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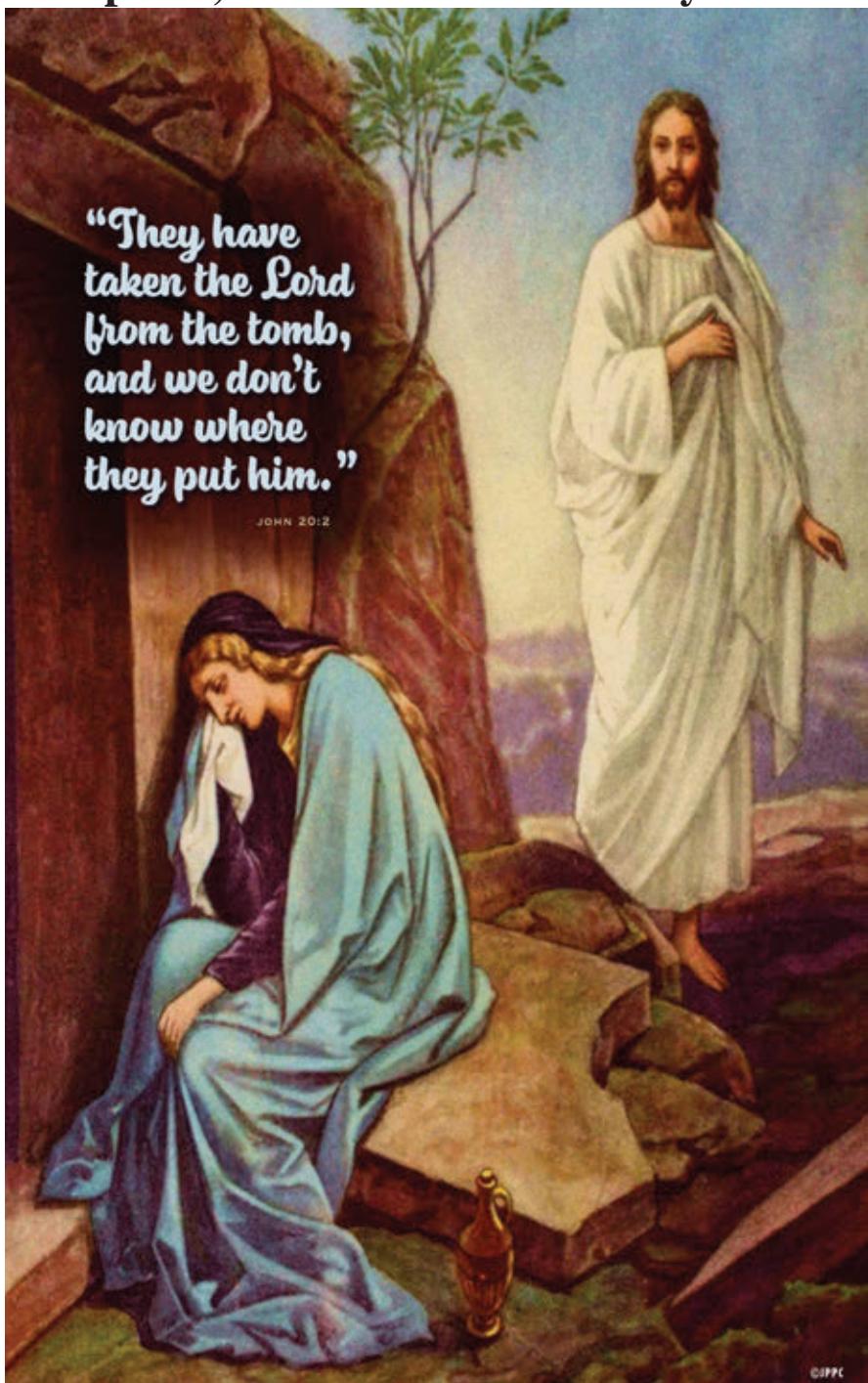
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April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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MASS TIME CHANGE NEWS:

Beginning on March 1st we will add Monday back into our Daily Mass Schedule at 8:30am

Beginning on March 7th, we will change our Sunday Mass Schedule to:

8:00am and 10:00am

APRIL 4 2021

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions



Saturday	<u>April 3</u>
7:00pm	<i>Easter Vigil</i>
	<i>For the People of St. Pio & Sacred Heart Parishes</i>
Sunday	<u>April 4</u>
8:00am	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
	<i>For the Living & Deceased Members of The Parish</i>
10:00am	<i>For the Living & Deceased Members of The Parish</i>
Monday	<u>April 5</u>
8:30am	<i>Peter W. Steller r/b Frank Petranich Clare & Michael LaPlace r/b Kathleen McDonald</i>
Tuesday	<u>April 6</u>
8:30am	<i>Rocco Parisi r/b Family</i>
Wednesday	<u>April 7</u>
8:30am	<i>Edward Hilch r/b Frank Petranich</i>
Thursday	<u>April 8</u>
8:30am	<i>Al Brophy r/b Margaret Kennedy</i>
Friday	<u>April 9</u>
8:30am	<i>Diane Daniels r/b Caroline Woodrow</i>
Saturday	<u>April 10</u>
4:00pm	<i>Diane Daniels r/b Antonette Daniels Gap Rigolosi r/b Patty & John Wagner</i>
Sunday	<u>April 11</u>
8:00am	<i>Brian Martin r/b Joyce & Joe Kobylarz For the People of the Parish</i>
10:00am	<i>Vincent Tavormina r/b The Dugan Family</i>



A time to be healed......Fr. Douglas Freer, Dawn Carmosino, Jill Rager, Marci Haxall, Pat Moran, Maggie Smith, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome & Ethiopia, Jim Carlson, Joan Ginty, Louis Amendola, Sr., Rosemarie Amendola, Ernesto DeLucia, Marie Woodrow, Sharon Kline, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Albert Berdel, Emil Stefanacci, Jr., Chris Durso, For those who have received Prayer Blankets, and For all the sick of the Parish

(Names will remain on the healing prayer list for 4 weeks; please call the parish office if you wish to extend).



A time to die ...Anthony Crisafulli, Ann MacMaster, Allen Kowtko, Kathleen Helmstetter Ferrara, Charles Cerami, Annette Kurinovich, Dr. Rita Coleman, Vincent Tavormina, Raymond Maragni, Joan Mandella, Patricia Golembeski, Clare & Michael LaPlace, Ruth Delayo



Our Heroes...Please pray for all our parishioners and friends who are serving in the Military, as well as our Police, Firefighters, First Responders, and all who are put in harm's way for our protection.

2020 TAX STATEMENTS

2020 tax statements are available from the parish office. You can call or e-mail the office if you would like to receive one. We can mail the statement to your home or your e-mail address!



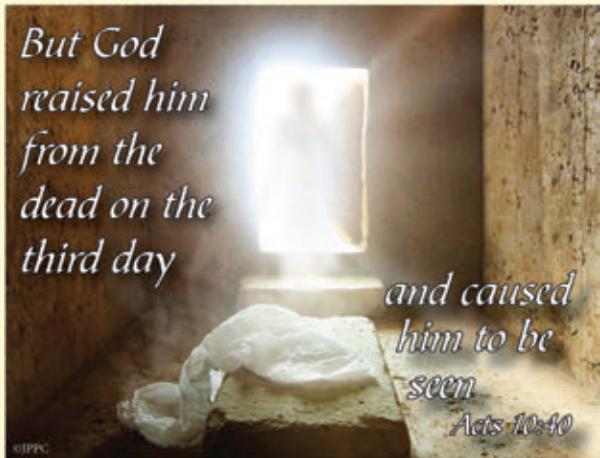
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

FROM FR. JOE:

THE WOMAN OF THE RESURRECTION

Written by Helen Pearson



ed all the bitter dregs of the evil that life had to offer—woman who became a social outcast.

The New Testament records four steps in Mary's spiritual growth. First her healing. Whether the demons from which Mary was freed were spiritual, mental, or physical matters very little. For an insight into that event, we need only to look at the difference between Legion — the man healed of demon possession in Gad-area — and the quiet man, clothed in his right mind, who sat afterward with Jesus.

Those who knew Mary recognized that the destructive forces which had previously been so powerful had lost their grip on her. The change in her was so dramatic that, for the rest of the gospel writings, she was still described as, "Mary Magdalene from whom he had cast out seven demons" (Mark 16:9).

Mary's healing led to a social healing — a step into community. It must have been something of a risk to have Mary of Magdala, the woman who had seven devils, identified among your close followers. But Mary became part of the community of men and women who followed Jesus of Nazareth — named always first among the women as Peter is first among the men. She was always there to care for Jesus and his followers. Maybe she cared for the food, the laundry...who knows. The important thing is that she was part of the group. Grateful, like so many women throughout the pages, simply to be near Jesus and his followers — to belong. Even if that meant, as it did for all of them, the journey from Galilee to Jerusalem and to Calvary.

On the Sunday after Jesus died, Mary was the first to come to the tomb. She came believing that her relationship with Jesus was finished. All that was left now was to care for his lifeless body. All that was left was to do the only job left: to prepare his body for burial and final separation from those he loved. The demons of discouragement and depression must have hovered near.

Then came the final step in Mary's healing. To her amazement, Mary met Jesus — alive and well and calling her by her name.

Mary's natural reaction when she saw Jesus was to cling to him, deriving comfort from his physical presence. But Jesus, it seems, was looking to the future. He offered another step in Mary's healing — a new phase in her commitment to him.

Jesus called Mary to give the news of his resurrection. In a world where a woman's testimony was invalid in a court of law, Jesus appointed her as his spokeswoman. As she wiped her tears, Jesus kindled a new fire of hope in Mary. He roused her to find new resources within herself. He gifted her with a new task, a new mission, a new voice.

It did not stop with Mary. Jesus' last gift to Mary is the Easter gift to us all: the gift of new ways of being and doing, the gift of growth into new hope, a new mission, a new life.

All of us may know in our own lives the Easter message of Mary Magdalene: the Lord is Risen. He is Risen indeed.

Most of the women in the gospels are known by their connection with a man: a husband, a father, even an employer. Mary of Magdala, a woman characterised by her connection with a town, had no such status.

Her story begins on the west bank of the Lake of Galilee, just south of Capernaum, in the town of Magdala. King Herod's first wife had been called Mary. The name became popular and was given to a baby who grew to be the most famous of Jesus' women followers.

When she first met Jesus, Mary was possessed by seven devils. To be described that way can only suggest the mixed bag of evil — mental, spiritual, and physical — which must have been Mary's experience. She was a woman who had tast-

Respect Life Prayer

*"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of
the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted
who is in danger of abortion."*

Baby's Due Date: July, 2021



GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT

Christ is our Good Shepherd. He goes before us.

All through the bitter memories that Holy Week evokes, we take comfort in the thought that Christ has gone before us in any of the troubles that we may have to face. He will understand; He will pity.

All our tomorrows are His yesterdays. During the Easter Season, as we celebrate Christ's resurrection and ascension, we realize with joy and immense relief that once again Christ goes before us, to anticipate an experience that in time will come to us. (Fr. James Turro in his book *Conversion Reflections of Life and Faith*)

Month Six of Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby is growing beautifully now. Her weight is approaching two pounds. Babies that are born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed!

COVID Vaccine for Seniors Ocean NJ

(from Vin Gopal) Good Afternoon:

This will be a closed-pod vaccine day for all seniors who are 65 and older and residents of Ocean Township. If you know anyone who is a senior who lives in Ocean Township, please point them towards this closed-portal vaccines event. We are also making efforts to reach those without computer access. Please feel free to distribute wide and far throughout Ocean Township.

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"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." Teresa of Avila

Contributions Week-end of March 28, 2021	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	N/A	Closed - Covid
Online	N/A	\$70
Total	N/A	\$70

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2COR 9:7



Catholic Social Services Diocesan Parish Counseling Services: Parishioners have access to short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) at locations throughout the Diocese. The program was developed by **Catholic Charities** and the Diocese of Trenton. Licensed counseling professionals are available to help parishioners through difficult issues such as marital problems, raising children, eldercare, bereavement or the stress of job loss that can be successfully addressed by brief counseling support. Pastors and parish priests of the Diocese can refer parishioners to the parish counseling services. Parish Emergency Assistance Program (PEAP): Emergency financial assistance to individuals through the parish and coordinated by **Catholic Charities** is available. Diocesan Social Service Workshops: Information and resources to parishes and Catholic Social Service agencies are available to enhance Diocesan Catholic Social Service. Home Health Nursing Program: Free, in-home nursing and home health services are available to Seniors in Greater Trenton through **Mt. Carmel Guild**. Emergency Assistance: People in Mercer County are able to receive food through **Mt. Carmel Guild**. Over 30,000 received food through this program last year. Your gift gives them a place to turn to in their need.

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The mission of the Religious Teachers Filippini is to “Go forth and teach the Word of God.” Their ministry on this holy ground is for the people of God who come to St. Joseph By the Sea for soul searching, trying to find peace in their lives and a God who understands them. Please call St. Joseph By the Sea to register or for additional information.

May 4-6, 2021 - GIFT FROM THE SEA – WOMEN'S CONTEMPLATIVE WEEKEND “Patience, patience, patience, the sea teaches.
May 14-16, 2021 – WELLNESS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN – Come away to the quiet and serenity of the ocean and renew yourself in body, mind and spirit.

HELP WANTED St. Joseph by the Sea Retreat House, South Mantoloking, is looking for a part-time cook as soon as possible. For info please call 732-892-8494. Ask for Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MFP, Executive Director.

DONATIONS

As part of our Lenten donations we as a parish donated \$1,500 to each of the following charities:

Propagation of the Faith

Catholic Relief Services

Seeds of Service

Simon's Food Kitchen

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Young men and women that are Catholic parishioners, graduating high school in 2021 (or graduated in 2020), and attend (or plan to attend) an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university, vocational or trade school are eligible to apply. The award will be between \$250-\$1,000. Pick up an application at the parish center foyer or request an application by email: jkoby2@aol.com. Applications are due by May 15th.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSES:

How to Build a Resilient Brain - Five simple and positive steps toward growing a healthier, happier brain now and in the future: by Sanjay Gupta, MD



Step 3 Move more - exercise remains key to mental sharpness and a healthy immune system.

“Exercise can counteract the negative effects of isolation and confinement stress on immune function. We now know exercise improves immune responses to infections and could even help to develop better immunity with the aid of a vaccine. All of this ultimately helps to protect the brain and its vulnerability in the face of infection.” (Dr. Gupta)

Step 4 Boost immunity through sound sleep. Our sleeping habits have changed since the pandemic because of shifts in our routines but now is not the time to lose sleep. It’s your free secret weapon to refresh and replenish tissues and cells, among them those of the brain and immune system. It also rinses waste and debris in the brain that can otherwise foment disease and it strengthens your memories. After a good night’s sleep you wake up with a smarter body and a sharper mind, better to deal with the day’s stressors.

Step 5 Ward off anxiety and fears by learning something new, to distract from the negative news.

Distance learning is not just for kids! For less than the cost of a pizza a month, you can be a student of dance taught by Misty Copeland, of writing taught by David Sedaris or of tennis taught by Serena Williams. Finding this sort of purpose-driven activity activates the brain in protective ways.

Please note:

The parish office will be closed Easter Monday, April 5th.

April 4, 2021

Padre Pio Prayer Anthology

Prayer #22

Focus idea: Easter, the day we celebrate the end of Christ's torturous earthly suffering and His triumphant resurrection, is also a day for us to be surrounded by His love and to show our humble and sincere gratitude for His most precious gift of redemption! He gifts us with His light and grace, and His promise to be our strength, hope and inspiration! Have we made ourselves worthy of His gift? Our human nature makes it a constant struggle to avoid temptation, and to live our lives as Jesus did. We know what we are supposed to do. It's the "doing it right" part that's hard. If we spend time with our Risen Lord in prayer, we will form a stronger bond with Him, and in doing so, we will be able to find the courage and determination to take His Light into the world. By caring for our fellow man, we can be the person that God wants us to be! In Fr. Joe's words, "It's God's inspiration in our hearts that gives us the strength and motivation to act on our ideas for doing good!" Happy Easter, and may God reward your sincere efforts with magnificent peace and joy!

Prayer for motivation to care for others: Dear God, help me to keep in perspective the things that are happening around me. Help me to focus on the "bigger picture" and to see clearly how fortunate I am, no matter what my struggles are. Help me to be grateful for my faith, most especially the knowledge that you are always at my side to support and guide me. Help me to not "brush aside" those less fortunate, and to actively "seek out" ways that I can be helpful. May I never disappoint you with my efforts. May my life bring "light" to others, and may others see that light in me. May my life encourage others to be a light for someone else. And may the efforts of the countless good people in our world, bring you the great joy that You deserve, for everything You have given to us and inspire us to be! Amen.

Closing thoughts: Tell Jesus what is in your heart. Thank Him for your gifts and most of all, thank Him for loving you with His most Sacred Heart!

PARISH INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is given for those facing serious illness or surgery, and for those of advanced years. If you or a family member is planning to enter the hospital, please see one of the priests following Mass if you would like to receive this sacrament or call the parish office for an appointment.



Baptisms and Marriages

Please visit St. Pio's web site for information and call the parish office to schedule. www.stpioparish.com

Religious Education for Children or R.C.I.A. for Adults

Call John Paglione at 732-899-1398, x5

SPECIAL COVID GUIDELINES:

RECEIVING COMMUNION WITH A MASK ON

Please remember not to remove your mask until after the priest or Eucharistic Minister puts the Sacred Host in your hand. Then step aside, lift your mask, consume the Host, and then immediately cover your face back with the mask. Also, Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand. Anyone receiving on the tongue please wait until all have received and then go to the end of the line of the priest distributing Communion.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Collection baskets are at the main doors of the Church to drop your envelopes and contributions. You can also give them to an usher as you exit the Church. There is a secure drop box in the foyer of the parish office for contributions, and correspondence. We also recommend Online Giving, visit our website for easy signup information.

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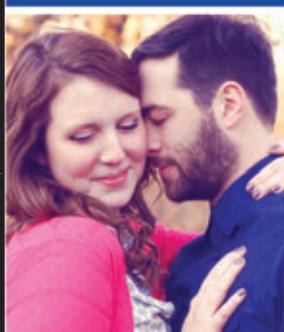
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