

St. Anne's Church

3545 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City



Easter Reflections

Consider the following excerpts dealing with life after death, taken from various popular sources and hymns:

“I did not leave you at all. I am still with you. I am in the sun and in the wind. I am even in the rain. I did not die. I am with you all.”

“Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I and you are you, and the old life we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. . . . What is this death but a negligible accident? All is well. Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost”

“Heaven is somewhere you believe in. . . . It’s a beautiful place where you can sit on soft clouds and talk to other people who are there. . . . If you’re good throughout your life, then you get to go to heaven. . . . When your life is finished here on earth, Gods sends angels down to take you up to Heaven. . . .”

“When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.”

Whatever we might think of the sentiments expressed in these lines, it should be pointed out that they have little or nothing to do with what Christianity says about life after death. They may be expressions of popular beliefs about the afterlife, but they are not expressions of Christian faith.

The first two excerpts trivialize death by making it seem as though nothing serious has really happened. But anyone who has had to deal with the death of a loved one knows otherwise. The absence of the one we loved is terribly painful; and to say that “Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost,” is insensitive to say the least.

The third passage, in which we are told that we will spend eternity sitting on “soft clouds” (good thing they’re soft; sitting on hard clouds eternally could be painful) reflects a common misunderstanding of what Christians believe happens to us after we die. In fact, the New Testament (and the Bible as a whole) says very little about going to heaven after we die.

In the fourth passage we are reminded how, when Christ comes, he will take us home, and our hearts will be filled with joy. This implies that we all had a previous life (of which we apparently have no recollection), and that we will go back home to this life when we finish our life on earth. But who remembers a previous life? Does anyone have a recollection of an earlier home, prior to coming into this world?

In contrast to these ideas, Christianity believes in resurrection. What does that mean? One idea that resurrection is often confused with is the idea of the immortality of the soul. Immortality of the soul is often understood as the notion that there is a part of us, the soul, that is immortal and that survives death. In this understanding, the soul is the “real me,” and at the time of death it separates from the body to enter into the heavenly realm. But this is not what Christians and Jews mean by resurrection. Resurrection means that God raises the dead, body and soul, and returns them to life – not in some place called heaven inhabited by bodiless souls, but in a renewed and transformed creation. It cannot be overemphasized that Christianity begins with the affirmation that God has, in fact, raised someone from the dead – Jesus of Nazareth. Despite the fact that Christmas now gets more attention, Easter remains the central feast of Christianity. Without the resurrection there is no Christianity. And from the very beginning of Christianity, resurrection has been understood as resurrection of the body. The whole person is raised from the dead, not just a part of us called the soul.

In contrast to the misleading passages quoted above, reflect on the following texts, and notice how belief in resurrection is affirmed. The first is a selection from the Jewish “Amidah” prayer (one of the most important prayers in Judaism):

“God sustains the living with kindness and revives the dead with great mercy, supports the falling, heals the sick, releases captives, and keeps faith with those who sleep in the dust. . . . Faithful You are to revive the dead. Blessed are You O Lord, who revive the dead.”

In weeks to come we’ll further explore the importance of resurrection and its relevance for our faith and life. But there is perhaps no more appropriate passage from scripture with which to conclude these reflections, than this ringing affirmation of resurrection from the St. Paul:

“For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile. . . . Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. . . . But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ”.



REMINDER: EFFECTIVE APRIL 4TH, ALL DAILY MASSES ARE HELD IN SAINT ANNE'S CONVENT!

Schedule of Masses April 16th-22nd, 2012

Day	Time	Requested for	Requested by
Mon. 4/16	7 AM	Brendan Glennon	Kathleen Castle
	9 AM	Mary Baker	Christina Burke
Tues. 4/17	7 AM	Brendan Glennon	Fran & Steve Kearns
	9 AM	Margaret Aslanian	Christina Burke
Wed. 4/18	7 AM	Brendan Glennon	Robert Cubberly
	9 AM	(Liv) Angela Aver-sano	Mary Shin
	7 PM	Brendan Glennon	Howard & Mau-reen Cubberly
Thurs. 4/19	7 AM	Edward Pollock	Kathleen & Agnes
	9 AM	Mickey Coyle	Peggy & Kathy Platt
Fri. 4/20	7 AM	Lucia D'Alessandro	Mr. & Mrs. Luisa Poli
	9 AM	Brendan Glennon	Christina Burke
Sat. 4/21	9 AM	Eulalia & Hector Alvarado	Crystal & Nancy Lamboy
	5:30 PM Fr. Titus	Naomi Alvarez	Debby DeVenezia
	7 PM Fr. Nigel	Silvia Denarnjo	Marquez Family
Sun. 4/22	7:30 AM Fr. Ed	For The People Of The Parish	
	9 AM Fr. Ed	Thomas Lang	Family
	10:30 AM Fr. Nigel	For St. Anne's Par-ish	Carol Jordan
	12 noon Fr. John	Dolores Becker	Janet & Salvatore Valvano

Sanctuary Gifts April 15th-21st, 2012

Gift	In Memory	Requested By
Altar Wine	Carolyn Manley	Jim Fischer
Altar Bread	Rita Connor	Jim Fischer
Sanctuary Lamp	Anna Fischer	Jim Fischer & Vincent
Altar Candles	Vincenzo Vacca	Carmela Lombardi

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK



People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified:

Bill Waddleton Sr., Dianne O'Sullivan, Kenneth and Sadie Krieger, Carl Carlson, Anne Marie Williams, Karen Haughney, Paul Grundling, Catherine Carlson, Anthony Biggio

Scriptural Reflections on Stewardship



Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, we believe that Jesus is the Christ, begotten by God. We give thanks to the Lord that he has formed us into a community of believers, united in the Spirit.

HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour will now take place in St. Anne's Convent Chapel every Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

It is an hour of prayer for the priests, religious men and women and an increase of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life of the Church. All are invited to come and spend time with the Lord for these intentions and for any personal requests.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
TUESDAY: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2,5; Jn 3:7b-15
WEDNESDAY: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
THURSDAY: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2,9,17-20; Jn 3:31-36
FRIDAY: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19;
Jn 6:16-21
NEXT SUNDAY: 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 3:13-15,17-19; Ps 4:2,4,7-9; 1Jn 2:1-5a;
Lk 24:35-48

Religious Education News



from Sister Alberta

CCD Office Hours: Sunday after 9 a.m. Mass; Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; CLOSED THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY. Please call before coming: Office 201-360-0838/Convent 201-963-0998.

- * April 15 - NO CLASS; EASTER RECESS.
- * April 18,23,25 - Communion Practice in Church 3:00-4:00 pm
- * April 21 - Confirmation Retreat
- * April 22 - CCD Teachers' Meeting
- * April 29 - First Holy Communion Day 9:00,10:30, 12 noon Masses

Parents of First Communion - Please return forms for photography; bring to meeting. We have only 4 people interested in pictures; photographer will not come for only 4 people.

St. Anne's Adult Choir English & Spanish Rehearsals



All Choir rehearsals take place in the Church of St. Anne.

Choir rehearsal (English Liturgies) is held on **Thursdays at 6:30 PM.**

Choir rehearsal (Spanish Liturgies) is held on **Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.**

If you'd like to join either Choir, please attend choir rehearsal or feel free to contact Nancy McGrath at 973-473-6443.

St. Anne's Gift Shop

The Gift Shop has recently obtained prayer cards and medals of **Saint Pauline, the patron saint of diabetes.** Pauline, herself suffering from this disease, was a Brazilian nun of Italian decent. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1991.

Second Collection

Many dioceses in the United States do not have enough priests to serve poorer parishes. These dioceses, classified as home missions, cannot provide for the unique needs of their parish communities. The **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this weekend's second collection for Catholic Home Missions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Hudson County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is in need of volunteers to work in the court system on behalf of foster children. Volunteers must be 21 years of age, be computer literate and have excellent character as well as strong motivation to help abused and neglected children. Orientations are held monthly and information can be obtained at www.hudsoncountycasa.org or call 201-795-9856.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING



REMINDER: There is a Pastoral Council Meeting every last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall.
Next meeting will be **April 26th!**

Christian Foundations for Ministry

Jesus Our King

ALL ARE INVITED for an afternoon of worship, praise, sharing and thanksgiving as we proclaim the Lord's tidings on

Sunday, April 29th

2:00 p.m.

St. Anne's R.C. Church

Beginning with prayer Service in church followed by Fellowship and refreshments in Centennial Hall; coffee, tea, water, desserts and conversation.

Any questions regarding this event, please contact Anne-Marie O'Brien at 201-792-5868.

Archdiocesan Anniversary Liturgies

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2012. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

50 Years

May 6, 2012 at 3:00 PM

(deadline to register April 25th)

5 & 25 Years

June 3, 2012 at 3:00 PM

(deadline to register May 23rd)

It is the desire of the Archdiocese that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will give favorable witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and we are reminded of the incredible mercy and love of God. Let the grace of God flow deeply and abundantly in your marriage relationship; attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and let God strengthen, renew and rekindle your sacrament. For more information contact Mike and Eileen Morgan at 1877 694-9963 or email njwwme@peoplepc.com **En Español** Felix & Nahira Gomez, 201 757-7634, Kiko04nashi@hotmail.com

Military families, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy through out the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or call 1-877 694 - 9963 for more information.

Summer Basketball Program

Rutgers University-Newark will be running its 11th annual Summer BASKETBALL Program for children ages 7-17. The program is July 9-13, July 23-27, and July 30-August 3, 2012 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The cost for one week is only \$160. Discount rates if you attend two or three weeks. For more information/brochure call Joe Loughran at 973-353-1483.

Open House

Queen of Peace High School located at 191 Rutherford Place, North Arlington - is having an Open House on Monday, April 23 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Contact Admissions Team at 201-998-8227 ext. 21 or visit www.qphs.org.

Free Support For Caregivers

Catholic Charities Family Support Services Program offers free assistance to Hudson County residents caring for a loved one with mental illness. Please contact Iskra Gomez at 201-798-9925.

Sponsored by the Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group

The Feast of the Divine Mercy

Sunday, April 14, 2012

3:00 Chaplet
3:30 Mass

Coffee and cake
served after.



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On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.... My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity.. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.....

Jesus to St. Faustina
Divine Mercy in My Soul #699

Contact Fran 201-653-1318 for more information

La Sociedad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Invita a
Su Fiesta Anual
“Dedicada AL Día de Las Madres”

Ven y trae a tu ser especial a disfrutar
de una noche inolvidable en familia

Sorteos de premios para las madres y 50/50



Sábado, 5 de Mayo, 2012
8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Iglesia Santa Ana “Centenial Hall”

(Entrada por Congress Street)

3545 Kennedy Boulevard • Jersey City, NJ

Donación: \$15.00 por Adulto
\$5.00 Niños menores de 10años
pagan en la puerta \$20.00 por Adulto
(Comida Incluida)

La Comida se servirá de 8:00 a 10:00 de la noche



Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 4/15

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Parish Social has been canceled!!

10:30 AM - HNS Mass/Mtg-Church/Cent Hall

1:00 PM (setup) Divine Mercy-Cent Hall

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Sunday-Church/Cent Hall

MONDAY 4/16

3:00 PM Legion of Mary-Rectory

6:00 PM-8:00 PM-Jr/Cadette Mtg-Cent Hall

TUESDAY 4/17

12:15 PM Bingo-Cent Hall

3:00 PM-4:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests-**Convent**

WEDNESDAY 4/18

3:00-4:30 PM Communion Practice-Church

7:00 PM Festival Mtg-Cent Hall

THURSDAY 4/19

6:30 PM-8:30 PM Cub Scouts-Cent Hall

FRIDAY 4/20

12:15 PM Bingo-Cent Hall

7:30 PM J&M Prayer Mtg-CCD Conf Room

SUNDAY 4/22

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

1:30 PM Baptism-Church

2:00 PM SUNDAY Bingo-Cent Hall

MONDAY 4/23

1:00 PM-4:00 PM St. Anne Seniors-Cent Hall

3:00-4:30 PM Communion Practice-Church

3:00 PM Legion of Mary-Rectory

6:00 PM-8:00 PM-Daisy/Brow/Jr Mtg-Cent Hall

TUESDAY 4/24

12:15 PM Bingo-Cent Hall

3:00 PM-4:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests-**Convent**

7:00 PM H.N.S. Board Mtg-CCD Conf Room

WEDNESDAY 4/25

8:00 am (setup) Schl Child Auction-Cent Hall

3:00-4:30 PM Communion Practice-Church

7:30 PM Nelson Ave Block Assoc-Cent Hall

THURSDAY 4/26

9:00 am School Child Auction-Cent Hall

7:00-8:00 PM Pastoral Council Mtg-Cent Hall

FRIDAY 4/27

12:15 PM Bingo-Cent Hall

7:30 PM J&M Prayer Mtg-CCD Conf Room

SATURDAY 4/28

8:00 AM-11:00 PM HSA Spring Celeb-CentHall

Super 50/50 Cash Raffle

Hudson Hospice Auxiliary, 93 Clerk Street, Jersey City is sponsoring a *Super 50/50 Cash Raffle* to be drawn on **Monday, June 11th at 9:00 pm** at St. Peter's College-McIntyre Banquet Room, 2641 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City. Proceeds to benefit the terminally ill of Hudson County. Tickets are \$20 each; to order your ticket, call the Hudson Hospice office at 201-433-6225! Last year's winner received \$8190.00!

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