



Easter, 2012

Heart of Jesus PNCC

Bayonne, NJ

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
He comes to claim the here and now
And conquer every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high,
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior with the Father reigns.

In every insult, rift and war
Where color scorn or wealth divide,
He suffers still, yet loves the more
And lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
Through this and every future age,
Till all creation lives and learns
His joy, his justice, love and praise.

- Brian A. Wren

Palm Sunday, April 1

9:30 AM Liturgy of the Palms including blessing, distribution and procession followed by the Mass of the day marking the opening of Holy Week

READERS OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Diane Kaminski

Donald Wunderlich

Helen Rooth

Cindy Grodkiewicz

Jeffrey Grodkiewicz

Tuesday, April 3

10:00 AM Central Diocesan Clergy Conference, Scranton, Pa.

4:00 PM Mass of Chrism, St. Stanislaus B & M Cathedral, Scranton

Feast of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist

Holy Thursday, April 5

7:30 PM Holy Mass marking the first Mass instituted at our Lord's Last Supper

On this day, Christ instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, which is the first Mass. He prepared the Meal that would, through the ages, unite his members with himself. The laity together with the priest should partake of the one Meal as a sign that we are all a part of the one family in Christ Jesus.

On this night, we are, as it were, gathered with the disciples to receive from Jesus the great gift of his own Flesh and Blood for the first time.

"The love of Christ has gathered us together; let us love the loving God, and love each other with loving hearts."

Good Friday, April 6

Ladies of the Blessed Sacrament Society:

Please kneel in the front pew at the altar of repose when in church for any of the services during this afternoon and this evening.

All parishioners:

Plan to come to church on this most solemn of days in the whole Church Calendar for the purpose of keeping vigil before the Blessed Sacrament for at least one hour this afternoon and/or this evening.

12:00 PM Holy Hour

1:00 PM The Way of the Cross

2:00 PM Mass of the Pre-Sanctified with adoration of the Cross and procession

The Host offered at this Mass was consecrated the night before at Mass on Holy Thursday; hence the name - Mass of the *Pre-Sanctified* or pre-consecrated

2:45 PM Opening of the symbolic grave of Christ

7:30 PM The Rite of Tenebre

The service of worship known as Tenebre means shadows or darkness, and has its origin in the second century after the resurrection and ascension of Christ. However, its recognizable form as presented this evening comes from the Middle Ages. The service is drawn from the Offices of Matins and Lauds, which are a part of early Christian worship. The prayers and psalms which comprise the service were arranged to fit the last three days of Holy Week.

In the Middle Ages, Tenebre was celebrated in darkness. Gradually the service evolved into candles being lit and extinguished one by one until only one remained. Symbolically, the last candle is Christ, and the others being extinguished represent his followers dropping away as his death draws near; darkness prevails and the symbolism of Christ's torture ensues.

Our Church's approach to Tenebre is owed to its organizer, Bishop Franciszek Hodur, who inserted the Lamentations of the Polish National Catholic Church. The emphasis of the service, therefore, centers on the return of wayward and straying people to Christ.

Holy Saturday, April 7

12:00 PM Easter Vigil Service followed by the traditional Slavonic blessing of Easter foodstuffs

Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday, April 8

9:30 AM Liturgy of the Resurrection followed by Holy Mass

The special floral adornments at the high altar is offered by Thomas Grodkiewicz to the glory of God the Father who raised from the dead his only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

[[The floral piece in the narthex if offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Liberasky and Celia Nowicki by Father Bernie and Barbara Nowicki.]]

After Mass, an **Easter Egg hunt** will take place for the children who are present this morning. Please call *Barbara Busch* at 732.303.0357 to let her know your children, grandchildren or the children of the friends who might accompany you to worship today will be present to join in the hunt. Beverly Wunderlich will join Barb in preparing the details for the annual Hunt.

Also following today's Mass, a light *Swieconka* buffet will be offered in the social hall. All parishioners and friends present for worship on this glorious day are invited to remain a while to gather there before returning home.

Saturday, April 14

11:30 AM Sashing Luncheon at the Chandelier, Bayonne, honoring Father Bernie as this year's Marshall of the Bayonne Contingent in the annual Pulaski Day Parade down Fifth Avenue New York City in October.

Tickets for the event are available at \$35 through Ann Dworzanski (201 436 2244) and Cindy Macon (201 437 1315).

Easter 2

Low Sunday, April 15

9:30 AM Holy Mass

Easter 3

Sunday, April 22

9:30 AM Holy Mass

Easter 4

Good Shepherd Sunday

Sunday, April 29

9:30 AM Holy Mass with intention for John Liberasky offered by Barbara Liberasky

11:00 AM monthly Parish Committee meeting

Saturday, May 5

10:00 AM annual Diocesan conventions of the Women's Societies of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA

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Sunday, May 6

9:30 AM Holy Mass

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Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13

9:30 AM Holy Mass with intention for all our mothers both living here
with us and living with our risen Lord Jesus Christ

Our Mother's Day breakfast will follow Mass in the social hall for all
worshippers present on this day dedicated to all our mothers.

A free will offering will be taken after the meal.

**Things We Need
and Things We Need
to Have Done for
Holy Week and for Easter**

- audio technician for Good Friday Tenebre service sound effects
(job description: turn on/turn off power button of sound system at
appointed time)
- AND ALWAYS, more of our parishioners to be regular worshipers at Sunday Mass.

*Come and worship more regularly during the high holy days of this
Holy Week and then let your attendance during this time become a
holy habit after the season.*

Bring a friend or a family member along with you to benefit from the weekly
ministrations here at Heart of Jesus. Surely, your friends and family members would be
very glad you gave them the opportunity to be here with us in worship and in prayer.

EASTER LILY Memorials
*(ascriptions as of March 29th:
 subsequent offerings will appear in the following Lamplighter)*

*In loving memory of **John and Adele Mocki***
*In loving memory of **Ed and Louise Busch***
*In loving memory of **Ben and Frances Kucharski***
*In loving memory of **Joe and Harriet Lapinski***
*In loving memory of **Louie and Betty Christen***
 Ed & Barbara Busch (5)

*In memory of **Lester Artz***
 Dorothy Artz

*In memory of **Bernard and Celia Nowicki***
*In memory of **Berit Vreeland***
*In memory of **John and Mary Liberasky***
 Father Bernie & Barb Nowicki (3)

*In memory of **Lester Artz***
*In memory of **Pauline Loksa***
*In memory of **Maureen Artz***
 Loreen Artz (3)

Sincere thanks to.....

....*Dave Wissen* for polishing our Parish brassware for our Easter celebration including the two 7 and 7 candelabras, the two 3 and 3 candelabras, 4 side altar candle holders, Thurible, Incense boat , 2 collection plates, 50 candle caps, Paschal candle cap, 2 sets of Bells, 3 stanchion ends, 2 decorative brass candle holders, Large decorative brass wall hanging, 6 candle extenders, Eagle for flagpole top, Processional cross – small, Stand for thurible and incense boat, ‘praying hand’ bookend, 5 floral stands, candle outener and the bells rung on the entrance of the clergy and servers into the sanctuary.

.....*Bob Lewandowski* for trimming and preparing our palms for use on Palm Sunday.

..... *Diane Kaminski, Donald Wunderlich, Helen Rooth, Cindy Grodkiewicz and Jeffrey Grodkiewicz* for presenting the Passion of our Lord in dialogue form on Palm Sunday.

.....*Justine Pawlukiewicz* for providing and coloring the Easter eggs for the Holy Saturday blessing of the foods to be served and enjoyed at the Easter Swieconka – the traditional polish breakfast following the Mass of Easter Sunday.

.....*Tom Grodkiewicz* for risking life and life in placing and replacing the seasonal banners from Advent to Easter that adorn the front of the church entrance and engage passersby in consideration of their messages; and for his regular oversight of the plumbing project from planning to implementation that resolved the water problems present and future.

.....*Sophie Gnas* for her \$500 donation toward the cost of repairing our plumbing system.

Our Heart of Jesus Statue for the Narthex

Our thanks go to Lori Artz for her generous donation to us last year. With part of the thank offering which Lori made to the glory of God, we were able to have the Narthex statue refurbished of its cracking and peeling paint. The project required all the color be stripped from the form and reapplied to the bare plaster. This process was not followed for its previous refurbishing at least 17 years ago. It is beautifully restored, a joy to behold and a comfort to many who view it on entrance to the building and from outside the glass doors day and night as it is dramatically illuminated until approximately 3:00 AM.

With the balance of Lori's contribution, we are having the paten, which is used regularly at Mass during the distribution of holy communion, regilt. It is solid sterling silver and periodically needs to be resurfaced in gold. The balance remaining after these two restorative efforts will be utilized for new altar vessels as the parish chalice is already severely worn. We are grateful to Lori for her generosity which makes these improvements possible.

ELECTED PARISH OFFICIALS FOR 2012

Chairwoman	Beverly Wunderlich
Vice-Chairwoman	Barbara Busch
Recording Secretary	Helen Rooth
Financial Secretary	Thomas Grodkiewicz
Treasurer	Edward Busch
Directors	Dorothy Solecki
	David Wissen
	Barbara Nowicki
	Donald Wunderlich
	Stanley Kaminski
	Diane Kaminski
Cemetery Administrator	Thomas Grodkiewicz
Tribunal	Jeffrey Grodkiewicz (1 years)
	Florence Vila (2 year)
Delegates	
Seniorate Meeting	Barbara Nowicki & Helen Rooth
Special Synod	Donald Wunderlich

Lenten and Easter Banners

Our banners hung outside over the front entrance to the church for Lent and Easter are very effective proclaimers of the main messages of those two church seasons.

During Lent passersby saw the message – *Turn us, Lord, to you* – with the ‘T’ in ‘Turn’ formed from the same-styled ash cross you saw on the sackcloth and ashes card you received in your Lenten Lamplighter. The lower extremities of many people walking in different directions are featured as the illustration for this banner.

For Easter the message will remind us that – *Every morning is Easter morning from now on* – presented in pastel shades of the season in blues and lavender – and the same ash cross from your sackcloth and ashes card appears again here in this scene only in dark blue instead of ashen gray and black.

We are grateful to the donors of the banners who are:

Lenten Banner -

Barbara Nowicki

Given in gratitude to God for the favorable outcomes of her post-operative reviews

Easter Banner -

*Given in loving memory of Joanna and Jeremiah DiMeola
from their children*

Catastrophic Plumbing! - the short version

The project is completed. It only remains to sort out the costs after they are adjusted for cleaning our church rugs that were stained.

On a Sunday when we might not otherwise have had Ed Busch with us for worship, he envisioned an alternative to the plumber's plan for the water works repair. Tom Grodkiewicz tenaciously sought a variation on Ed's theme for further creative cost effectiveness. And Donald Wunderlich brought the project home with his perspective and concept, heretofore unthought of, which was a splendid adjustment to the final outcome.

Beginning with Ed Busch's providential presence here on the day before the project was to start, through Tom's tenacity and then to Don's elevating viewpoint, we had as perfect a demonstration of synergy as one could have – where the outcome was equal to more than the sum of all its parts.

Moral of the story: All things are possible with God!

Further details and costs will be forthcoming.

Parish Financial Report

Please review our report for 2010 to see there our expenses are critically exceeding the resources provided us during the past year. Please evaluate the extent to which you could increase your financial contributions to the Parish in this coming year. We have a great need of your increased support in this important area for the good of our Parish and the work of our Lord's Church.

Doubters Welcome

**A risen dead man raises questions
Empty tombs are not the norm.
It's no wonder skeptics wonder
yet their search for truth is scorned.**

**A grave mistake is 'dissing' doubters.
What Christ did was meant for them.
And the fact that they're not biting
doesn't mean they're thoughtless men.**

**For even Thomas had a challenge
making sense of what seemed "non."
Yet the Savior didn't judge him.
and in time his doubts were gone.**

**So let the doubters voice their questions
Better yet, become their friends.
Show your interest in their comments.
Don't insist that you must win.**

**God's the one who will convince them.
You don't have to sweat and strive.
By your care and love in action,
you will prove Christ is alive.**

When you have people you would appreciate being remembered in the Intercessions for such purposes as these, please take to opportunity to make that desire known by the means described above for mention during Holy Mass.

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#216 THE JERUSALEM DAILY NEWS

JESUS RISES FROM THE GRAVE

Three women first to find open tomb

Jesus, 33, native of Nazareth of Galilee, who was crucified along with two other criminals last Friday at Golgotha just outside our city, has apparently risen from the dead.

Three of the friends of Jesus were the first to discover the resurrection. They had gone to the tomb with spices, expecting to prepare the body for proper burial. This had not been done Friday afternoon due to the approach of our Sabbath.

The three women returned immediately to Jerusalem to tell Jesus' followers that they had found the tomb empty. The disciples refused to believe the highly improbable story.

DOUBTS RESSURECTION

One of the followers of Jesus has stated that, in his opinion, no resurrection had taken place. Thomas, called Didymus, was not present with ten other disciples when Jesus apparently met with them.

The ten disciples reported that Jesus proved to them that he had physically risen from the dead by showing them the nail holes in his hands and feet and by eating a piece of broiled fish in front of them. Thomas stated that unless he could put his finger into the prints of the nails and his hand into the hole in Jesus' side, he would not believe it.

GUARDS SAY BODY STOLEN

Guards which had been posted by the grave of Jesus by Governor Pontius Pilate stated that the body of Jesus had been stolen by followers of the condemned man.

Close questioning by reporters revealed that this story had been suggested to them by the chief priests who did not want to admit that there might have been a resurrection. One of the guards admitted that considerable money had been given to them to circulate this rumor.

Although most of the guards were reluctant to discuss the events, all agreed that there had been a sharp earthquake and that there seemed to have been the appearance of a supernatural being. Experts have scoffed at the possibility of such beings.

The guards had been placed on watch on request of the chief priests who remembered that Jesus had claimed he would rise on the third day. The guards showed considerable embarrassment in telling how a group of simple fishermen had succeeded in stealing the body. Although the followers are known to be in the city, they have not been accused of theft, nor has the body been recovered.

AT FIRST MISTAKEN FOR GARDENER

Mary Magdalene, one of the women who reported to the disciples that the tomb was empty, was unable to comprehend that anyone could rise from the dead. Returning to the garden where the tomb was located, she saw a man whom she supposed was the gardener.

"Sir," she said, "if you have carried him off, tell me where you have put him."

"Mary!" the supposed gardener said. Mary knew at once that it was Jesus.

TWO MEN WALK TO EMMAUS WITH JESUS

Two men reported today that yesterday as they walked to the village of Emmaus, just northwest of our city, they were joined by a stranger.

When the stranger asked why they were so sorrowful, they explained the recent events of the crucifixion of Jesus. The stranger did not identify himself but showed from our Jewish Scriptures that all these things had been prophesied long ago.

The two men invited the stranger to eat their evening meal with them. As he asked the blessing on the food, they recognized him as Jesus. At once Jesus vanished out of their sight.

The two men returned immediately to Jerusalem.

JESUS REPROVES DOUBTERS; GIVES INSTRUCTIONS

In spite of many evidences of a resurrection, most followers of the crucified religious leader found it very difficult to believe.

His disciples reported that Jesus had appeared to them while they were eating and upbraided them for not believing those who had seen him.

He then told them that they should go into all the world and tell the good news to everyone. He said that those who believe on him shall be saved and those who do not believe will be damned.

EDITORIAL

The startling event reported on these pages and which is the main topic of conversation in the city today is almost unbelievable.

Two comments are in order.

First, we should remember that our prophets in centuries gone by have predicted that our Messiah would rise from the dead. You recall that our great king David said in his sixteenth psalm, "For thou wilt not leave my soul in Sheol; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."

Since David did not escape corruption, these words could not apply to him. Our scholars agree that these words apply to the Messiah.

Secondly, we should remember that this Jesus on many occasions openly stated that he would rise the third day after his death. Our chief priests apparently were the only ones who took his words seriously.

Our religious leaders urged the death of Jesus on the ground of blasphemy – that he had said he was equal to God. It hardly seems likely the Jehovah would honor a blasphemer by allowing him to rise from the dead. And there have been too many witnesses to doubt his resurrection.

The only logical conclusion is that Jesus is our promised Messiah.

To acknowledge this lowly Galilean as the Son of God and our Redeemer will be very difficult to do. We looked for a conquering king. Yet we can see in Jesus the fulfilment of the ceremonies that we have observed in our temple for thousands of years.

Some of our leaders have now publicly stated that they are believers. Nicodemus, one of our honored rulers, openly aided in the burial of Jesus.

It will be a serious indictment on us if we stubbornly refuse to admit the fact of the resurrection, or if we admit the fact and do not accept all that it implies.

by J. Ellen Fedder

In this poem, I acknowledge that the death, burial, and resurrection of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, affords me salvation. "One" declares the gospel message and presents my personal testimony.

ONE

**One voluntary death,
One tempters vile lie,
One born to bear all sin,
One righteous hung to die,**

**One empty offered grave,
One tomb enclosed and still,
One lifeless body raised,
One act of His own will,**

**One boulder rolled away,
One angel message shared,
One risen Jesus seen,
One gospel hope declared,**

**One way, one truth, one life,
One living reigning King--
One brought me to my knees,
One changed my everything.**

