

St. Gregory Barbarigo Parish

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ~ April 5, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Happy Easter! Yes Happy Easter even in the midst of the national crisis we are living through. Some of us are sick, some are very sick, some people we know – and love have even died. But today – we celebrate the reality that our Lord Jesus Christ, after dying on the cross and being in the tomb on Friday, Saturday and into Sunday morning, physically rose from the dead and defeated death. Jesus who was dead, is alive again, and he still lives even now. So death is frightening – but not the end.

And although our lives right now are in a kind of isolation, and we miss not being together as a community to worship God – in the celebration of the Mass – this is a hardship which is temporary, that will eventually come to an end. And through history, there have been other times when coming together for Easter Mass was impossible. But regardless of our hardships – that does not change the truth that Christ rose from the dead – and in turn gives us hope. So persevere – and God willing, in time, we will be together again in our Church – at Mass. And maybe something good can come from this time of isolation. A deeper appreciation of our family and friends, a more vivid appreciation of the permanent things – the values and relationships which form who we are, particularly our faith in Christ, through His Church.

On other matters – as I write this column – the collection envelopes people have mailed in, dropped off at the church kitchen or in the rectory, have been added up – and it is fantastic! That in conjunction with our WeShare electronic giving should keep us afloat. As you probably realize – there are several people who work at the Parish – and we are trying to make sure we “make payroll” every pay period to sustain the people who work at the parish – and also to ensure we have a parish to come back to once we get the “all clear”. We also still have our utilities and other expenses. So thank you for your continued support, it is essential.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

Monday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 AM John Donovan

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 AM Helen Niminski

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 AM Camille Dunn

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Thursday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 AM Brian Sotire

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Friday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 AM Marie Dunnigan

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Saturday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 AM John Donovan
5:30 PM Ricky Benzinger

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
7:30 AM For the People of St. Gregory Barbarigo
9:30 AM Josephine Viviano
11:30 AM Virginia & Albert Guelcher



In a related matter, a number of people have sent donations for flowers – which is great, and I plan use those donations for the same, though not just yet. Decorating in our usual manner for Easter won't be possible – but the Easter Season goes on for a few weeks – and in fact comes to a close on Pentecost Sunday – which is May 31. I am hoping by then, we will be back to some degree of normalcy, and presuming nurseries are functioning – we will decorate like it is Easter.

So in closing – please celebrate Easter – at home, with family and maybe with the help of technology and remember to pray, and have hope – because Christ has Risen and has defeated death. Happy Easter!



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: The sick are comforted knowing that we pray for them. In your charity, please remember Frank White, John Moynihan, Donna Lodi, Tracey Pappalardo, Mercedes Greenleaf, Patty Jones and the Wailing Wall and the intentions of our prayer network.

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~ GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING ~

For the Lord's generosity, we returned to His Church

A Week Ago 04/05/2020.....\$5,304.00

We Share.....\$2,861.00

Total Weekly.....\$8,165.00

A Year Ago 03/31/19.....\$14,580.04

GIFT CARD PURCHASES \$1,400.00

5% commission to the Parish\$70.00