

Dear Parishioners,

“The Resurrection-a heart’s clarion-away grief gasping, joyless days, dejection. In a flash, at a trumpet crash, I am at once what Christ is, immortal diamond, immortal diamond.”

-Gerard Manly Hopkins

HAPPY EASTER

The image of a duck followed by half a dozen ducklings, swimming up and down by the edge of the lake, connotes the new life of Spring. The happy coincidence in our part of the world sees all of creation caught up in the new life of Christ. This life and energy-the commotion and color of fresh growth-reflects the joyous chaos of the Easter Gospel.

On Easter Sunday itself, there is no gospel text which includes an actual spotting of the Risen Jesus. Instead we find the disciples, Mary, Peter, and John, and their reaction to what happened. We do not witness the Risen Jesus, but the faith of the disciples. An energy deep within each of them breaks to the surface like a plant bursting from the warm earth. It is the coming to life of God’s promise that He would take his people from their graves and put a new heart and spirit in them. The message of Easter is not just that Jesus came out of the tomb, raised from the dead, but that the disciples also rose-that there was new life and energy in them. Their faith in what happened would now see them to the end.

With all that has happened these past weeks in Ukraine and elsewhere, we too need that level of faith and hope to hold fast to the promise of Resurrection in the face of innocent suffering and death. There is a story told in India about a village during a drought where the community decided to come together and pray for rain. But on the day they gathered it was noticed that one small boy carried an umbrella-he really believed. That was Easter Faith in action! We are an Easter people, Christ’s risen presence in the world, and with a faith that can change the world. Let us come out from our tombs!

Fr. Nicholas P. Clavin, Pastor



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 14th

7:00pm Mass Fr. Nick

(no 8:00am Mass)

Good Friday, April 15th

Noon Passion Fr. Rafferty

3:00pm Fr. Nick

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Passion

Msgr. Gallagher

Easter Vigil, April 16th

8:00pm Mass Fr. Nick

(no 5:00pm Mass)

Easter Sunday, April 17th

7am Mass Fr. Rafferty

9am Mass (Church) Fr. Nick

9am Mass (Hall) Msgr. Gallagher

11am Mass Church Fr. Nick

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(no 5:00pm Mass)