



RECTOR'S LETTER

The Feast of the Resurrection, also known as Easter, is the ultimate and everlasting evidence that God, creator of heaven and earth, is the eternal source of life and love. In physically raising Jesus Christ from the dead, God proclaims that God's will for all of us is life, and life in abundance; not simply life, but abundant life, life overflowing in the fullness of joy, peace, and love; life out of which more life and love is created. God's will for all of God's children is the same fullness of life God truly gave to his Son, who we now know as our Savior and Friend, the first fruits of a new creation in which death shall be no more! "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold the new has come," as St. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17. That is good news of the most earth-shattering and soul-searching kind!



There is a new creation! I hope that strikes

you as both wonderful and strange. Think of it. By virtue of our incorporation into Christ in our Baptism, each of us is a new creation! I am new. I am no longer old and decaying. You are new. You are no longer old and decaying. We are given that "glorious liberty of the children of God" to be free of all the old ways of death and destruction which so characterize the world in which we live. As Christians, we stand against all the powers of destruction that cut people off from one another and the glories of creation. We are no longer interested

in building walls of hostility and division. We are no longer interested in the crass party politics that pits the rich against the poor, black against white, men against women, gay against straight, or any other of the world's cherished walls of separation. We stand as the ensigns of a new creation because we stand as Christ! We stand as harbingers of an eternal spring of joy because we stand as Christ! We stand as destroyers of death because we are alive in Christ! We stand as beacons of hope because we have been given the hope of selfless love in Christ Jesus our Lord!

It surely doesn't seem that way as we are told in I John 3: ". . . it does not yet appear what we shall be." The world is still full of evil and full of people who thrive on all manner of mischief-making – and always at the expense of others. And, too often, we are caught in this same web of cruelty in which we participate, sometimes with our cooperation and sometimes because it seems impossible to escape. Yet, we know ourselves to be an inseparable part of a greater reality of love in which all is continually being made new in God's bottomless well of creative love.

How will each of us – how will *you* – participate in and give witness to this love that flows from the bottomless well of life which is God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? How will each of us – how will *you* – practice a life of love for others? Will the world indeed know that we are Christians by our love, or will the world continue to wait for us to show love to all?

Blessings,
(The Rev.) Carlton E. Kelley

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

Our offering on Good Friday will go to support the four dioceses in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These monies are used "to promote peace and mutual understanding through pastoral care, health care, and educational programs through the region." This is a program of long standing in the Episcopal Church, and you can be assured that the money you give will go fully to the purpose for which it is intended. Should you wish to write a check, please make it to: The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society" and mark with "Good Friday Offering."

The bishops, priests and people of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East thank you very much for your support as we come together in the One Body of Christ, strengthening our faith by living the Good News.

MARCH FUND-RAISING DINNER SUCCESSES

On Shrove Tuesday we served approx. 50 guests and made **\$530**. Just a week and a half later, we broke our past records, serving corned beef and cabbage to 150 guests and adding **\$2882** to the



church coffers! Special thanks to those who worked on the dinners, and deep gratitude to Deacon Alex for supplying the authentic Brooklyn corned beef and preparing the meal!

BELLEFONTE COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT



The Bellefonte Community-wide Easter Egg Hunt will be held in Talleyrand Park on **Saturday, April 20**. Activities will begin at 1:00 pm, and the egg gathering starts at 2:00 pm. Children 12 years and younger are invited to attend. The children are divided into age groups throughout the park, and there is an area for children with special needs. Games, refreshments, a bounce house, and a visit from the Easter Bunny are planned, along with 15,000 Easter eggs. Extra special golden eggs with coupons for Easter baskets, gift cards, and prizes from area businesses are included.

There is no charge and no registration for this event. It will be held snow, rain, or shine.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Palm Sunday: Blessing of Palms and Mass at 8 and 10 am
- Monday - Wednesday *during Holy Week: April 15–17*: Mass at 9:30 am
- Maundy Thursday: Mass at 7 pm
- Good Friday: 12 noon and 7 pm
- Holy Saturday: The Great Vigil of Easter at 8 pm
- Easter Sunday: Masses at 8 am and 10 am

Check the calendar at the end of this newsletter for a complete schedule.

AROUND THE PARISH FAMILY TABLE



Liam Quigley competed in the 2019 YMCA PA Central District Swimming Championship in York, PA, on March 11, where he finished 6th in 50-yard freestyle and

3rd with his 200-yard freestyle relay team. This qualified him for both events at the 2019 YMCA PA State Swimming Championship at the Penn State Natatorium on March 24.



Finnegan Quigley represented Penns Valley Area Intermediate School at PMEA's District 4 Elementary/Middle School Chorus Fest, which was held at Bald Eagle Area High School on March 29. Finn was

one of 125 fifth-grade vocalists chosen from a seven-county area to participate in the festival.

Ciara Jenkins and *Ian Ousley*, who attend the 10:00 service, will be married on April 27 in Nebraska, where they met. They wish to thank Father Carlton for guiding them through marriage preparation sessions over the last months, for which they are most grateful!

STAY IN THE LOOP

Much important parish news (including this newsletter) is distributed by email. If you're getting them, great; you don't need to do anything. If, however,



you are not on our list, please send an email to




stjohnsscribe@gmail.com so we can keep you up to date. Printed copies of *The Herald* are always available on the back table.

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April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Community Lunch 11:30 am Presbyterian Church 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross	6
7 Fifth Sunday of Lent Mass 8 Sung Mass 10	8 7 pm Men's Group 8 pm AA Mtg	9 7 pm Book Group 8 pm AA Mtg	10 9:30 Healing Mass 12 pm AA Mtg	11	12 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross	13
14 Palm Sunday Blessing of Palms Mass 8 Sung Mass 10 	15 9:30 Spoken Eucharist, Our Lady's Altar 7 pm Men's Group 8 pm AA Mtg	16 9:30 Spoken Eucharist, Our Lady's Altar 7 pm Book Discussion Group 8 pm AA Mtg	17 9:30 Spoken Eucharist, Our Lady's Altar 12 pm AA Mtg 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	18 Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM Foot Washing, Procession to Altar of Repose 	19 Good Friday 7:00 PM Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross	20 Holy Saturday 8:00PM Easter Egg Hunt; Tallyrand Park 1:00 PM
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EASTER FLOWERS



The Altar Guild is receiving donations for Easter flowers. Please make your check payable to St. John's and note "Easter flowers" on the memo line. Place the check and this form in the offering plate, or send it to the office (120 W Lamb St., Bellefonte, PA 16823).

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