Saint Paul of the Cross

A Catholic Community That Grows Disciples!
Alleluia!  He is Risen!  Alleluia!

Last week, we spoke about the Paschal Mystery, and Easter is part of that Mystery. In fact, Easter is the culmination of that Mystery. It is at Easter that the Mystery is revealed. While only a few disciples – Peter, James and John – had the opportunity to see the glorified Jesus at the Transfiguration, many of Jesus’ disciples had that privilege after the Resurrection. St. Paul tells us in his First Letter to the Corinthians, “[We believe that] Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that He was buried; that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, […]. After that He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, He appeared to me.” [1 Cor 15:3-8]

At the moment of His Resurrection and appearance to His Apostles and Disciples, the magnitude of who Jesus is was revealed. Jesus is God! The men and women who knew Him to be human now saw Him as God. In the last column, we mentioned several times that Jesus is fully human and fully divine. In His Resurrection, he reveals His Divine Nature.

But wait, there’s more! Jesus’ Resurrection is not only for and about Him; it is also for and about us. In His Resurrection, Jesus completes His Saving Act. If there were no Resurrection, Jesus is just a good man who died for a cause. After the Resurrection, Jesus demonstrates that He is the Son of God who conquered sin and death – for us. He released us from the bondage of sin and gave us a way – really the Way – back to the Father. In fact, in John’s Gospel, Jesus says, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.” [JN 14:6] St. Paul further explains that it is only through Jesus’ Death and Resurrection that we can be raised to a new life in Him. “But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life…” [1 Cor 15:20-22] and “Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin,[…] But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” [1 Cor 15:55-57]

Alleluia!  He is Risen!

His Resurrection means new life for us!

Alleluia!  HAPPY EASTER!
Easter Prayer
Glory and praise to You, Risen Savior,
for You bring light to our darkness, joy to our sorrow,
and the fullness of love to our reluctant hearts.
Once and for all, You have conquered sin and evil.
In the glory of Your Resurrection, we have been set free
from all that keeps us from following You.
On this Easter Day, fill our hearts with Your Light and Grace,
that we might joyfully echo the words of Your Holy Angels:
He is not here in the tomb:

He is risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!!

A BLESSED EASTER FROM THE CLERGY & STAFF

Very Reverend Thomas R. Lafreniere, Pastor
Rev. Nadeem Yaqoob, O.A.D., Assisting
Rev. Melvin Shorter, C.P., Assisting
Rev. Brian Flanagan, Retired
Deacon Frank Bandy
Deacon Gregory C. Quinn
Deacon Solomon Kaanan

Masses
Daily: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am & 5:30 pm, Sat. 8:00 am
Sat Vigil: 5:00 pm  Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am, & 5:00 pm
Confessions: Sat., 8:30 - 9:00 am or by appt.
SATURDAY, APRIL 20  HOLY SATURDAY
8:00 PM Vigil † Henry Inserra, Jr. by The Azoto Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 21  EASTER SUNDAY
7:30 AM For the intentions of The Lesser Family
9:00 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
9:15 AM Ave Maria Hall † Nicholas Rojo by his family
10:45 AM † Deceased members of The Shelton Family
11:00 AM Ave Maria Hall For the intentions of The Perla and The Smith Families
by Russell & Edith Smith
NO 5:00 PM MASS

MONDAY, APRIL 22
8:00 AM † Charlie Hickey by Greg & Mary Hickey
5:30 PM † Randy McCoy by The Volpi Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 23
8:00 AM For the living and deceased members of The Reupke Family by Maria Reupke
5:30 PM † Stephen Mazzarella by Patrice Cheviot

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
8:00 AM † Camille Peruggia by The Devine Girls
5:30 PM † Stephen Mazzarella by Patrice Cheviot

THURSDAY, APRIL 25
8:00 AM † John & Millie Schluttenhofer by Bob & Nancy Anderson
5:30 PM † Yvonne Mudano by Ann Scurry

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
8:00 AM † Mildred Feudtner by Theresa Trotta
5:30 PM † John Yodice by mom & dad

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
8:00 AM † Prescilla Burnett by The Hyland Family
5:00 PM † Catherine Gerard by her husband, Franklyn

SUNDAY, APRIL 28  DIVINE MERCY
7:30 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
9:00 AM † Jeannine Chosson by Ann-Marie Chosson & family
10:45 AM † Erma Peters by Arlene Widmayer
5:00 PM For the intentions of Joan & Lou Cashon

Ministry of
Religious Education & Confirmation
Kate Devine
RCIA/
Faith Inquiry
Deacon
Gregory C. Quinn

Director of Music & Liturgy
Jeanne Clark

Director of Family Life Ministries
Jon Niven

First Friday
Exposition & Holy Hour after 5:30pm Mass
Devotion to Mary
First Saturday of the month, rosary and procession to the grotto following 8:00am Mass. Rosary is prayed every Saturday after the 8:00am Mass, and with the Legion of Mary, Tuesdays after the 8am and 5:30pm Masses.

Adoration Chapel
Open for quiet meditation before the Blessed Sacrament during office hours. Exposition every Friday. Located across from the Parish Office.

Charismatic Prayer Group
Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. Mass & Healing Service 3rd Thursday of each month in the Chapel.

Hospital/Homebound Visits
If someone is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please advise the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours
Monday-Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday in the vestibule of the church 9am - 12noon

Religious Shop - 624-1752
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 1:00pm
Saturday 8:30am - 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am - 12:00pm & 4:30pm - 6:30pm

New Parishioners
Registration forms are available on our website, in the office during the week, and in the vestibule of the church in the wall rack.

Registered Parishioners
Please help keep our census current by advising us of any changes of address, phone numbers, and family additions or deletions.
This week, April 22nd, at a glance...

Monday:
8:30 AM  Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2 PM  Yarn & Rose Knitters
5 PM  Sandwich Makers

Tuesday:
8:30 AM, 6 PM  Legion of Mary
6 PM  Kairos Team Meeting

Wednesday:
10 AM  Walking with Purpose Women’s Bible Study
7 PM  Matthew: The King and His Kingdom Bible Study

Thursday:
7 PM  Walking with Purpose Women’s Bible Study
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group

Friday:
9 AM - 5 PM  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday:
8:30 AM  All Paul’s Men

Sunday:
Divine Mercy Sunday
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
9 AM  Story Keepers
9:15 AM  RCIA
10:15 AM  CIA Session
12 PM  Divine Mercy Adoration
1 PM  Retrouvaille CORE Group Meeting
5 PM  Middle School/Confirmation I

Looking forward to, in the near future:
Mondays 5:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting; 4/22 Book of Masses for 2020 opens; 4/26 All Saints Catholic School Fundraiser; 5/5 First Holy Communion; 5/9 LIFT; 5/19 Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Marriages - Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

Our beautiful Ave Maria Banquet Hall (capacity 325) and our St. Joseph Hall (capacity 175) are available for rental for approved adult receptions and gatherings for occasions connected with church events.

Your donations assist the poor in many ways. Thank you for dropping your dollar bills and loose change in the poor boxes.

God bless you!
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

HAPPY EASTER!

Happy Easter! Or as most other languages prefer: Blessed Pasch—Passover! Pasqua, Pascua, Páscoa, Pâques! Israel’s Passover through the Red Sea to the Promised Land! Jesus’ Passover through the Cross to resurrection! Our catechumens’ Passover last night, and ours once upon a time, through Baptism’s waters to our family’s Eucharist! Welcome, everybody! As someone once said of the Catholic Church, “Here comes everybody!” So in this Jubilee of Mercy, we make our own Saint John Chrysostom’s Easter welcome from fourteen hundred years ago: “Let everyone enjoy this radiant feast! You who fasted from Lent’s beginning, and you who didn’t fast at all, rejoice! The table’s richly set! Come, take from it, everybody, no worries, no embarrassment! All of you, taste the banquet of faith! Enjoy the feast of forgiveness! Let no one grieve for having sinned again and again: pardon has risen from the tomb!”

Happy Easter! Blessed Pasch! Welcome, everybody!

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

To prepare for the Readings of April 27/28
First Reading — A large number of people gathered, bringing the sick, and all were cured (Acts 5:12-16).
Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).
Second Reading — Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).
Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

PRAY the DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
which began on Good Friday. The remainder of the Novena may be prayed at home, or communally at church: Easter Sunday - pray day 3 on your own. Easter Monday after the 5:30 Mass and Tuesday thru Friday, after the 8 AM and 5:30 PM Masses.
Sat., April 27, after the 8 AM Mass
Novena prayers are available on the back shelves of the church, or at:
www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 28th
Veneration and Exposition after the 10:45 AM Mass with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3 PM

To receive a plenary indulgence: Prayerfully participate in a celebration commemorating the Sunday of Divine Mercy, participate in the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, recite the Apostles’ Creed and the Our Father.

How to PRAY the CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY
On ordinary rosary beads: Sign of the Cross; Our Father, Hail Mary; Apostles’ Creed; On each “Our Father” bead: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. On the ten small beads of each decade: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Conclude with: 3x Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

The Chaplet is available on the back shelves of the church, or at www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/chaplet
Celebrate with Us

Mark your calendar for these events taking place during our 50th Anniversary year:

Aug. 10/11—Opening Masses
Sept. 7/8—Ministries Fair
Oct. 19—Parish Family Day
Nov. 22—Concert in Church
Dec. 6—Ministries Dinner
Jan. 25, 2020—Neapolitan Knight
Feb. 22—5pm Mass with Bishop Barbarito, followed by Dinner & Celebration
March 28/29—Ministries Fair
Golf Tournament—TBA
June 6—Renewal of Vows

Our humble beginnings, where Mass was celebrated in the Juno Fire House in August, 1970.

Construction of our Church began in 1978 and our first Mass took place during Lent of 1979.

Do you have photos of parish events from days gone by? Send them to us and we’ll share them in future bulletins! We will return them to you.

Watch the Diocesan Catholic Mass at 10:30 AM
on local station CW34 WTVX.
on Comcast Channels 4 & 435HD
on AT&T/U-Verse Channels 4 & 1004HD
on Hometown Cable Plus Channels 4 & 304 HD
on Direct TV & Dish Network Channel 4
on Digital Antennas Over-the-Air channel 34.1

EWTN, 24 hour catholic programming,
on Comcast Digital Channel 243
on AT&T/U-Verse Digital Channel 562
on Direct TV Channel 370
on Dish Network Channel 261

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Listen live at 98.3 FM or www.wpbvradio.com

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on Comcast Channels 4 & 435HD
on AT&T/U-Verse Channels 4 & 1004HD
on Hometown Cable Plus Channels 4 & 304 HD
on Direct TV & Dish Network Channel 4
on Digital Antennas Over-the-Air channel 34.1

EWTN, 24 hour catholic programming,
on Comcast Digital Channel 243
on AT&T/U-Verse Digital Channel 562
on Direct TV Channel 370
on Dish Network Channel 261

Lift

Join us for a night of praise & worship, a dynamic message, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

It is held from 7-8:30 in the Church, is for all ages and free to attend!

Upcoming Dates
May 8th, June 13th
July 11th, August 8th
WORSHIP / MESSAGE / ADORATION
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
ANNUAL RICE BOWL collection will conclude April 28th! Bring your last collection box to class!!

CATHOLIC SOCIAL

Over the past several weeks, this space has focused on the major “Themes” that are drawn from our rich Tradition of Catholic Social Teaching. Today, we present some of the “Sources” for this rich Tradition. Each of the Documents found here - [www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/foundational-documents.cfm] - were written in the context of historical changes both within the Church and in society. Over the next several weeks, we will be sharing quotes from these original source documents. See if you can identify the themes inherent in these documents.

Challenge Question: How many of the above mentioned documents am I familiar with? How many have I read?
Please prayerfully consider your ability to support the 2019 Diocesan Services Appeal.

PLEASE HELP US MAKE OUR GOAL!!!

Please make checks payable to: Diocesan Services Appeal
Local Parish
St. Paul of the Cross
Make online donations
www.diocesepb.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society asks you to

Our mission is to bring dignity to anyone in need - with a shower, a clean set of clothes, and of course some food! To fulfill our mission, we will need to buy a 6-stall shower trailer and truck. To learn more about our ministry, or to help us fulfill our mission, please visit us at www.showerthepeople.us or contact Kate Devine in the Parish Office. We have collected, in 1 month, $18,000 of the $36,000 needed! Thank you!!

Pineapples in Paradise
13th Annual Ladies Luncheon to benefit
All Saints Catholic School
Friday, April 26, 2019
10 AM - 2 PM    TICKETS $50
Ave Maria Banquet Hall

Knights of Columbus general meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; the next meeting is Wed., May 8th (officers meet on the 1st Wed., the next meeting is May 1) at 7 PM in the All Saints Room.

If you are interested and would like to become a Columbiette, please call the parish office. Columbiette meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is Wed. May 15th at 7 PM in the All Saints Room. Refreshments begin at 6:30 PM.

CORE: Continuing Our Retrouvaille Experience
Next Meeting Sunday, May 19th, (3rd Sunday of the month) at 1 PM in the All Saints Room.
Facilitated by Ron & Maritza Garey
Please call the Parish office for more information.

Our Mass Intentions book has been filled for 2019. The 2020 Book, for Masses to be celebrated in our Church, will be available beginning tomorrow Mon., April 22nd. You may continue to book “unannounced” Masses to be celebrated by a missionary priest.

You may now choose to offer the gift of Bread and Wine, for a week, for the intentions of... or in loving memory of...
$35 per week

Join us.... coffee...
for coffee, donuts and fellowship after all Sunday morning Masses in the St. Joseph Hall.

NO COFFEE AND DONUTS EASTER SUNDAY!
HAPPY EASTER!!
PLEASE NOTE: Please call the Parish Office if you are being admitted to the hospital or know of someone in our parish who requests a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister. Names will remain on the prayer list for two months, unless notified.

Major Matthew Farmer, Army
Capt. Michael Andrew Dytrych, Army
2nd Lt. Sam Dowd, Army
1st Lt. John F. Dowd, Army
Staff Sgt. Stephen Dickens, Army
PFC Gabriel D’Alatri, Marines
Ryan Cunningham, FLA National Guard
1st Lt. Michael J. Culler, 101st Airborne
Michael Crump
Col. John Cross, Army
Maj. Nicolais Chighizola, Air Force
Angela Browning
Corporal Thomas C. Boehnlein, USMC
Chris Bodley
PFC Adam Blazak, Army
Maj. Travis Blaschke, Army Aviation
Tyler Blank
Capt. KrisƟne Hochschwender
Spencer Calvin McGuire
Capt. Kelly Lammert, Air Force
Private Joseph LaSasso, Army
Capt. Mitchell Joslin, Army Ranger
Capt. Jeff KeaƟng, Marines
Capt. A.J. Palombo, Army
Staff Sgt. Derek D. Ragion, Marines

PLEASE PRAY for the men and women in our armed forces stationed overseas, for the military commanders who lead them, for President Trump and his advisors and for...

Sean Ancona, Navy
CS 2 Christopher Avola
Spec. Thomas Bates
Tyler Blank
Maj. Travis Blaschke, Army Aviation
PFC Adam Blazak, Army
Chris Bodley
Corporal Thomas C. Boehnlein, USMC
LCPL Christopher Boudreauault, USMC
Angela Browning
Capt. Eric Arthur Bruns
Maj. Nicolas Chighizola, Air Force
Col. John Cross, Army
Michael Crump
1st Lt. Michael J. Culler, 101st Airborne
Ryan Cunningham, FLA National Guard
Josh Curtis
LCpl Giulio D’Alatri, Marines
PFC Gabriel D’Alatri, Marines
Command Sgt. Maj James Dickens, Army
Staff Sgt. Stephen Dickens, Army
1st Lt. John F. Dowd, Army
2nd Lt. Sam Dowd, Army
Capt. Michael Andrew Dytrych, Army
Hanah Eastwood
Major Matthew Farmer, Army

Matthew Filimon
Lt. Col. Douglas Y. Finn, USMC
Lt. Col. Jennifer Formell
PFC Chase Forrest, Army
Scott Freudenthal, Army
Darrin Gabriel
Private Matthew Geyre
Lance Cpl Tyler Geary, USMC
LT Ruth Gaunt, Navy
Michael Gorczyński
Michael Gordon-Tenant, Army
PFC Thomas Greenia, Army
PFC Thomas Grodeska, Army
Capt. Matthew Guidone, Army
Capt. Thomas Harris, Army
Tech Sgt. Thomas M. Hennessey, Air Force
Lt. Col. Cornelius Hickey, USMC
Capt. Kristine Hochschwender
Lt. Tyler Hochschwender
Captain Steve Irving, 101st First Airborne
Sgt. Christian Marino Jakobsen, USMC
Capt. Mitchell Joslin, Army Ranger
Capt. Jeff Keating, Marines
2nd Lt. Andrew King, Army
Sgt. Emily A. Konkle, USMC

Rita Sanchez
Algis Saurausaites
Ana Scapputo
Braden Schiralli
Charles Sears
Zeke Seifel
Ray & John Seymour
Chuck Shaw
Rick Shorter
Ray Shindorf
Richard Shorter
Linda Siegrimm
Cameron Simpson
Patricia Smith
Mila Soltis
Hanna Elizabeth Sousa
Charles Speer
Joy Spencer
Xi and Beth Spicer
Edward Stewart
Patricia Stichnoth
Kelly Suddell
Kevin Sullivan
Maryann Talamo
Leon Thomas
Rebecca Timmons
Kathleen Tovey
Jeana Tumbarello
Ora Turner
Jose Urbe
Rosamary Ware
Doug Weiss
Luann Wita
Albert Wiker
Felix Wilson
Darlene Zook

Merciful Father, You desire the welfare of all your children. Stretch out your protecting arm over our men and women in the service. Shield them from every danger to body, mind and soul. Comfort them in loneliness, sustain them in hardship, give them the courage they need to fulfill their duty and so do Your will in all things. Bestow on our leaders and the leaders of the world the wisdom and prudence which will bring peace and justice to all.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen. Mary, help of Christians, pray for us.

April 21, 2019

Whether or not we are present at Church, we remain one in the Lord. Please keep the following members of our parish family in your prayers: Patrick Fons, Ron Garey, Joan Gavin, John Hansel, Tom & Kathleen Lumbra, Christopher McCormack, Jim Mrir, Estelle Rutkoski, Raffaela Santagata, Scott Schweizer and...