

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2013

From the Pastor's Desk



Easter Day is the greatest day in the liturgical calendar. Jesus has overcome death, not only for himself, but also for all of us. The joy of Easter fills all the earth, the joy that death has been conquered.

The reading from Acts is part of an early sermon of Peter. In it he summarizes the ministry of Jesus that culminated in his death. But it didn't end there – God raises Jesus to life allowing him to be seen by certain witnesses. Peter is one of those witnesses. He goes on to declare that Jesus is the one all the prophets spoke about, namely, the Messiah. All who believe in him will have their sins forgiven.

The Gospel tells about the discovery of the empty tomb. The empty tomb (with the discarded linen cloths) in itself is not a direct proof of the resurrection.

Nevertheless, it was the first step toward establishing the truth that Jesus had escaped the bonds of death, and it prepared the disciples to encounter the risen Lord.

Many of the readings of the Easter cycle were meant to instruct the newly baptized on the Christian way of life. Today's second reading provides us with an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be baptized members of Christ's body.

I want to thank all who worked so hard to make our Triduum liturgies so meaningful, our musicians and choir, our lectors, or liturgical dancers, and everyone who worked on the church environment. Special thanks go to our office staff who worked on the scripts for all three liturgies. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Happy and Blessed Easter to all, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Father Michael Tang

Pastor Scholarship Fund

Transfiguration School is accepting transfer students for the spring second semester in all grades, except Pre-K. The school has a **Pastor's Scholarship Fund** for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 per child which will be awarded to transfer students on the basis of academic achievement as well as family involvement in the Transfiguration community or at local parishes that do not have a Catholic school. The school serves Pre-K through 8th grade children and welcomes students of all faiths, ethnic background and economic circumstances. The school is accredited, provides a rigorous core curriculum, and recently added fine and performing arts to its offerings. Counseling services are also available at the school. Please contact Fr. Michael Tang or Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323. 291.1136 for more details.

Winners of Fish Fry Raffle

Thank you to those of you who supported our Annual Fish Fry and Raffle. A special thanks to *the Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary*. Congratulations to the following winners:

Final Drawing of Raffle Winners

3rd Place of \$250 Dorothy Davenport
2nd Place of \$500 Aaron Samuels
1st Place of \$1000 Earnest Richardson

The Week Ahead

Sunday March 31

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:15 PM

Monday April 1

No Bible Study

Wednesday, April 3

6:00 PM Line Dancing

6:30 PM CCL

Sunday April 7

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

10:00 AM School Family Day
& Barbeque Fundraiser after all Masses

*Celebrating **75** Years*
A Legacy of Making a Difference
 Serving the Community Since 1937

Save the date:

School Closed for Easter Break
 March 29 return Tuesday, April 9, 2013

1st Sunday Family Mass ~ April 7th and Bingo at 2.

New Student Testing ~ Sunday, April 21st at 2.

Barbeque fundraiser:

Join us for a delicious BBQ Sunday, April 7th after all masses in the hall. The prices for ribs and chicken dinners will range between \$8 to \$10. Each meal includes 2 side dishes! We will also have delicious desserts available. Proceeds will support our school sports banquet.

Paper donation: Please continue to assist us throughout our school year by donating copy paper. Contact the office at 323.292.3011.

Thank you to Roy Roque:

Transfiguration Parish would like to thank **Roy Roque** for donating the fantastic paint job to the pre-school playground. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless you always.

Women's Retreat:

Ladies, are you feeling tired, misunderstood, or too busy to catch your breath? Well, maybe it's time to get to a quiet space and spend time with yourself and the Lord. Sacred Heart Retreat House is the perfect place. If you think you'd like to join us this year for a Saturday get-away or for the entire weekend of April 5, 6 & 7, please call Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846. Mrs. Barbara Liggins, District Captain.

SAVE THE DATES

Transfiguration Casino Night April 20, 2013

7:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight

Casino Night is fast approaching. Tell your friends. Tell your neighbors. Tell your co-workers. Have a night of fun while supporting our church and school. Pre-Sale tickets will be available after all masses starting the weekend of March 23. We're looking for volunteers to help with ticket sales, food and bar service, decorating, and, most especially, Virtus certified people for child care so parents can have a fun, relaxing evening knowing their children are well taken care of. If you want to volunteer, please call Ida Wycliff at 323.497.3483.

Spread the Word...
Carnival Coming Soon
May 31 - June 1, 2013



Sunday	March 31
8:00 a.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Soul of Effie, Beverly & Donald Raphael
12:15 p.m.	Soul of Alphonse Pichon
Monday	April 1
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Edna M. Brown
Tuesday	April 2
8:00 a.m.	Intention of Sarah Johns
Wednesday	April 3
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Hayzetta Patterson
Saturday	April 6
5:15 p.m.	Soul of Francois Jean
Sunday	April 7
8:00 a.m.	Intention of Richard Martini (Birthday)
10:00 a.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 p.m.	Soul of Chester Keys

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

We are asking that you be as generous as possible with your giving for Easter. Envelopes are at the church exit. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for prayer in Memory of or in Honor of your love ones.

Readings for the week

Sunday	Acts 5:12-16, Ps 40:7-11, Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 27-33, Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21
Sunday	Acts 5:27-32, Ps 30:2-6, Jn 21:1-19

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, March 25, 2012	Sunday, March 24, 2013
\$3,516.94 Sacrificial Gift	\$9,185.68 Sacrificial Gift
275.74 Building Fund	756.84 Building Fund
157.57 "We Care"	432.48 "We Care"

PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Helen Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Laurretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vyldred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Fr. Albert Shuyaka, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Whyne, and Lilla Williams.