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Chapel of Mercy

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“At Bethany there is no Past, only the Present and Future Hope !”

Almost 2,000 years ago, Jesus Christ resurrected from death and the grave. This event is celebrated by over a billion Christians as the great feast of Easter. For those unfamiliar with the history of Jesus, it is recounted in the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The short version is that Jesus taught, preached and healed for about three years. His actions and teachings challenged the thinking and practices of His time. The authorities then publicly tortured him and put Him to death. His friends put His body in a tomb and on the third day He arose and appeared to His followers.

This event changed the spirituality and the thinking of the world. This could only have occurred through Divine power, and this indeed was the main message and gift of Jesus. Jesus preached the ever present reality of His Father, while securing our redemption and showing us a loving God through Whom all things could be accomplished. He inspired people to change their lives, healed others, and gave us the perfect example of righteous living. Truly He is the Son of God, the promised One who was to come.

Christ is the Divine healing power which transforms humanity. As John tells us, “The Word was made flesh.” Through repentance, our faith in this Word connects us to this same Christ and we too are saved from sin and death.

The Resurrection empowered those who witnessed it and those who believed their witness. The first believers turned away from mundane living to seek the spiritual, putting into practice its truth and possibilities as the transcending reality of their lives. They were able to heal, preach and overcome persecution. The writings of the early Church are a testament to the power of Gospel truth.

The message of the Resurrection is that Christ is alive and present today and that He continues to heal and save. Those who believe in the Resurrection have moved beyond the simple hope that God can and will raise us from sin and death. Jesus’ life proved that God reigns supreme on earth. Jesus was crucified because of the sin and hatred within the world. He rose again to give us comfort and show us the way to eternal life. The tomb is empty. Alleluia! Alleluia!!

“And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.’”

Mark 16: 6-7

In His Light,

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WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday - - Cancelled
 Sunday - 9:00 AM *
 Wednesday- - Cancelled





RECONCILIATION & PASTORAL MEETINGS

By Appointment (413) 324-1164

April Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers Ministers of the Word

7th	Clergy Only		Beth, Ron	
14th	Clergy Only		Catherine, Charlann	
21st	Clergy Only		Ron, Jayne	
28th	Clergy Only		Beth, Paula Ann	

Bethany Food Drive

We will continue collecting non-perishable food items for area food pantries. Please drop off your donations of canned goods and dry goods, and leave them in the foyer. Thank You for your constant generosity.



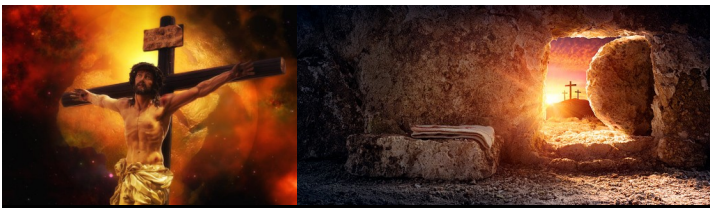
"Hunger never takes a vacation."



Life is the time that is granted to us to express concretely the potential riches which each of us bears and to make our contribution to the common progress of mankind. Life is the time that is given to us to embody in ourselves and in history the values of love, goodness, joy, justice and peace to which the human heart aspires. *John Paul II*

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.

~ Mahatma Gandhi ~



During the Easter season we will have a period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before the start of Sunday morning masses. This is an opportunity to spend quality time with the Lord and to prepare ourselves for Holy Eucharist.

Remember, before the service, be silent and speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.



Dates to Remember
April 2024

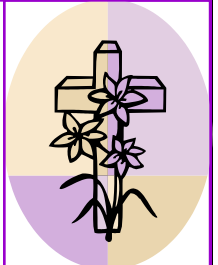
7th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass
 14th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass



Sunday, April 14, 2024
 following mass

21st: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass
 28th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass

Happy Easter
Sin and Death have
been defeated !



Oh Lord, the Resurrection of your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of divine ideal. Grant us the wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. Amen.



Be sure to Check out our Web Site at www.bethanyccc.org for more information about Bethany Charismatic Church.



Easter

God of mercy and wonder, help me to appreciate and imitate your loving kindness today.

Anonymous

