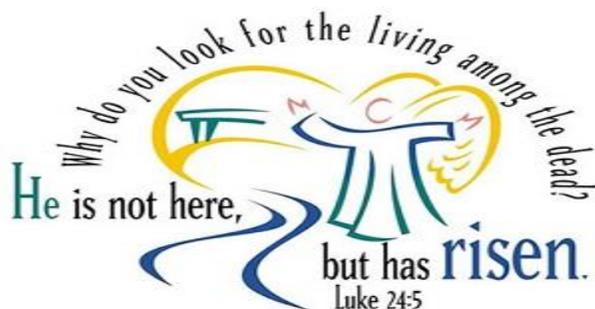


The Resurrection of the Lord – April 1, 2018

Jesus, the crucified one, has now been raised from the dead.

He is risen. Utter defeat has been transformed into irreversible victory. Evil has had its way with God's anointed, the Messiah. It did all it could to break down the courage and fidelity of God's anointed Savior. It exhausted its arsenal of hate, injustice, humiliation, and pain. It fought an impressive, bloody fight - but God's anointed came out victorious. And what does that mean for us? It means everything, absolutely everything. The Resurrection is the stamp that validates everything Jesus did and said: His claim to be God's Son, to have authority to forgive sin and reestablish communion between God and man; His universal call to abandon self-centeredness for love of God and neighbor as the path to true happiness; His promise to give grace through a Church that will endure forever and our hope of Eternal Life unending with Him and each other. If Jesus had not been raised, none of that would be worth listening to. He would have been just one nicer guy who finished last, one more dreamer whose dreams were squelched by the harsh reality of real life. This is why whenever people start living against Christ's teachings and example; they always raise doubts about the reality of the resurrection. After all, if Christ didn't rise from the dead, he has no more authority over our lives than Socrates or Confucius or Buddha or Mohammad, or even Dr. Phil. But he did rise from the dead. His victory over evil and falsehood and injustice and suffering is total, incontrovertible, and irreversible. In the face of twenty centuries filled with a steady stream of saints, an unchecked growth of the Catholic Church, and an unquenchable Christian vitality, no reasonable person can deny it. Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



The Proofs of the Resurrection: Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene (*John 20:11-18*)

- The other Mary, Salome, Joanna, and at least one other woman (*Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1; Luke 24:10*) to St. Peter (*Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5*) Cleopas and another disciple on road to Emmaus (*Luke 24:13-35*) The eleven disciples minus Thomas (*Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25*)
- The eleven disciples (*John 20:26-29*) Seven disciples at the Sea of Tiberias (*John 21:1-23*)
- Disciples at a mountain in Galilee (*Matthew 28:16-17*) James (*1 Corinthians 15:7*)
- Disciples, possibly in Jerusalem before He led them to the Mt. of Olives, gave the Great Commission, and ascended into heaven (*Luke 24:49-53; Acts 1:3-11*).

The Promised Holy Spirit came and descended on The Church with power. (Acts 2) The Apostles could raise the dead and heal, even St. Peter's shadow could heal the sick. Without war or struggle the Roman Empire collapsed from within, the Catholic Church became the official religion of the Empire despite 300 years of Martyrdom and persecutions. The greatest Proof..... is The Church Herself.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

3/25/18

Attendance: 629 souls
Offerings & Tithes: \$9,007
Spanish Mass: \$417
Utility fund: \$90
Easter: \$400

NO Bible Study on Monday, April 2nd.

The Rectory (office) will be closed on Monday, April 2nd.



To all who helped with the Good Friday Youth Day lesson and activities! We appreciate the Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center volunteers and Fr. Andrew and Brother Luke.



Mass Intentions

March 31 – April 7, 2018

Sat. 3/31	8:00pm	The Elect
Sun. 4/1	10:00a	The People of the Parish (bilingual)
Mon. 4/2	Noon	Tom Myers
Tue. 4/3	Noon	Tom Myers
Wed. 4/4	Noon	Ebuka Mbnude
Thu. 4/5	Noon	Edwin Mbnude (healing)
Fri. 4/6	Noon	+Sacred Heart League Members (deceased)
Sat. 4/7	8:00pm	+Emarita Cabiagas
	5:300pm	The People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege *Isel Fitzgerald, *Dion A. Fortune, *Linda Foster, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Francis Howard, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Geraldine Jones, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Robert Myers. *Iris Newman, *D. Cynhia Peters, *Willie Poole, Jr., *Dorothy Richburg, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Bonafacio Selayo *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Alice Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Emily Towles, *Dominic Valentine, *Donald Whiting, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta,

****We are updating the sick list. Please call the Rectory if you need to add or delete a name. Thank you.**



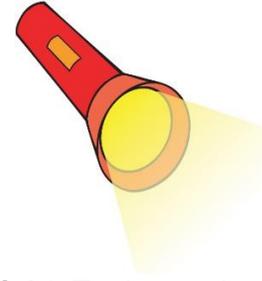
Lenten Food Drive 2018

As we celebrate the season of Lent, may we continue to answer the Gospel call to serve those in need. Lease help make a difference for local families by picking up one (or two or more) bags and filling it with food.

Bags are located at both entrances to our church. When you bring them back, just leave them at the same place.



Lectors Needed: Reverent, clear-voiced Readers of the Word are needed for daily Masses and Sunday Masses. To sign up and try out please contact Sandra Coles-Bell @ scolesbell@msn.com



Finance Spotlight: To those who give regularly to the parish, thank you! You are a blessing and God will reward you. Regular giving and donations dropped significantly this Winter following Christmastime. Currently we are in a shortfall to cover our bills for the month ahead. If you do not give regularly please take this appeal to heart--every dollar counts. For those who can offer a sacrificial or Thanksgiving Passover/Easter gift to thank the Lord your donation is greatly appreciated. Currently we are in need: we have a deficit of - **\$17,772** to meet our obligations. Thank you for your help!



For all the prayers, cards and words of encouragement during our mom's, Catherine "Kitty" Borris sudden illness and recovery. We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness and acts of kindness. *The Borris Family*

