

"One in Mind and Acart, Intent Upon God" ~ St. Augustine

MASS INTENTIONS

Easter Sunday

Fr. Kelley will be remembering your intentions during his daily private mass

MONDAY, APRIL 13

7:45 Easter Flower Memorials

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

7:45 Priest's Intentions

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

7:45 Communion Service

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

7:45 Easter Flower Memorials

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

7:45 Louise Chouiniere Shirley

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

7:45 Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

4:00 Rosemary Searle **Family** Ron Muscatiello Lvnda **Harold Moore** Wife, Helen

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 Danny Smith (28th Anniv.) Mom & Dad **Owen Family** Barb Owen

10:30 The Cooper & Marble Families Marion & Family Leo & Rose Soulier Susan



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Good Friday Service from St. Augustine's Easter Vigil Mass from St. Mary's

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Are you cleaning house during the "Stay at Home" order?

Don't throw away all those unwanted treasures you're finding as you clean. The pandemic will end and when it does, our parish will already be planning its annual

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An Easter message from Fr. Kelley

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, it is Palm Sunday and the start of the most sacred week we commemorate on our Catholic Christian calendar. Obviously, this year, Holy Week and Easter will be very different for all of us. It will be unlike any other we've ever experienced in our lifetime. Due to a global pandemic, you will not be able to gather around the table of the Lord on Holy Thursday, you will not be able to venerate the Cross on Good Friday, and you will not be able to be in church for the Easter celebration.

Although these traditions have been put on hold, so to speak, it is more important now than ever before for us to reflect on the true meaning of Easter which is a message of hope.

Now more than ever, hope is a very important thing. As Christians, our faith tells us that Christ's passion, death and resurrection provide each of us with the hope of salvation and life everlasting. Nothing, not even a pandemic, can or should take that hope away from us. Please don't allow the events thrust upon us to diminish your faith and hope. For we know that, like every challenge we face in life, Christ is there with us.

Many centuries ago, St. Augustine communicated to his fellow Christians that we are an Easter People. His words remind us that we are a people who believe that the death of Jesus on the Cross transforms our own suffering and pain. We are a people who believe that the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday brought about our Redemption. And so, as you prepare yourself for the Sacred Triduum this year, please know that Christ will help us maneuver through this latest challenge in our lives. Without question, Christ walks with us always. He is the light that guides our way.

In these difficult and uncertain times, let us continue to pray for each other. My best wishes to all of you for a blessed and healthy Easter.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kelley

Gospel Meditation

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying "so what" or "alleluia"? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of "so what." Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.

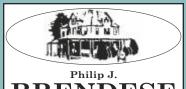
Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don't sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and "find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The "so what" response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn't important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn't impress us or matter all that much. It's all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant "tomorrow" that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking "so what?" or "alleluia"?

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn't need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!

Please pray for all the sick and suffering and for anyone close to death; for those troubled in body, mind, or heart, and for their care givers in a special way: Rose Bix, Carol Travis, Anna Papperman, Alexa Papperman, Marcia Trombly, Margaret Rose DeLucia, Robert Wittemann, Connie Laviolette, Muriel Smith, Patricia Komoroski, Jack Neumann, Mary Beth Woodard, Carol Hervieux-Potts, Althea Alger, Sandee Murphy, Irene Marra, Maria Pascarella, Robert R. White, Judith M Hervieux, Cathy Powers Vanina, Andrew Melville, Christopher Goyette, Brady Sullivan, John Daly, Bill Dame, Michael Clune, Jacob Ward, Joan Fontaine, Rosemary Gavitt, Donald Berthiaume Jr., Ginny Grigoliet, Randy Morley, Carol Hart, Melissa Rice, Paula Navojosky, Nicholas Muscatiello, William Furlong, Father Joseph Getz O.S.A., and Father John Byrnes, O.S.A.,



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