



Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 21, 2019

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mary's/
St. Patrick's, and St. Peter's Cathedral:

Christ is risen! That is the good news the Church proclaims. Everything we do as Christians flows from the discovery of the empty tomb and the encounters of the women and the disciples with the risen Jesus. The Kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed erupts in the fullness in his victory over death.

All that the Church does and is rests on the resurrection of Jesus. It enables us to call him Lord and to know the Holy Trinity. The resurrection is at the heart of all our charity as individuals and as the Church, for it reveals that every human being has infinite value to God. The doctrinal and moral teaching of the Church is built on the foundation of Jesus' Lordship, established in the resurrection. We receive and faithfully use the Old Testament because we understand the risen Christ to be the fulfillment of the history of Israel and the preaching of her prophets. The martyrs through the centuries and in our day offer themselves because they know that, united to Christ in his death, they will be united with him in life eternal.

The resurrection of Christ, witnessed and proclaimed by the apostles who were willing to die for what they saw and heard, is a challenge to every age. Our own age thinks that science rules it out, even as it abounds in a plethora of superstitions and false gods. People who imagine that the government,

technology or the market will save us and deliver all good things or that absolute personal freedom of choice leads to happiness consider the resurrection incredible.

We know better. The witness and courage of the women and the apostles propel us to faith. The saints and the martyrs reflect the glory of the resurrection. Reason supports our belief in the resurrection because it knows that God's truth must be contrary to the idols that lead people astray. But most of all, the joy that acknowledged and adored the risen Christ 2000 years ago impels us to believe and to follow.

May God grant you such faith and enthusiasm.

Because of publishing schedules I am writing this letter 11 days before Easter, that is, on April 10. My stay at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital has gone very well so far. Only in the last few days have I developed any symptoms from the chemo I received in the first week, and that symptom is merely some fatigue, though I know that it will likely get rougher in the week or so ahead.

Things have gone very well so far, and the transfusion of stem cells on April 9 was uneventful. Please pray that they will get to work quickly. I miss you all and wish you a most joyous Easter.

In the name of the Risen Christ,

Fr. Klein

Pray for the Sick

Darlene Bargelski, Facenda Burton, Michael Dineen, Helen Dugan, Cal Fuhrmann, Jaxon Gardner, Valencia Giannantonio, Ann Hagan, David Kidd, Kathy Kingsley, Fr. Leonard Klein, Rita Lynam, Bill Marshall, Francesca Olivere, Alice Goetz O'Neill, Teresa Rodriguez, Earlene Roles, Howard Scott and Cheryl Smith.

Pray the Rosary

The daily Mass attendees at the Cathedral will pray the Rosary on behalf of Fr. Klein's recovery at 11:30 AM on Wednesdays following Easter Sunday. All are welcome.

Birthday Wishes

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioner who has a birthday this week: **April 25:** David Brake

Masses/Services for the Week

Saturday, Apr. 20 (Holy Saturday)
8:00 PM (Easter Vigil Mass will be Celebrated at St. Elizabeth's)

Sunday, Apr. 21 (Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord)
8:00 AM Parishioners
11:00 AM Alvin and Kathryn Hall

Monday, Apr. 22
12:10 PM Joseph E. Hannas, Sr.

Tuesday, Apr. 23
12:10 PM Irene Hannas

Wednesday, Apr. 24
12:10 PM Fr. Leonard R. Klein (L)

Thursday, Apr. 25
12:10 PM Joanne Fraley

Friday, Apr. 26
12:10 PM Joan Hannas

Saturday, Apr. 27
4:00 PM Thomas and Eleanore Furry

Sunday, Apr. 28 (Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy))
8:00 AM Parishioners
11:00 AM Irma Skirvin

Vocation Reflection

Have you seen Him? Can you share the story of that encounter. When Mary Magdalen returned from the empty tomb, she told Peter and John “they have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” In today’s world, many people don’t know where to look for the Lord. Priests, deacons, sisters and brothers spend their lives helping people to find Him. Can you see yourself serving in that great mission? Call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Vocation Director (302) 573-3113, vocations@cdow.org. Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations

Easter Flowers

Envelopes for Easter Flower Remembrances can be found at the entrance of the Cathedral. Remembrances will be posted in the Second Sunday of Easter bulletin.

Word of Life

“Those who die in God’s grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”

Congratulations to **Charlotte Rose Miller** and **Noah Gerard Brooks**, niece and nephew of Bishop Malooly, who will receive Our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion for the first time at this Sunday’s 11:00 AM Mass!

May the Body and Blood of Christ bring them – and all of us – into everlasting life!

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.”
(John 6:54)

Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday (next weekend)

In a decree dated August 3, 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary announced that in order “to ensure that the faithful would observe [Divine Mercy Sunday] with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence...so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God’s pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters.”

The indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday is obtained as follows: a person must 1) observe the feast on the Sunday after Easter; 2) sincerely repent of all her/his sins; 3) receive the sacrament of Reconciliation up to 8 days before or after the Feast; 4) receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday; 5) venerate the image of Divine Mercy displayed in the church; 6) do works of mercy and 7) offer prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father. In addition, one must “with a soul detached from affection to any sin, even venial, participate in the pious practices undertaken in honor of Divine Mercy, or at least recite in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament the Our Father, the Creed, and a pious invocation to the merciful Lord Jesus.”

Book of Sacred Liturgy

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Jesus Christ is Risen Today #840

Psalm: Pg. 527

Alleluia, The Strife is O’er #850

At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing #836