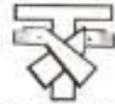




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Easter Sunday

Dear sisters and brothers in the Risen Christ!

Blessings of Easter peace and new life upon you as we celebrate the solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord! This Lenten journey was like none other, save for the Exodus Event of the Chosen People. We have truly **entered into the Passover of the Lamb—the suffering, death and resurrection of the Lord!**

This is the early kerygma or teaching of the Church that has become real for us, as the international community has entered into a **“Passover with the Lord”** that has made us globally aware of the suffering of the human community from China to Italy, New York to New Orleans, Atlanta to Columbus and beyond. Placing us all ill—prepared to cope with the likes of the COVID—19...we were left in a frenzy of scrambling for treatment and isolating the virus through social distancing and remaining in place at home.

Turning to the medical community and researchers we continue to seek an antidote for the virus that may disarm it beyond the copious washing of hands that has helped disarm it from spreading. Through it all, for us a people of Faith, we have done what is ours to do and surrender to the **power of prayer and the gift of God’s transformative healing**, as we come to recognize our return to the chains of enslavement that keep us in bondage from being faithful sons and daughters of the living God.

Beyond the political arena, and religious affiliation, humanity comes to recognize that we are in need of the gift of Divine intervention in the suffering, death and resurrection of the Lord. The **“angel of death”** has come down upon many homes and has brought the pain of grief and mourning, but Jesus offers us the hope of New Life and freedom from our sins in the mystery of Easter—Resurrection!

We stand in the Light of Christ, who is our redeemer and liberator, as we recall the *Genesis account of creation to the Exodus text of deliverance*—we have been welcomed to pass through the waters of the Red Sea to the waters of the Jordan River and be reborn in water and the Holy Spirit! Yes, we are called to be a **“new creation”** in Christ Jesus, as we re-dedicate ourselves to our Baptismal Covenant. The prophet Joshua says: **“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord!”**

The Gospel of Luke, presents three women on mission...Mary of Magdala, Joanna and Mary the mother of James. These grieving disciples of the Lord still overcome by grief...flooded with tears and emotion...even fearful, yet overjoyed by the turn of events that offered them promise and hope. Their intent was to complete the anointing and burial preparation of the crucified Body of Jesus that they left

unfinished on Good Friday. Yet to their amazement upon reaching the tomb the stone was rolled back, and the TOMB was empty.

Two men in dazzling white robes addressed them: **“Why do you search for the living ONE among the dead? He is not here; He has been raised up!”** Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee—that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and *on the third day rise again!*”

Sisters and brothers of St. Benedict—you and I are those contemporary disciples of Christ, who are part of the Church at vigil and prayer. Where do we find ourselves looking for Christ? Are seeking him among the dead? Or are we being challenged to seek him among the poor, the disenfranchised, the oppressed and the vulnerable. Perhaps, we needed to taste our own vulnerabilityour own insecurity of not being in control? Of recognizing our common humanity as persons. Jesus assures us in the gift of Easter—Resurrection, that we are **a people redeemed in the blood of the crucified one!** Yes, we too, must die and rise in Christ Jesus as a people reborn in water, fire and the Holy Spirit.

Pope John Paul II called the youth of the world “to be those sentinels at the Easter Tomb witnessing to the Resurrection!” Jesus is calling us at this time “to not be afraid....that He is with us!” We are those huddled disciples of Jesus on the sea of LIFE caught in a life—threatening storm.

Have we come to see the face of JESUS in the events of our lives and know without a shadow of a doubt that we NEED the Lord? May we testify with the breath of our lives that JESUS is our all and all....the beginning and the end....the alpha and the omega....our LIFE and our Resurrection!

I find this blessing of our brother, St. Anthony of Padua etched in the base of the Obelisk in the center of St. Peter’s Square in Vatican City:

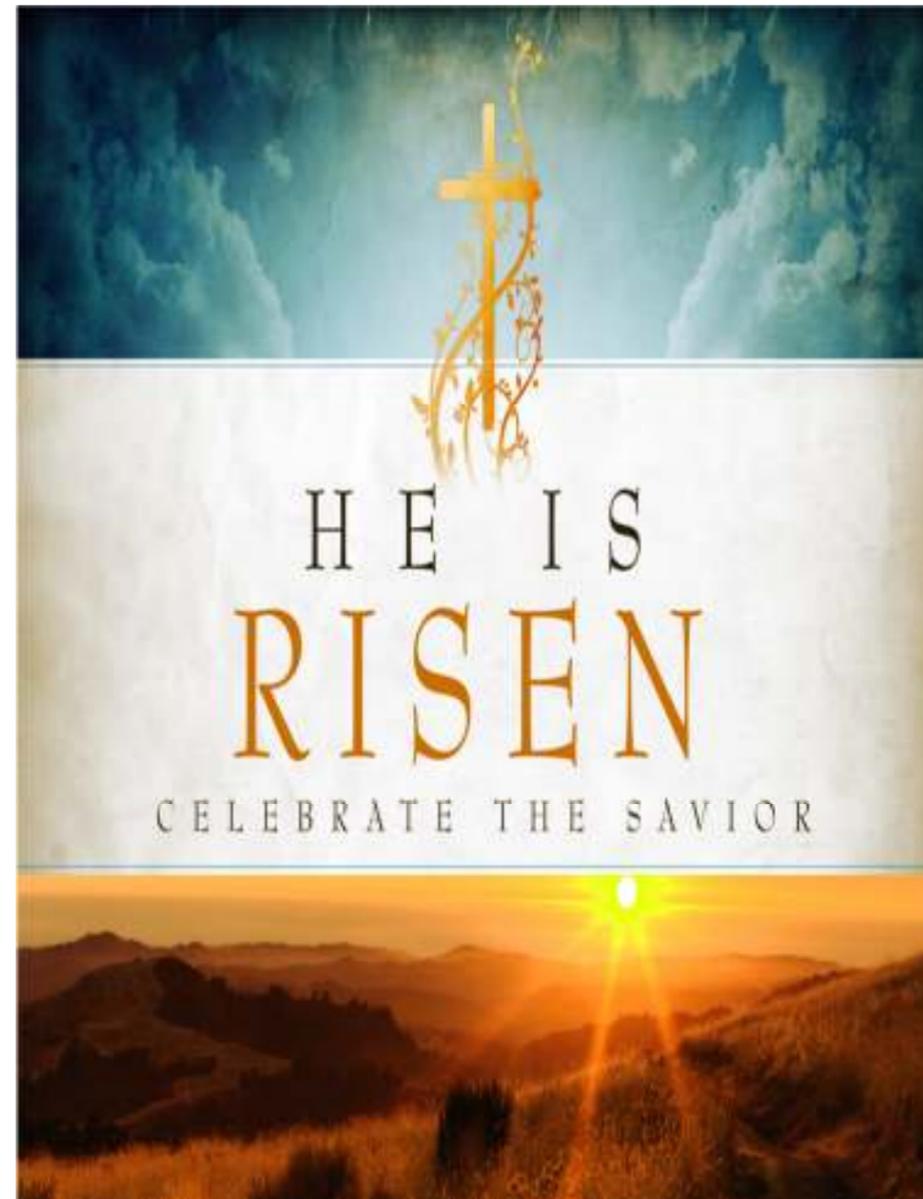
Behold the Cross of the Lord! Be gone all evil powers! The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the root of David has conquered! Alleluia!

A blessed and glorious Easter to one and all from the Franciscans!

Prayerfully,

Fr. Noel & his brothers

St. Benedict the Moor Church



April 4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

“This is the day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad.”

St Benedict the Moor Parish

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
Daily Masses: Mon.-Fri. 12:00 noon
Saturday: 8 am
Holy Days of Obligation:
Mass: 12 noon & 6:30 pm
(Exceptions will be posted)
Sacrament of Penance: Divine Mercy
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or by Appointment

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Pastoral Concerns

Sisters and Brothers,
I would like to thank you for all your prayers during the last two weeks. May the Lord keep on blessing you for your love and presence in my life. I am glad to be back on board.

Fr. Noel

Thank you!

We thank Fr. Michael, Vicar Provincial, Our Lady of the Angels Province, for celebrating Mass on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. *That's brotherhood in action as you see the friars helping one another out in ministry to the community.*

Thank you to Brett Dawson and Ethel Johnson for leading communal prayer and Stations of the Cross during Lent; and to Gail Buffong for continuing the daily Rosary and Liturgy and Sunday.

Also, thank you to Mary Beth Kozee and Rhonda Savoy and choir members for leading us in song and praise throughout Lent.

Happy Birthday

Barbara Lawrence	April 8
Norman Johnson	April 12
George Smith	April 14
Yetunde Ayinmide	April 21
Gina Hern-Martinez	April 26



Special Collection

The **Priest Retirement Fund** offers a way for us to give back to our Catholic priests who have served us so faithfully. Your contribution will help diocesan priests live modestly and peacefully in retirement. Help us offer thanks for their years of devotion to God and our communities. Your gift to the Priest Retirement Fund helps provide a monthly stipend to retired priests of the Diocese of Savannah. For most priests, this assistance is their only means of support. This helps many senior priests stay well and active in our communities. Give generously to this special collection on Easter Sunday.



Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.



Return Rice Bowls
Holy Thursday

Save the Date

Lace up your sneakers and register to participate in the Sprint Into Spring 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run, hosted by the St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School Vikings Booster Club! In order to be guaranteed a race t-shirt, please register for the race online by April 5, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. Online registration closes April 14, 2021.

Race Registration Fees
5K - \$25; 1 Mile Fun Run - \$15

Stewardship

Weekly Finance Report: March 28
Offertory: \$1981.00 (Online \$225.00)
Church Repair: \$240.00 (Online \$25.00)
Catholic Relief: \$50.00
Kitchen Reno: \$100.00
Easter Flowers: \$15.00
Utilities: (Online \$50.00)

Our online giving has been updated to a new and easier to use platform. Online donations allow you to stay up-to-date and continue your support.

Please go to
<https://osvhub.com/stbenedictthemoorcolumbus/funds> to contribute.

Easter Sunday

READING 1 Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

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R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

READING 2 Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

GOSPEL Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

In Our Prayers

Our sick list is for parishioners, family and friends in need of prayer. Please keep our list current by calling the office to add or remove a name.

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