

RELIGIOUS ED AND YM NEWS

ATTENTION PHASE II STUDENTS – All Confirmation paperwork should be turned in now along with the \$75.00 fee if you haven't already done so. If you are in need of any of the papers required, please contact Mrs. Vernacchio ASAP. Thank you!

CALENDAR:

GRADES 7 & 8:

Saturday April 14th Class beginning with the 5pm Mass and followed by a light dinner and class in the rectory meeting room
Theme: "The Jesus Question" and "The Prayer Process"

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Saturday April 14th "Day of Reflection" for both Phase I & Phase II
Students beginning at 1pm. Speaker will be Fr. Carl Arico.
This will be followed by the 5pm Mass with the "Rite of the Candidate" for the Phase II students with their sponsors.
A Pasta dinner will follow Mass in the church hall.

Saturday April 21st Ice Cream Social at Bristol Glen w/residents
Time: 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Saturday April 28th Class for YM students beginning with the 5pm Mass, light dinner, class
Phase I – Theme: "The Sacraments"
Phase II – Theme: "Gifts of the Holy Spirit"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

GRADES 1 & 2:

Saturday April 7th Reconciliation Rehearsal for Grade 2
Church hall – 9am to 11am
Tuesday April 10th Reconciliation – Grade 2
Sunday April 15th Class – 9:30am to 11:30am
Saturday April 21st Gr. 2 – "Jesus Day" at Camp Auxilium in Newton 1pm to 3:30pm
Directions to follow
Sunday April 22nd LAST CLASS for Grades 1 & 2

GRADES 4, 5 & 6:

Saturday April 14th Class – 9am to 11am
Saturday April 21st LAST CLASS! – 9am to 11am

WISHING ALL OF OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY FAMILIES A VERY BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER!



A special Thank You to Ed Stefankiewicz, Jon Stebal, Barbara Yetter, Donna Forgerson and Rosemary Gebhardt for all their hard work in helping with the Spring cleaning of the church in preparation for Easter.

Marie Fischer

FIRST THURSDAY RETREAT

Join us for the First Thursday Retreat on April 5th at Sacred Heart Center, 20 Old Swartswood Road, Newton, NJ. Fr. Tim Dowling, pastor at Good Shepherd Parish in Andover will give a talk on "Abundant Living" at 9:30 am. It will beautifully connect with the Easter Season and help us be aware of the lavishness of God's love for us, as well as our heartfelt gratitude for Him. Fr. Tim will also hear confessions during Adoration, and celebrate Mass at noon. Afterwards, all are invited to share a light lunch and fellowship.

To help defray costs, kindly donate \$15 or make a free-will offering. For more information, please contact shretreatcenter@gmail.com.

EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - Acts 10:34a, 37-43;
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35
Monday - Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday - Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday - Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday - Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
First Friday - Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
First Saturday - Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

SPIRITUAL READING

As mentioned in the Beacon newspaper, Bishop Serratelli has written a book, *From the Cross to the Empty Tomb*. The book is available for \$6 and may be purchased at the rectory.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

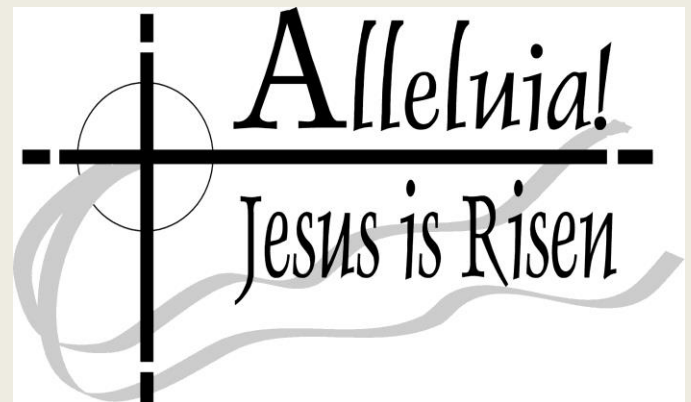
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 1, 2018

“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... they put him to death hanging him on a tree. This man God raised up on the third day and granted that he be visible not to all but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance who ate and drank with after he rose from the dead.’”

We can listen to many Easter sermons, telling of the events and appearances of Jesus. We visit the upper room with the apostles, meet Him with Mary in the garden, breakfast with Him on the shore of Tiberias, and share an evening meal in Emmaus. All are witness stories.

The Pentecost sermon of Peter summarizes the event of Easter and its meaning for the witnesses. He was anointed with the Holy Spirit so we too have been confirmed. He was filled with power, so too we who live the life of grace. He went about doing good, the work of the church and we missionary disciples today. We too are the chosen witnesses of the Risen One who eat at His table, breaking the bread of life.

Easter faith tells us that He lives and among us. Easter joy fills us with a special enthusiasm. Easter commissioning sends us to bring that joy to others.



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Gospel Today

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning and saw the stone removed. Without entering, she ran back to Simon Peter and the other disciple and told them what she saw. They followed the way to the tomb and found it empty except for the burial cloths in separate places.

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Follow the Risen Christ

- 1] Mary of Magdala went to the tomb and ____ .
 - a] saw the stone removed
 - b] saw the tomb empty
 - c] folded the burial cloth

- 2] When Mary of Magdala told Simon Peter what she saw, he ____ .
 - a] went to find all the disciples
 - b] went to the tomb alone
 - c] went to the tomb with the other disciple Jesus loved

- 3] The burial cloths, one for Jesus' head and the others for His body were ____ .
 - a] missing
 - b] rolled up together
 - c] rolled up, but placed separately

"Whoever serves me
must follow me."

John 12:26



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Resurrection...

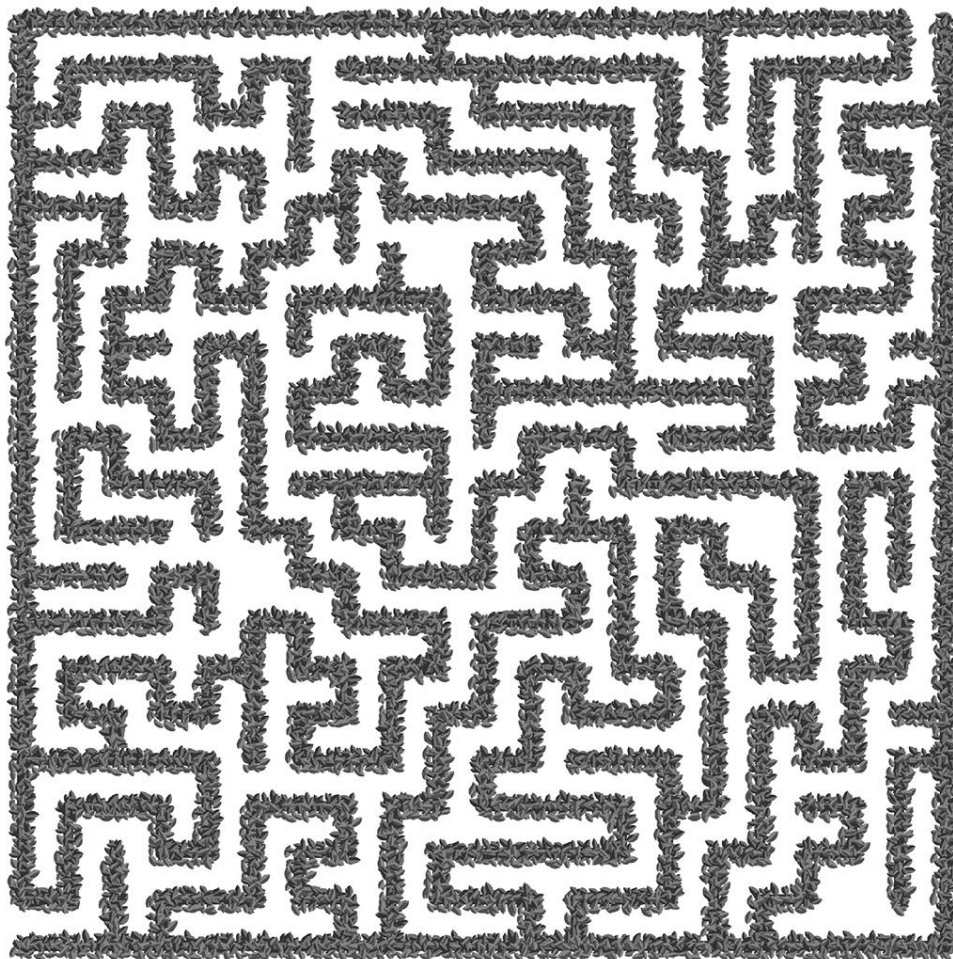
The rising again of Jesus
after the crucifixion.

An act of returning
from death to life.



Follow
Mary of
Magdala
to Jesus'
tomb.

BEGIN



Answers: 1] a 2] c 3] c