



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 1, 2018

Easter (B)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

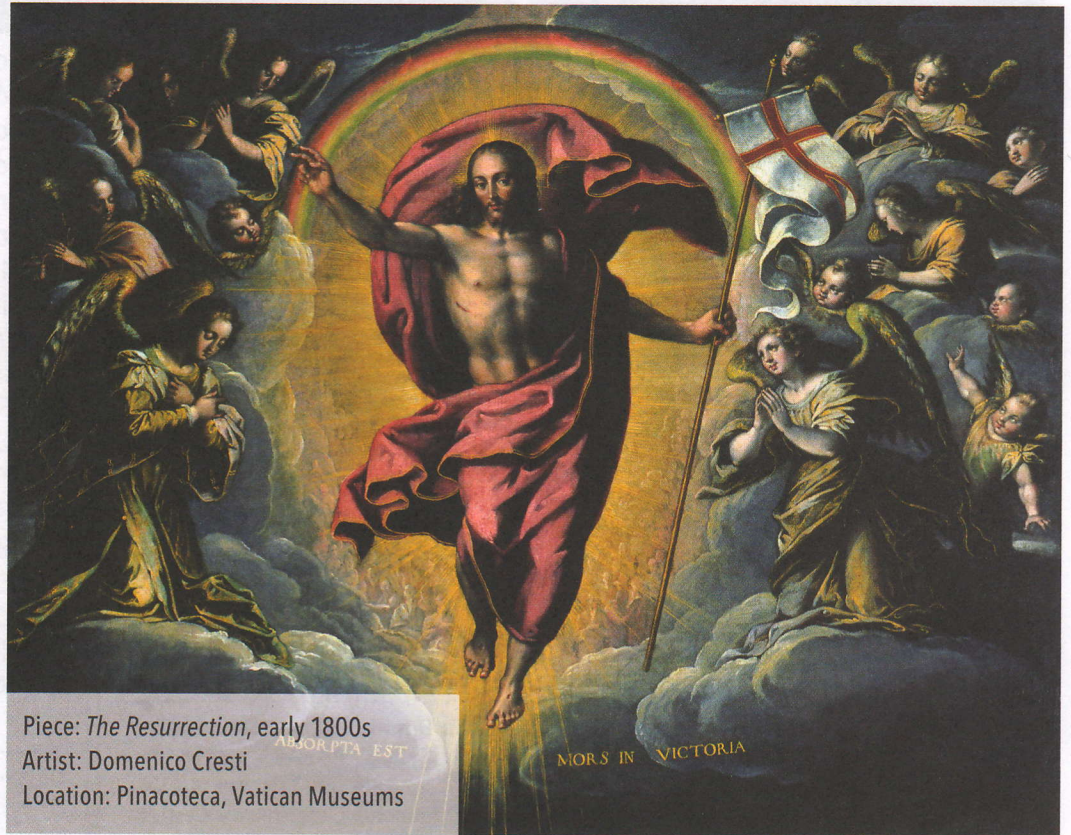
Victory!

Fr. Lorenzo Ricci, SJ, placed this painting in the chapel commemorating the spot outside Rome where Ignatius had a vision confirming his desire to ask the pope to found the Jesuit order. It's significant because Fr. Lorenzo enthroned this painting as a symbolic act just before the order was suppressed throughout the Portuguese and Spanish Empires. It was one of their darkest hours.

We all have dark moments in our histories. It seems death will swallow us; that God has abandoned us, and there is no solution. The darkness in the painting suggests just that—the world of darkness and despair without the light of Christ. The soldiers sleep, the cold world waits below, and a once-strong trunk is dry and sapped of vigor.

Above, the beautiful Christ figure is surrounded in light, while he hoists the victory standard: the blood-red cross of martyrdom set upon the pure white of resurrection. He, like a new Moses, is leading them into the promised land of eternal life.

These contrasting scenes of darkness and light are the message of the painting and of the resurrection itself. Peter, John, and Mary Magdalene had locked themselves at home, engulfed in darkness, fear, and sadness. The next morning they arrive to the tomb only to find it open and the body of their beloved



Piece: *The Resurrection*, early 1800s
Artist: Domenico Cresti
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

Savior gone. Victory was being won even as they slept.

Entrust your ways to the Lord and he will act. God is at work winning your salvation! Do not let hope be vanquished! Hold on. Trust in him. Victory is right around the corner!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I trust in Christ's power, which I cannot see, more than the problems that I can see?

Do I believe God is a good Father and only permits that which leads to greater glory for both of us?

Think of what is above, not what is on earth.

Colossians 3:2



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Directory	Parish Services	Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius																
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<p><i>Sunday Offerings</i></p> <table><tr><td>General Fund</td><td>\$3,290</td><td>Tuition</td><td>\$365</td></tr><tr><td>Loose</td><td>\$82</td><td>Maint.& Rep</td><td>\$20</td></tr><tr><td>Child Fund</td><td>\$3</td><td>Flowers</td><td>\$30</td></tr><tr><td>Votive</td><td>\$37</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Total Received \$3,847 71 general offering envelopes collected, including children.</p> <p><i>Special Collections</i> Catholic Home Mission Appeal \$85</p> <p><i>Please remember St. Ignatius Parish & School in your will.</i></p>	General Fund	\$3,290	Tuition	\$365	Loose	\$82	Maint.& Rep	\$20	Child Fund	\$3	Flowers	\$30	Votive	\$37			<p>Parish Office Closed Monday, April 2nd and Tuesday, April 3rd</p> <p>St. Ignatius Pork Loin Dinner Friday, April 20th, 2018 5:00 pm-7:30 pm St. Ignatius Community Center Adults \$10 Children \$5 All children 5 and under FREE! Pre-orders for Pork Loin Now accepting pre-orders for cooked pork loins by the pound. Please contact Stacy at 314-974-6646 , the school office at 636-932-4444 or your favorite St. Ignatius student! All proceeds go towards our school- Thank you!!!</p> <p>St. Ignatius Lunch Program needs: vanilla pudding, buns, bread, any kind of fresh fruit, chocolate chips & peanut butter. Thank you!</p>	<p>Do You Believe in the Resurrection? He is risen, alleluia, alleluia! This is the central belief of the Christian: Jesus Christ rose from the dead and conquered death so that we could spend eternal life with Him. Stop and think today. Do you believe in the Resurrection? If not, consider why not. Because of Christ’s Resurrection we can be people of hope and joy. In the first reading today, Peter repeatedly mentions how they were witnesses to the life and great works of Christ while he walked the earth. In the Acts of the Apostles, the early disciples are absolutely on fire with zeal for the truth that Christ has risen. Let’s get busy sharing that same message and living convicted lives of boldness, paying no attention to the attacks from the world. This is a truth worth dying for. May Jesus Christ be praised!</p>
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<p>★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★</p> <p>Places to go..... 4/6 Quits of Valor-Eastern MO at Assumption in O’Fallon 4/7 Rummage Sale 8am-12pm at St. Ann Clover Bottom Church 4/13 St. Ann Parish Scavenger Hunt for more info check the board in back of Church 4/20 A Ladies Night of Wine & Worship at St. Ann’s Parish Center 4/29 IHM Spring Sausage Dinner 11am-6pm ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★</p>	<p>Philly’s Frozen Pizza Sales Orders due April 5th! Forms are in back of Church. Please contact a St. Ignatius student/parent of school or the school office to place an order. All proceeds go to St. Ignatius School! Thank you for your support!! Delivery around April 23rd.</p> <p>Please send cards to this address for Fr. Terry Borgerding: 13100 Sunflower Lane Marthasville, MO 63357 Thank you for all the prayers!</p>	<p>THANKS from the babies and families who will benefit from your generosity during our recent Diaper Drive. You have outdone yourself. We obtained a grand total of 1951 infant diapers and 1 package of 28 adult garments. These were donated to Pregnancy Assistance Center in Washington - a great place that has been helping those in need for more than 40 years. So pat yourselves on the back and please say a prayer for those who will receive our donated items. THANK YOU AGAIN from Deacon Paul.</p>																

EASTER SUNDAY LETTER

It is a curious thing: That after the Crucifixion and Death of our Savior, that it was His enemies who were the ones who acted as though Christ might rise from the dead. His disciples, on the other hand, behaved as though they were ignorant of many ways and times Jesus and all of Scripture predicted His own passion, death and Resurrection.

Certainly, those enemies gave the rationalization to Pilate, “Sir, we have recalled it to memory that this deceiver, while He yet lived, said, I am to rise again after three days. Give orders, then, that His tomb shall be securely guarded until the third day; or perhaps His disciples will come and steal Him away. If they should then say to the people, He has risen from the dead, this last deceit will be more dangerous than the old!”

Christ was dead. There was no way He could have survived the horrible scourging, the tremendous loss of blood, or the greater wounds inflicted upon Him on the cross, particularly having His very heart pierced by a lance, pouring forth water and blood.

Nevertheless, they place a huge stone over the entrance to the tomb, requiring several strong men to move it. They place a seal on it, further fixing the stone in place. And they post armed guards at the entrance, the very guards who have to be paid off later on to testify that Christ had *not* risen from the dead... why would they have to be bribed if Christ's body were merely stolen in some ruse?

The disciples, on the other hand, act as though this is the end. They go into hiding. They return to former ways of live. They begin to leave Jerusalem. Even Christ's closest, most faithful disciples – Peter, John, Mary Magdalene and the other poor women, act as though it was all for naught. Mary Magdalene, even on Easter Sunday morning, approached the tomb of Christ with spices and ointment – treatment given out love for the dead, not the actions of someone expecting the Resurrection.

Friends, the Resurrection changes *everything*.

Jesus has paid a ransom to redeem humanity from Satan and the power of sin. God created us to be His children, that He might be Our Father, and shower us with His great love. In giving in to the temptations of the devil by the sin of our First Parents, humanity had been kidnapped, held hostage, and threatened with death – death of the soul, the loss of eternal joy.

But what parent would sit idly by as their child suffers? And so God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, to enter fully into the human condition, to become like us in all ways but sin. Jesus is the conqueror over evil. He has fulfilled all the promises made of old. He engages Satan and the powers of darkness in a great battle, the climax of which centers on the Cross.

It likely seemed to Christ's disciples that Satan had won when Jesus dies, but it is through His death and resurrection that evil is defeated, and humanity is saved. Through the death of the God-man, the Lamb of God, the Messiah, the finality of death

has been conquered, that we might say with St. Paul, “Oh death, where is your sting?” – we have a Savior, and His Name is Jesus Christ.

Look how this transformed the lives of Christ’s disciples:

Peter went from being an uneducated, poor no-body to a dynamo of evangelization, converting 3,000 people with his first homily. Paul, who persecuted Christians unto death, was willing to undergo death himself to preach Christ, and Him Crucified. I could go on and on.

How, then, do we as disciples of Christ live? Do we live as though Christ is truly risen? Do we live for the things above, and not for the things of the earth, as St. Paul speaks of? Do we live a life whereby we say to the enemies of Christ today: I live in the world, but not of the world, for I am a citizen of heaven! Do we rejoice in being challenged, and perhaps even persecuted, for our faith as the Apostles were in Acts, for in this they knew they were following the Master? Do we truly believe that if we deny ourselves, take up our Crosses, and follow Christ, that as true disciples, we will share in His glorious Resurrection?

The first words of the first reading on first day of Lent hold true even on the first day of Easter: “Even now, return to me, says the Lord”

But to be a disciple of Christ requires an *encounter*. It is the fire of His gaze of love, especially as He hung on the Cross for you and for me, that convicts our Heart to be willing to follow Him. Let Him call you by Name, as he called Mary Magdalene outside the Tomb. Let Him penetrate the locked door of your heart, as He penetrated the upper room where the disciples were in hiding on Easter evening. Let Him invite you to probe the wound in His side and the holes in the hands and feet, as He did to St. Thomas. Let Him knock you to the ground with His blinding light, as He did to St. Paul on the road to Damascus.

Dare we live as disciples of a Crucified and Resurrected Lord? Dare we live in the hope that as we follow Jesus in death that we might live with Him in the resurrection? Dare we cast off the old man and put on Christ? Dare we declare boldly: my true joy lies not on earth, but in heaven?

Christ asks of us everything. But in giving Him everything, we find we lose nothing, but gain Eternity.

“Even now, return to me, says the Lord.”

Jesus Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed.

May you and your families have a grace filled and blessed Easter!

Gratefully in Christ,
Father Buehler

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 31, 2018

8:00 p.m. † Loretta Glosemeyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Glosemeyer|Janet

Glosemeyer|Jim & Jeanie Ginther

Lector: Leo Meyer/Paul Hecktor

Ushers: Jackie Heggemann & Jeanne Dothage

Servers: Macey & Estiven Levin & Izabella Glosemeyer

Sunday, April 1, 2018

8:00 a.m. † Jerome & Eileen Ruether

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor

Sheila Shortt|Bill Shuler|Christopher

Engemann|Joan Meyer

Lector: Sheila Shortt

Ushers: Denny & Elaine Glosemeyer

Servers: Erica Schwoeppe & Alex Huddleston

10:00 a.m. † Fr. Terry Borgerding

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Westhoff

Peggy Nenninger|Judy Bieker| Lesa

Leopold|Danielle Gratza

Lector: Vincent Leopold

Ushers: Steve & Sandy Meyer

Servers: Carley & Adam Kopmann

Monday, April 2

8:00 a.m. † Communion Service

Tuesday, April 3

7:30 p.m. † Communion Service

Wednesday, April 4

8:00 a.m. † Communion Service

Thursday, April 5

8:00 a.m. † Walter Volkerding

Friday, April 6

9:00 a.m.

Grandparents' Mass in Community Center

Saturday, April 7, 2018

5:00 p.m. † Bernice Ulett

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor

Jackie Heggemann|Diane Lierman

Patty Mebruer|Lori Huenefeld

Lector: Stacy Kloeppel

Ushers: Kevin & Christy Engemann

Servers: Macey Levin & Austin Cooper

Sunday, April 8, 2018

8:00 a.m. † William & Ottlia Kluesner

Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Hawkins

Norbert & Joan Engemann|Elaine Glosemeyer

Rick Hawkins

Lector: Norbert Engemann or Dawn Hellebusch

Ushers: Gary & Chris Meyer

Servers: Ryan Kloeppel & Luke Kloeppel

10:00 a.m. † Debbie Corrigan

Eucharistic Ministers: Angie Carr

Becky Schoppenhorst|Katie Engemann

Shari Kopmann| Audrey Hellebusch

Lector: Alice Kluesner

Ushers: Barb & Norm Schwoeppe

Servers: Adam Kopmann & Jared Kopmann

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis,

During this Lenten Season, we prepare ourselves for the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and seek to strengthen our relationship with God through prayer and sacrifice. It is in that light that I write to you today. The annual Collection for Retired Priests will be taking place today, Easter Sunday. This collection serves to provide support and care for our retired priests who have sacrificed so much for our parishes and communities. The Collection for Retired Priests is an opportunity to give back to those who give so much. Through spiritual milestones and decades of service, our priests have been there when you, your family and your fellow parishioners have counted on them. And while they continue to serve in the name of God, in retirement it is they who count on you for prayers and support. Your individual contributions help meet the needs of our aging priests including physician services, hospitalization, nursing home care, vision care and disability. Please help to ensure that this care is available for retired priests now and in the future by contributing to the Collection for Retired Priests. You can also contribute online by visiting <http://giving.archstl.org/Product/archbishops-collection-for-retired-priests-pmb>s. The Archdiocese and our priests are so deeply grateful for your support. Please know our retired priests are praying for you and your families during this Easter Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson Archbishop of St. Louis

Please Pray for the Sick/Ailing/Recovering

Doug Grafrath

Irene Buenemann

Duck Brinker

Karen Brinkmann

Harper Pillman

Kim Smith

Joseph V. Borgerding

Tabitha Kersey

Judy Brouk

Stephanie Lindemann

Tom Meyer

Elaine Voss

Betty Hellebusch

Evelyn Tucker

Shelbee Mauldin

Jim Grafrath

Andrew Hellebusch

Carol Jacquin

Brad Segar

Ralph Glosemeyer

Fred Borges

Richard Preiss

Roberta Mune

Tom Glosemeyer

Judi Liermann

Ethel Thomas

Fr. Finbarr Dowling

Dawn Borgmann

Natalie Ulett

Audrey Wagener

Kay Wagner

Betty Schulte

Marc Wagener

Laura Tellmann

Fr. Terry Borgerding

Anniversaries of Our Dearly

4/4/14 Francis Liermann

4/8/82 Benjamin Borges

4/10/08 Enid Liermann

4/11/88 Francis Glastetter

4/11/92 Sharon Tillmann

4/12/83 Johanna Heggemann

4/13/81 Ellen Volkerding

4/14/03 Verna Hellebusch

4/15/95 Mathilda Glosemeyer

4/20/86 Fred Trippe

4/21/96 Richard Hellebusch

4/21/97 Lorraine Hallemann

4/23/15 Melvin Glastetter

4/24/05 Leonard Volkerding

4/25/82 Kevin Gratza

4/29/92 Eugenia Hellebusch

4/30/01 Mamie Heggemann

4/29/14 Jim Klinkhardt

4/30/07 Marilyn Olds

Calendar

Monday

April 2

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

April 3

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

April 4

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10

Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

April 5

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26

Lk 24:35-48

Friday

April 6

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

April 7

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21

Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

April 8

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

Dear Padre,

I've just returned from a visit to the Holy Land.

When we visited the tomb of Jesus, we saw a simple marble slab in a small chapel. Is our faith based on an empty tomb?

I am happy to answer your question on this highest truth of our faith—the resurrection of Jesus. Our faith in the resurrection is not based on an empty tomb or a little marble slab. There are many explanations for an empty tomb, most which would not contribute to the belief in Jesus' resurrection.

Our faith in the resurrection rests not only on the physical reality of the empty tomb but, more importantly, on the eyewitness accounts of those who saw Jesus, talked to him, and walked with him after his resurrection.

There are many reports in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles that chronicle the appearance of Jesus after the resurrection. Details vary, but one

constant is found in all the accounts: Those who saw the risen Lord had such a powerful experience that they couldn't keep it to themselves. They had to run and tell somebody.

Think of this as a Christian "big bang

theory." Jesus' followers had such a tremendous initial experience of the risen Lord that they could not hold it in. They told their friends, neighbors—anyone who would listen. Excitement spread to neighboring villages and hamlets, then to surrounding countries and cultures. Eventually, Christianity expanded, sometimes under great persecution, throughout the world. Could such endurance and dynamism result from only an empty tomb? No. Only an experience of the risen Jesus could bring this about.

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A Word From Pope Francis

We Christians are all called to communicate this message of resurrection to those we meet, especially to those who suffer, to those who are alone, to those who find themselves in precarious conditions, to the sick, to refugees, to the marginalized.

—Regina Caeli, April 10, 2016