

## Pastor's Note: April 12 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### Happy Easter!

Today we rejoice at Easter as the tomb is empty! Hopefully these last Forty Days have been a time to be refreshed and renewed despite being homebound by the Coronavirus pandemic that has affected all of us locally, nationally and worldwide. With restrictions in place for us unable to gather together for weekly mass, it has been an eye opener for all of us to stay alert, keep calm, and appreciate our family, friends and faith.

In the Gospel of St John, Mary Magdalene, Peter and the Beloved Disciple all encounter the empty tomb of Jesus. Our patron saint, Mary Magdalene, is the central figure to all of the gospel accounts of Jesus' resurrection. She is considered the "Apostle to the Apostles" proclaiming the good news that the tomb is empty. Christ's resurrection fills us with joy because Jesus gives us life!

This new life in Christ requires change in our lives and, while change is never easy, it opens the door to opportunity and growth. As we celebrate Easter 2020 and being members of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Parish, let us proclaim the Good News to all!

On behalf of Frs. Taylor, James, Augustine and the entire parish staff we wish you and your family a very blessed Happy Easter!

\*\*Please note that Confirmation and First Holy Communion have been postponed. Both celebrations will be rescheduled at a later date.\*\*

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**Parish Share 2020** The Annual Parish Share 2020 Campaign has begun. Our goal this year for **St. Mary Magdalene Parish is \$153,393**. Parish Share helps the day to day operations at the Pastoral Center downtown, and supports our Seminary, Hospital Chaplaincy and College Campus programs. Every registered parishioner should have received a pledge card and letter in the mail, Please be as generous as possible.

### Parish Improvements

A fresh coat of paint has been applied to the main entrance vestibule of St. Bede Church.

**Mariani & Richards** continues to make repairs on St. James Church; spot pointing, repairing hairline cracks and mortar joints and re-caulking around the windows. Funds from our Church Roof Campaign are making this project possible. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to St. Mary Magdalene Parish and memo it "Roof Fund."

**Main Street Music & Sound** installed four new wall speakers at Mother of Good Counsel and reconfigured the location of the speakers to enhance the quality of the sound.

**Ministry Van** The Ministry Center is in need of a cargo van to pick up their weekly food and items from the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank in the City of Duquesne. If you are interested in helping to fund this project, please make check payable to St. Mary Magdalene Parish and memo it "Cargo Van Fund" and mail it to my attention to the parish office. We are half way to our goal!

**Are You Registered?** If you attend St. Mary Magdalene Parish on a regular basis and are not officially registered, you are most welcome here! Please complete a registration form by calling our Office Manager, Terri Price at 412-661-7222. It is very important to be registered especially to obtain a Sponsor Letter to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor.

**Welcome Chris Benec** I am pleased to appoint Christopher C. Benec to the Finance Council. After growing up in New Kensington, PA and attending St. Joseph's grade school, Chris is a 1989 graduate of Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School and earned his Bachelors in Economics from Carnegie Mellon University. For the past 27 years, he has been in the financial services industry focusing on investment opportunities for individuals and is currently in private wealth management. Chris became a member of St. Bede parish in 2001 and has been actively supporting St. Bede School since that time. He and his wife Loretta live in Point Breeze and their four children have attended St. Bede School.

**Congratulations** to **Makenzie Rose Mitchell** and **Millie Anne Thomas** who were recently baptized.

**Something to Think About...**

When you brood over your troubles, you hatch despair.

With God, All Things Are Possible!

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