

THE EMPTY TOMB OF OUR HEARTS

Reflection

We have each come here today with very different questions in our hearts. Some of us feel weighed down by grieving and stress. Some of us think we have no faith, anyway. Most of us are here because we are people of good will trying to love God. But just saying "Jesus is risen!" does not say enough.

Or does it? A Catholic woman in Ohio tells the story of a rough slum neighborhood in her hometown. There was a little store-front evangelical church nestled there. The tiny front door had a long name over it, "The Peace and Deliverance of the Holiness of God and Christ Temple." She used to wonder, "What goes on in there? Who are the people who worship between a gun shop and a liquor store?"

She herself was going through a very difficult time in her life. One Easter morning, driving home from her own church, feeling sad and numb, she found herself taking the street through the violent and blighted neighborhood. The bars and pawn shops were all closed, the filthy street quiet.

Suddenly, her eyes fell on the rough front door of the little store-front church. She looked closer... and saw that two wood slats from a vegetable crate had been broken into pieces, then nailed back together into a rough cross on the door. Someone had scrawled with an unsteady hand in black letters, three vertical words, from top to bottom: he is risen.

She sat in her car for awhile, crying first, then laughing, as a blessed relief washed over her. She, too, had been broken into pieces. She had been wandering and searching, wanting to be made whole again... but without knowing how or why, when she looked at that awful little cross, she was beginning to know that it could be true, it **was** true---that in this hidden place, that looked like the most godforsaken hole in the world, people had hope.



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. -

Lk 24:1b-3



Throughout salvation history, we observe that our human nature tends to fail again and again. But thanks to our merciful God, He gives us another opportunity to do better, a second try at getting it right, a new door to enter into happiness and peace.

Of all the lessons of Easter, this is one of the most comforting. The passion, death and resurrection of Jesus is God's gracious answer to that human need. It is His gift of a second chance. "I have come to make all things new" He tells us, and in that newness is the answer to our desperate need to try again.

A Blessed and Happy Easter

Msgr. Lew
Fr. Ray
Fr. Jurek
Deacon Vincent

Msgr. Martin
Michelle Murillo
Josephine Nese
Joanna Kowalska

**ELVIS: ONE NIGHT WITH YOU
PRESENTED BY ACCTM**

Final Reminder: Elvis: One Night with You featuring Anthony Liguori, Jr. along with Bill Turner and Blue Smoke on Sat, **April 10th @ 7:30pm!** Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds will benefit Youth Ministry. The event will take place at Our Lady of Assumption gym in Wood-Ridge and is BYOB. Tickets are still available at the Parish Center; or by calling Tony at (201) 233-8242. Cash or checks payable to Assumption/Corpus Christi Teen Ministry are accepted.

Questions? Email ACCTeenMinistry@hotmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

ACCTM wishes the parish community a blessed Easter. There will be no youth group meetings the weekend of Easter or April 11.

PALM CROSSES SOLD OUT

Thank You !!

Thank you Care One at Wellington for generously donating the Palm Crosses. All proceeds from the sale of the Palm Crosses were donated to Corpus Christi School. The Palm Crosses were completely sold out on March 21st. Thank you also to the Parish and School families for your outstanding support!

EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY and NOVENA



In preparation for the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11, our parish has started a novena on **Good Friday**. You can join us now. Pamphlets will be available in the back of the Church and Chapel to guide you. Each day we will pray for specific needs and the Divine Mercy Chaplets.

Please join us next Sunday at 3 PM in the Church as we pray for God's mercy upon us and the whole world. The service will include the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407 3256.

LIVING CHRIST RETREATS

Have you had the desire to make a retreat, but could never find the time? We are offering a retreat experience here in our parish called:

A LIVING CHRIST RETREAT

The schedule for the Retreat is

Thursday, May 13 from 5:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Friday, May 14 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 15 from 8 A.M. to 12 P. M.

Participants return home at the conclusion of each evening. Deepening your faith in the Risen Lord is a wonderful Easter gift you can give to yourself. A donation of \$20 is requested to cover the cost of meals and supplies. Please complete below and return to Father Raymond via the collection basket or drop off at the Parish Center by Monday April 26.

**LIVING CHRIST RETREAT
May 13-15**

NAME: _____

TEL # _____

ADDRESS: _____



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

The six week program continues with a service and a witness talk from 7 to 7:45 PM. **All are invited to attend.** Candidates and sponsor/parent will attend a further small discussion group till 8:30.

April 12

Oil of Salvation

By Sister Marilyn Minter

April 19

More Like Christ

By Eileen Barroso

April 26

The Living Presence of Jesus

By Msgr. Lew Papera

The Parish community is asked to remember our Confirmation Candidates in their daily prayers as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

We want to take this opportunity to thank our parish family for your generous support of our Lasagna Dinner. It was an enjoyable evening for all, and we owe the success of the evening to you! We remind our members that there is no General Meeting scheduled for the month of April.

ADORATION

A reminder, Adoration will be held Monday through Friday, noon till Midnight. We still need committed adorers on Monday and Wednesday at 11 PM.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Please continue to drop off your Campbell's and Tyson labels and Box Tops in the collection bin outside the Chapel doors. This year Corpus Christi School has earned over **\$900 from Box Tops, over \$200 from the Stop and Shop a+ Bonus Bucks Program and has 8,658 points available in our account from Campbell's labels.**

Thank you to those who have registered their Stop and Shop Cards for the a+ program. If you still need to register your card, please go to www.stopandshop.com/aplus or dial 1-877-275-2758 to register. Also, you may register your Shop Rite price plus card so that we may automatically earn points for your Campbell's purchases. No more clipping labels once you have registered and selected Corpus Christi School as the recipient of your points.

We will automatically receive credit for your purchases. Go to www.labelsforeducation.com and select Corpus Christi School. Thank you for your support



HOLY SATURDAY APR 3

8:00 PM Easter Vigil –
People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APR 4

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Christina Lucanie
10:30 AM Saverio Urgo – 1st Anniversary
12:00 NN Jack De Nichilo

MONDAY, APR 5

6:30 AM Ellie Foley Anniversary
8:00 AM Helen and Louis Ribar

TUESDAY APR 6

6:30 AM Theodore Kalinowski
8:00 AM John Veccione

WEDNESDAY, APR 7

6:30 AM Dorothy Hart – 35th Anniversary
8:00 AM Celia Posellica

THURSDAY, APR 8

6:30 AM Guido Trause
8:00 AM Ruth Pedersen and
Evelyn Johnson

FRIDAY, APR 9

6:30 AM Jadwiga and Bronislaw Drozd and
Viola Bove
8:00 AM Frank Fitzpatrick

SATURDAY APR 10

8:00 PM William Hale Jr.

ANTICIPATED MASS/SATURDAY

5:00 PM James Vinci

SUNDAY, APR 11

7:30 AM Santa Matera
9:00 AM Tom Contino
10:30 AM Lisa Bliss Hoehl and Bill Hoehl
12:00 NN Augie and Theresa Hund –
57th Wedding Anniversary
6:00 PM People of the Parish

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends, community and the Corpus Christi Parish especially, **Gay Graziano, Teresa Vertino, Anne Klopacz, Jeff Davis and Robert Heffernan.**



May the **Holy Spirit** sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Joseph Cairns, Irene Diverio, Arshie Nebbia, Thomas John Shokoff and Leighann Sweeny.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

EASTER SUNDAY, APR 4

NO Liturgy of the Word with Children

MONDAY, APR 5

Adoration – Noon to Midnight/Adoration Chapel

TUESDAY, APR 6

Adoration – Noon to Midnight/Adoration Chapel
AA Meeting – 8:00 PM/Msgr. Fitzpatrick Hall
Bingo – 7:30 PM/Cafeteria

WEDNESDAY, APR 7

Adoration – Noon to Midnight/Adoration Chapel

THURSDAY, APR 8

Adoration – Noon to Midnight/Adoration Chapel

FRIDAY, APR 9

Adoration – Noon to Midnight/Adoration Chapel

SATURDAY APR 10

Bingo – 7:30 PM/Cafeteria
Elvis Concert – 7:30 PM/ Assumption gym.

SUNDAY, APR 11

Liturgy of the Word with Children - 10:30 AM Mass
Divine Mercy Service – 3 PM/Church

BINGO WORK SCHEDULE

The following is the schedule for the upcoming week:

<u>Tuesday, Apr 6</u>	<u>Saturday Apr 10</u>
Baldino,5A	Contreras,5A
Colletti,5A	Koske,5A
DeLuca,5B	Passanante,5A
Hund,5B	Hund,5B
Boccia,6A	Foster,6A
DeNobile,6A	Gaccione,6A
Everett,6A	Tanner,6A
Brownlee,6B	

WINE, HOSTS AND CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The wine and hosts to be consecrated at all Masses this week and the candles to be burned on our altars were donated in loving memory of deceased members of the **Nardi and Quagliero Families** from Mary Nardi and Family.