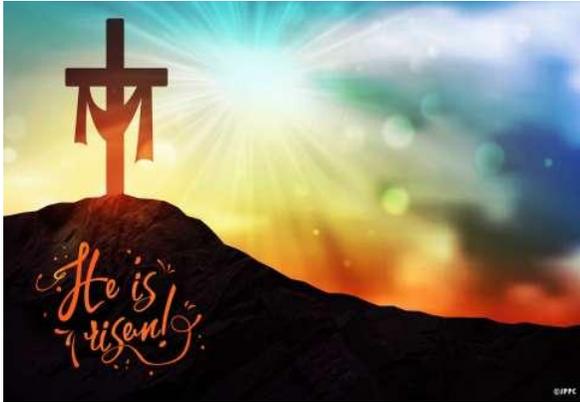

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021



Reading I: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

Peter's sermon contains the heart of the Apostolic preaching message, with the added promise of forgiveness of sin for all believers.

Reading II: Colossians 3: 1-4

The promises of the Messianic age are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. At the end of time, Christ and all the believers in Him will appear in glory.

The Gospel: John 20: 1-9

In John's Gospel, written the last of the four, the full meaning of Easter is the completion of Jesus' return to His Father. Only then will the disciples "remember" and understand the meaning of these events. Meanwhile, "the Beloved Disciple" immediately believes in the resurrection, as opposed to the doubt of Thomas.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Stinson-Schwartz family upon the recent death of Janet Stinson, wife of Martin Stinson and daughter of Helen Schwartz. Please keep them in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: The Parishioners of St. Paul's
10 a.m.: The Parishioners of St. Paul's

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. Saturday, March 27: **50** in the church;
9 in the hall. Total: **59**
10 a.m. Sunday, March 28: **56** in the church;
48 in the hall. Total: **104**

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 21-28: Totaled \$ 5,804.97

Envelopes: \$ 2,902.34 – Online: \$ 2,902.63
Thank you!

AN INTERVIEW WITH AN APOSTLE

The following could be the transcript of an imaginary interview conducted by chief Jerusalem correspondent Jehudi Ben Achaz of the JMJ News Network with you, one of the Twelve Apostles.

Jehudi: Going back to Friday afternoon, I understand that you and all but one of your group of so-called "Apostles" did not go near Golgotha hill at the time, correct?

You: Yes, you're correct, much to our shame. We were so upset by what was happening to our Master, and fearful we might be next, that we made ourselves scarce. But I must add that we are all proud of our youngest member, John, who stayed at the scene and offered some comfort to our Master's Mother.

Jehudi: What are your feelings right now about His crucifixion, and this morning's rumored reports?

You: As far as the crucifixion is concerned, all of us

Eleven
believed it
was not
supposed to
end like this.
One of our
brothers

betrayed Jesus. And our appointed leader, by his own admission, denied Him three times to a waitress.

Jehudi: But what about all the rumors circulating in the city this morning that your Jesus has risen and has been seen by several of His female followers?

You: Well, at the risk of being labeled a misogynist, I know how women can be overly emotional at times, and get carried away by their wishful thinking. I will admit that our leader and our youngest did go to the Master's tomb and confirmed the women's report.

Jehudi: Our sources tell us that procurator Pilate is angry over the lax behavior of the guards he posted at the tomb, and High Priest Caiaphas has scheduled an audience with Pilate to request quick action on this.

You: On those items I have no comment. If you'll excuse me, it is time for our evening prayer.

Jehudi: Thank you. We await further developments. This is Jehudi Ben Achaz, JMJ News, Jerusalem.

I used to ask my high-schoolers what was the most important feast day, and inevitably they would answer "Christmas." Easy to understand when you consider the hullabaloo with which the secular world surrounds December 25th. But Christmas is primarily meaningful in the light of Easter. It marks the birth of God made man. In fact, the four Gospels were written well after the Resurrection. That immediately offers us the lens through which to view the words and deeds of Jesus in His earthly life, which they record.

Yes, He is risen! Our Faith has a basis; our Hope a fulfillment; and our Love a motivation. The dream of eternal union with God is possible. It is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice in it and be glad!

God love you and give you His Easter peace,

- Rev. Leonard N. Peterson





A year ago, we were shuttered. The sacred Triduum – the three-day period beginning sundown on Holy Thursday and continuing until sundown Easter Sunday – passed without our faith family able to gather for even a brief moment.

So whether it's your first time here, your first time back since the start of the pandemic or something in between, how wonderful we're able to celebrate together the good news of the Risen Lord in this most sacred place – even though there are still limitations.

If you're new: Welcome! We hope to see you again, regardless of your personal circumstances or religious status. You are respected and encouraged to return.

To our dedicated faith community: Welcome back! We are happy to be moving toward "normalcy."

We all wish you and your loved ones a Happy Easter. May your day overflow with blessings –P and Cadbury Crème eggs!

FROM THIS DAY FORWARD ...

Few things in life are meaningful without effort – including marriage. Spending 18,250 days with one person rarely just "happens." Instead, it's the shining expression of a lifelong commitment to vows pledged – a truly golden accomplishment to be celebrated.

The Archdiocese of New York's **Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass** will take place at 2:30 p.m. **Sunday, June 6**, at St. Patrick's Cathedral for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2021. Timothy Cardinal Dolan will officiate. Attendees must register through their home parish by May 14.



But here at St. Paul's, we think that spending 9,125 days with the same person is also worthy of celebration. So our Masses the weekend of **May 29** and **30** will honor those marking their 25th anniversaries as well as couples celebrating 50 years together. Let the office know if you've reached either milestone.



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'Let your light shine before others.'

- Mathew 5:16



A CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

We are continuing to share resources for insight into the current issues of social justice from a Biblical/Church perspective. This week's reflection reports on the March 20 address by Washington, D.C., Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory, the nation's first African-American cardinal, who says a "healing of America's soul" is needed to bring about racial harmony. It can be accessed via this link:

https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/03/22/cardinal-wilton-gregory-racism-america-240298?pnspid=jbZ3o_BcFIONgcLaVCMPUT_HkwCG.qLd0h7p.Jnn&utm_source=piano&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=8469

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