to the Coronavirus, the Archdiocese of New York has instructed us to cancel weekday and Sunday Masses as well as our Religious Education Program, retreats and events until further notice. Immaculate Conception Church will however be open for private prayer.

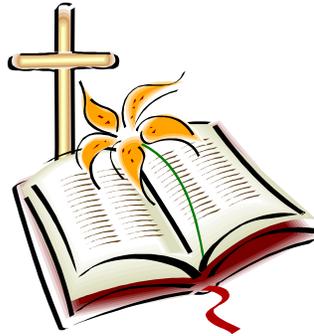
With respect to the Sunday weekly offering envelopes, I understand that troubling times make financial commitments difficult. However, I ask that if you are able to make your weekly donation, please feel free to drop it off at the Rectory (4 Lavelle Road) in the mail slot which is located on the lower right side of the door or at the parish office or place it in the mail. As always, I am grateful for your support and thanfull for your steadfast commitment to the Church.

One thing that we all can do during these difficult times is keep one another in our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Gerhard Herron, Evan Ciovacco, Lydia Casey, Mark Hamm, Grover Williams, Stephanie Merenda, Carol Wilson, Dawn Hazel Burrows, Jordana Bell, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Linda Sartori, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Sonja Kelly, Mike Butts, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Joseph Licurse, Joanne Balek, Michael Engel, Theresa Thompson, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjana, Ralph Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Leah Rost, Susan Consentino, Pat Boice, Arietta Carroll, Cecilia Cummings, Mary Wilkinson, Evelyn Tompkins, Mary Simmons, Marjorie Arni, Teal Burns, Jane Bly, Jennifer Boice, Nora Miller, Allen McPeck, Diana LaCurto, Genevieve Minischetti, Anita Nichols, Kathleen McGuire, Loretta Heller, Douglas Wilson, Donna Whalen, Stephen Bida, Leah Eurvard, Meghan King, Christine Darby Peter Hill, Patricia Macura, Jerard Kain, Margaret and Roger Gregoire, Kyleigh Cummings, Caroline McEnroe, Kristin Paraszti, Patty Cassidy, Stephen Bida, John McKee, Kathleen Herron, Roseann Roux and Catherine DiRe.

SUNDAY MASS - Please see your Television Guide for the Easter Sunday Masses being offered on EWTN, Catholic Faith Network, and WPIX (Channel 11) from St. Patrick's Cathedral.

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Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Have faith in Him...  
And He will always be there for you!

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AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION - When you are unable to receive Communion:

**My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.**

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: . Timothy Walsh, Joshua O'Hara, Connor Washburn, Sam Kent, Jordan Paraszti, Gavin Carroll, Richard C. Belliveau, Jimmy Darnell, Mike Mazza, Nathan Tong, Mark Hall and Tyler Jasmin. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers

2020 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - As of April 3rd, our parish has received **\$17,695.00** in pledges/gifts from **52** families. Our parish goal is **\$42,000**. I sincerely ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge or a one-time donation in an amount you can afford. Not all offerings are equal, but all sacrifices are..

SUNDAY COLLECTION - We received \$7,361.00 in donations this past week. I am so very thankful for your generosity and truly grateful for your steadfast commitment to our Church. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families with good health.

PRAYER FOR CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE - Lord, you have been with me from the very beginning, and you will be there at the very end. Looking back over my life, I can see that you were with me even when I was unaware of your presence, guiding me and drawing me closer to you. Give me courage and confidence in my future, believing that your hand is upon me every day, whether I am aware of it or not.