He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Dear Parish Family,

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen! Alleluia! This is the joyful acclamation of the Church as she rejoices in the triumph of Jesus over sin and death! This has indeed been a different Lenten journey! A journey we hope we will not have to take again. Yet, there is no sadness this day, no worry, and no anxiety. At least not for those of us with faith in our Risen Savior, we can set any of that aside. True, we are celebrating in a different way. We cannot come to church and celebrate with one another, personally extending our Easter greetings.

The power of the Resurrection transcends that. We may have to keep our physical distance from each other for a while to remain healthy. Yet, the Lord is ever near to us, closer perhaps now than He has ever been. Perhaps the situation we encounter has caused us to deepen our relationship with the Risen Lord and develop a renewed appreciation for God’s goodness. It is at the most difficult moments in human history that we realize God abides. God is ever-present with a love beyond our understanding. That love is expressed most beautifully in Christ’s Paschal Mystery—His suffering, death on the Cross, and glorious Resurrection.

As we reflect on the empty tomb spoken of in the scriptures, let us allow that image to remind us that Christ frees us from our “tombs” of sin, self-doubt, and all anxiety that bind us from experiencing His love and Presence in our lives. We are joyful this day for the freedom Jesus wins for us—freedom from fear that allows faith in God to take root in us and permeate all that we do.

Faith in the resurrection removes our fears and anxieties and helps us to focus on the One who truly matters—Jesus Christ. By willingly embracing His Cross and suffering and death, Jesus nailed our sins to that cross and freed us from them through His perfect sacrifice. His act was one of total and unconditional love for us. If Jesus could endure the Cross, will He not envelope the world with that same love, mercy, and healing from our current pandemic?

The Apostles reflect on the empty tomb and are not sure what it means. Later they will understand and be witnesses of the Resurrection. Their absolute belief in the Resurrection helps strengthen our belief and reminds us that no earthly power, difficulty, fear, obstacle, or viral pandemic can separate us from the love of Christ and the power of His Cross and Resurrection.

Let it be our prayer that our entire parish experiences the joy of the Resurrection in a most special way this Easter season and throughout our lives. Let us also be mindful that our Blessed Mother holds us with special maternal care during this time. Let us not be afraid to ask for her intercession for favors from Her Risen Son. On behalf of our entire parish staff, we wish you all a most blessed Easter Day and season! Buona Pasqua!

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Fr. Joe Previte
Opportunities for Viewing Triduum Liturgies at Holy Rosary via Livestream
www.holy-rosary.org

Holy Rosary will livestream Easter Sunday Mass at Holy Rosary on the website at 10am on Easter Sunday. The video may also be viewed later in the day.

Livestream Schedule for April 9-12th:
Holy Thursday Mass: Livestream at 7 p.m.
Good Friday Passion of the Lord: Livestream at 3 p.m.
Easter Vigil Mass (Sat. April 11): Livestream at 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday Mass (Sun. April 12): Livestream at 10 a.m.

If you did not receive an email from Holy Rosary Parish via Flocknote, please send an email to info@holy-rosary.org to be added to the parish email list.

Note: The Diocese of Cleveland is live-streaming Masses on its website: www.dioceseofcleveland.org OR Sunday Mass is broadcast on television on Cleveland’s FOX 8 at 6:00 am or several times daily on EWTN.

Annual Saint Anthony Novena
The annual nine-week Saint Anthony Novena is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, April 14th this year. However, because of the uncertainty of when publicly celebrated Masses will be allowed to resume, we will post the St. Anthony Novena prayers on the parish website. If you would like to receive a copy of the novena prayers and do not have access to the Internet, please call the Parish Office at 216-421-2995 and we will send a copy via the U.S. Mail.

Thank you for your efforts in fasting, praying and making monetary donations to the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl collection throughout Lent. The rice bowls with monetary donations may be returned to Holy Rosary when Masses resume—or checks payable to Holy Rosary Church may be mailed to the Office (memo: CRS). Thank you for your generosity. www.crsricebowl.org

Novena to Divine Mercy & Divine Mercy Sunday
The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19.

Through St. Faustina, our blessed Lord requested that the Sunday after Easter be officially established as the Feast of Mercy: “On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I will pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy” (Diary of St. Faustina, 699). Whoever will recite the Chaplet “will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy. Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will.” (Diary of St. Faustina, 687, 1541, 1731)

Pray for All Those in the Military, Law Enforcement & for Firefighters
- Third District Cleveland Police
- Battalion I Cleveland Firefighters
- Firefighter Nicholas Angie, Euclid • Major Timothy Berger, Marines • Sgt. Dan Clementi, Shaker Hts. Police Dept. • Basic Patrol Officer Danny Clementi, Cleveland Hts Police Dept. • Capt. Evan Campbell, Marines • David D’Eusorio, Parma & Willoughby Hills Police Depts. • Ret. Frank DiPenti, Marines • SFC Daniel Geraci Elliott • Patrol Officer Christopher Frato, Jr., Euclid • Firefighter Joseph Frato, Euclid • Ryan Gvora, Mayfield Hts Firefighter • R.J. Harmon, Willoughby Hills Police Dept. • Specialist Antonio J. Lonero, U.S. Army • William Madan, Mayfield Hts Firefighter • Nicholas Mandato, Air Force • Miles McGrehan, U.S. Federal Police Officer • Sgt. James Mixon • Sgt. Sean Moriarty, U.S. Army • Lt. Kevin Owens, Beachwood Police Dept. • SrA Stevan Previte, Air Force • Joseph Della Rosa, U.S. Coast Guard • Captain Jonathan Royer, Marines • Firefighter Michael Scabbo, Bedford • Matthew Scalisi, Cleveland Clinic Police Dept. • Deputy Rex Smith, Minnehaha County, SD • Mark Stack, Marine Reserves & Lorain Firefighter • Patrol Officer Matthew Stusaric • Sgt. Ralph Valentino, Cleveland Police Dept.

Prayer Intentions:
Please pray for the following individuals & their caregivers. Names will remain on the list for one year. If you wish to add a name to the list, please call the Parish Office at (216) 421-2995.

Jim Anderson • Michael Antonacci, Jr. • Pearl Beningo • Lisa Bielawski • Yvonne Bolden • Joy Buckholtz • Michael K. Buckholtz • Ebe Chamberlin • Patricia Cornacchione • Corrine (Corky) Ferrone-Ramey • Gabe Council • Celeste DiCillo • Marie Elena DiFrancisco • Mary Duhigg • Marissa Elsing • John Feighan • Marie Fiore • Phyllis Flannery • Vince Francioli • Joe Frank • Florencio Gomez • Chris Gruttadaria • Anton Hannaford • Terri Hannaford • Cathy Heimburger • Michalina Hocevar • Salvatore Lamont • Robert Lay • Antoinette Malatesta • James Malatesta • Harry McNally • Patrick McKinney • Sarah Menatti • Paul M. Miller • Mary Nero • Richard Duman Nero • Anthony Nunziata • Michael Peluso • Emily Pinzone • Patrick Pronio • William Principi • Alice Puliafico • Sarah Rapp • Vincent Scibana • Charles Skripko • Cheryl Sweetzer • Sendev Tameilsevan • Margaret Trenkamp • Karyn Thomas • Anna Marie Varga • Mary Lou Welther • Donald Worthington • Donna Zart