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Easter Sunday
April 3- 4, 2021
From Fr. Anthony Ligato
Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ has Risen Today!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As a priest, I spend a great deal of time in cemeteries and recently I have spent even more time at my own family plot. What I always take note of when I am at any cemetery is that there is a story to be told by the grave stones and markers as well as the flowers, decorations and other personal items that are left at a grave. The story to be told is of a life that was lived and those who mourn the loss of those who have passed away. The cemetery becomes a place of comfort for those who mourn because it provides a place of physical connection with those who have died. Because we live in the physical world, we need that physical connection to console us.

When Mary Magdalene and the other women went to the tomb very early in the morning on the first day of the week, they went to do what so many of us do when we visit our family cemetery plots, we go to be physically close to those we love and who have passed away. In the same way we bring flowers and decorate the graves of our loved ones, Mary Magdalene and the other women go to do what was custom for them as dictated by the Jewish Faith, "Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb." (Mark 16:1-2)

Mary Magdalene and the other women were clearly familiar with where the tomb was located just as we are with the location of our own family plots. They had a certain expectation of what they were going to find, a tomb that would be sealed shut. In the same way we expect that our family graves remain undisturbed when we visit. That is not what they found and think what it would be like for us if we found our own plots not being as they should be? "They were saying to one another, who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb? When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back: it was very large." (Mark 16:3-4).

What happens next to Mary Magdalene and the other women is what brings us here on this day to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. "On entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed, He said to them, do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; He is not here. Behold the place where they laid Him." (Mark 16:5-6) The questions the women surely had as they were absorbing this incomprehensible mystery were, who is this young man and why is He inside this tomb and where did he take Jesus' body.

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As they continue to understand the situation, they must have asked themselves what does He mean, Jesus has been raised?

The questions Mary Magdalene and the other women contemplate are ultimately answered. How do we know those questions were answered, because we are here celebrating Easter, the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. If Jesus were not raised from the dead, His tomb would have become a place of pilgrimage, a place of veneration of a great teacher or prophet. Jesus is not simply a great teacher or prophet; He is the Son of God who has risen from the dead. The place of burial became unimportant because Jesus rose from the dead.

The other important question the women have answered, where is his body? If Jesus' body had not been raised, the authorities would have surely found it and even if the Disciples had hidden it, how long would that secret have been kept? In answering the question who is this young man, the resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us the answer to this question. The Angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she was to bear a son. The Angel of the Lord told Joseph to take Mary into his home because the child to be born is the Son of God. The Angel of the Lord announces to Mary Magdelene and the other women that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

The Angel of the Lord gives them one final instruction which provides the answer to these questions for the entire world. "Go tell His Disciples and Peter, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." (Mark 16:7) They told what they saw and heard and for this we are eternally grateful, for this is the reason we can visit our own family graves and have comfort in knowing that our loved ones live in the light of the resurrection. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy Easter,

Fr. Anthony Ligato

St. Jude the Apostle Church
Easter Sunday

Opening: *Christ Is Alive*
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love drowned in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing the here and now,
and touch every place and time.

Christ is alive! And come to bring
Good news to this and every age
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love and praise.

Psalm: 118 *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

Hymn of Preparation: *Ye Sons and Daughters*
Ye sons and daughters let us sing,
The King of heaven the glorious King,
O'er death today rose triumphing.
Alleluia!

That Easter morn at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,
who sat and spoke unto the three,
"Your Lord has gone to Galilee."
Alleluia!

Communion: *Gift of Finest Wheat*
You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat
Come give to us, O Saving Lord
The Bread of Life to eat

As when the shepherd calls his sheep
They know and heed his voice
So when you call your family Lord
They follow and rejoice

With joyful lips, we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy Lord
To share this Heavenly food

Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Does not one cup, one loaf declare
Our Oneness in the Lord?

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Closing: *Hail the Day That See Him Rise*
Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives; Alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves. Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
still he calls us all his own. Alleluia***!***

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ADORATION OF THE MOST
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A Holy Hour with Benediction is every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30PM at St. Michael the Archangel in the Chapel. Every Friday there will be a Holy Hour with Benediction 5:30PM-6:30PM at St. Jude the Apostle Church.
T=St. Michael / F=St. Jude
5:30-6:30pm

T 4/6 w/confessions
F 4/9 w/confessions

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EASTER BLESSING

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, Give you gladness by His blessing. May He, by whose redeeming work You have received the gift of everlasting freedom Make your heirs to an eternal inheritance. And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith By living in a right manner on this earth, be united with Him in the homeland of Heaven. And may the blessing of almighty God, The Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever . Amen

SANCTUARY VOTIVE LIGHT

April 4th through April 10th

Eric Smith by Family

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

A very Happy Easter to All! Let us pray this Easter will truly be a Happy one!

St. Jude the Apostle Parish along with St. Michael the Archangel Masses Live Streamed!

Live Streaming of Masses at St. Jude the Apostle and St. Michael the Archangel Churches via Facebook pages: Saturday 4:00PM Vigil Mass, and Sunday 9AM Mass Lived Streamed at St. Jude the Apostle Parish and Sunday 10:15AM Mass Live Streamed. Daily Masses will also be Live Streamed Monday-Friday at 8:00AM Monday-Thursday Live Streamed at 12:10 PM. We will alternate each week Masses at each Parish.

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DOORS OF HOPE

This is our local food pantry that aids our community members. The needs of those who are struggling never diminish. Please give generously to help our community pantry provide food and personal care items to those in need. Suggested items needed are

Peanut butter, syrup, canned pasta, canned meat meals, shampoo, conditioner canned spaghetti-O's and canned ravioli, feminine products are always in dire need.

***6 bags* were received and brought to Doors of Hope last week. Thank you for your generosity.**

Announced Masses

Public & Live Stream Masses
Live Stream St. Jude 4PM & 9AM
Live Stream St. Michael 10:15AM

Saturday April 3 Holy Saturday

8PM **Great Easter Vigil, St. Jude the Apostle Church**

8PM **Great Easter Vigil, St. Michael the Archangel**

Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday

9AM ***All Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude the Apostle***

11:30 ***All Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude the Apostle***

Monday, April 5

8AM **Margaret Picarillo,** *Tom & Mary Phibbs*

Tuesday, April 6

8AM **Michael Fox,** *Family*
Fred Case, *Nadine Fong*

Wednesday, April 7

8AM **For All Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude the Apostle Church**

Thursday, April 8

8PM **John Matthews,** *Philomena Moscatello*
Constance Ligato, *Marie Mangione*

Friday, April 9

8AM **Joseph & Eileen Smith,** *Jan & TJ Jackson*
Brandon Hill, *Sherry Grenz*

Saturday April 10

4PM **Mary Heckelman,** *Nicole & Don Heckelman*
David Castle, *Wife Dorothy*
David Manning, *Wife*
David Manning III, *Mother*

Sunday, April 11

9AM **Frederick Case Sr,** *Fr. Ligato*
Joseph Esposito Jr, *Family*
Constance Ligato, *Phyllis Devery*

11:30 **Joseph Frost,** *Mom, Dad, Matthew & Taye*
Mary Ellen Gibson, *Tuesday Prayer Group*

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MASS INTENTIONS AND MASS CARDS

St. Jude the Apostle Church and St. Michael the Archangel Church continue to take Mass Intentions for the Sunday Masses and the Weekday Masses. If you would like to have a Mass Intention said or if you would like a Mass Card sent to someone with the intention for Mass, please phone or email the Parish Offices and we will schedule the Mass Intention. The offering for a Mass Intention is $10.00, you can simply mail your Intention to the Parish Office where you have requested the Intention.

All Mass Intentions will be included in the Bulletins as announced Masses and included in scheduled livestreamed Masses. We have been including all Mass Intentions in the live streamed Masses and announcing them in the Parish Bulletins, as we have rescheduled those Intentions which were originally scheduled for Masses that were canceled do to the Virus stay at home order prior to live streaming of Sunday and Daily Masses.

Weekly Collection Report

March 21, 2021 $6,274.00

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

Dear Parishioners,

During this unprecedented time as members of the Body of Christ more than ever we need to unite ourselves to Christ and one another through our support of the Mission and Ministry of Jesus Christ. For us to be able to carry out that mission we need your financial support.

I realize some of you are also facing layoff or reduced work hours, and may not be able to continue your financial support at the same level. I sympathize wholly with your situation and pray for a return to work and financial stability."

You can make your Sunday contribution by going to the Parish Website and clicking on the Giving Button at the top of the page or you can use the Parish App and click on the Giving Button. The Parish Website and App are secure sites to make your donation. You can also mail in your Sunday contribution to the Parish Office or sign up for E-giving by going to the Website and printing out the E-giving form and mailing back to the Parish Office.

Your weekly contribution provides us with the financial support that is needed for the ministry of our Parish. Please know of my great appreciation for your continued support of our Parish.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Anthony Ligato

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