

Pastor's Note

April 11, 2021

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

Happy Easter!

Today we rejoice at Easter as the tomb is empty! We have been travelling the last Forty Days walking the journey together with Christ reflecting on the past year which has been very challenging. Last Easter we were not able to worship together in church due to the pandemic. One year later, as we continue to get vaccinated and things are starting to open and some restrictions are being eased, still taking precautions, we are filled with hope as we celebrate the Risen Lord.

In the Gospel of St John, Mary Magdalene, our Patron Saint, is the lead character in the Resurrection stories along with Peter and the Beloved Disciple as they encounter the empty tomb of Jesus. Mary Magdalene 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 2021 and being members of St. Magdalene Catholic Parish, let us proclaim the Good News to all!

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

Parish Share 2021

Our **2021 Campaign Goal is \$178,677**. Anything we collect over our goal stays in the parish. No funds collected via the program go towards lawsuits or legal affairs, rather they support the day- to- day operations at the Pastoral Center and Seminary in Green Tree, the Hospital Chaplaincy programs in our area hospitals and nursing homes, tuition scholarships and grants for our Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, and the Campus Ministry programs at our local colleges and universities. Parish Share also helps the individual parishes with assistance from the Diocesan Insurance and Benefits Office for our parish and school employees, Property and Planning Office to assist with buildings and grounds issues and the Parish Services Office assists Pastors and Business Managers with the day-to-day operations of the parish. We all benefit from Parish Share!

Something to consider... if you received your Covid Relief Stimulus Check and are financially comfortable without it, consider contributing all or part of it to St. Mary Magdalene Parish to help recover the recent high costs of snow removal, salting and utilities the past several months. We appreciate your generosity.

Parish Census

If you are registered and have not responded to the 2020 Parish Census, please call the parish office to make sure we have your correct information on file. It is very important to be registered to obtain a letter to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor or have the Pastor Verification form signed for Catholic School Scholarships.

Remaining Church Alive Funds

With the approval of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils we will be using the remaining funds (\$11,914.49) from the Church Alive! Campaign to help offset some of the cost of new carpeting we will be installing in St. James chapel and kitchen, Holy Rosary Rectory first floor and Food Bank area, St. Bede Rectory stairwell and third floor. Thank you to all who participated in the Our Campaign for the Church Alive! to help make these much- needed upgrades a possibility. Special thanks to a generous parishioner who covered the cost of the new carpeting for Holy Rosary Food Bank.

Congratulations

This weekend, we welcome the Rite of Christian Initiation Program, (RCIA) members of the Class of 2021 who have

completed their journey to join us in full communion:

Nadia Mari Mercado

Catechumen-All three sacraments

Jennifer Lynn Whitley-

Catechumen-All three sacraments

Ninoshka Mary Aponte

Candidate for Confirmation

Anna Elizabeth McDevitt

Candidate for Eucharist & Confirmation

Erica Lynn Moulinier-

Candidate for Eucharist & Confirmation

Mary Nyamekye

Candidate for Eucharist & Confirmation

Devin Thomas Slaugenhaupt

Candidate for Eucharist & Confirmation

Special thanks to our RCIA Team- **Teresa Maynor, Tim McCarthy, and Nancy Tullar** for their leadership.

Please Note

The parish office will reopen on Tuesday, April 6 at 9am.

**** I will be on my annual Spring Retreat- Monday, April 5 thru Friday April 9. Please hold any phone calls or e-mails until I return to the office on Saturday, April 10.***

Something to Think About...

There are two essentials to happiness; something to do, and someone to love.

With God All Things Are Possible!

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