

Resurrection of the Lord

this changes  
**EVERYTHING.**

Christ is Risen and He is Alive –  
Alleluia!!!  
Shout it that you may hear it.  
Believe it that you may proclaim it.



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**Next Sunday, April 8th**  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM SHARP!**  
**St. Benedict the Moor**

### ☞ 10:00 AM Mass Celebration

*Easter Flowers Donated in Memory of  
Josephine & Anthony Gomez*

*By the Gomez Family*

- ✦ God's Healing for ~
  - Francesca Imobhio
  - Gwen Pruden
  - Sheryl Lockett
- ✦ Happy 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Heaven Lorese Knight  
Req. Ray Knight & Family
- ✦ In memory of Ave Browne  
Sister of Maria Thomas
- ✦

### ☞ 12 Noon Mass Celebration

- ✦ God's Blessings for ~
  - Gwen & Larry (son) Pruden & Family
- ✦ God's Healing for ~
  - Joe Kyle Chapman Req. Gwen Pruden
  - Rita Richards Req. Roxanne & James

### ☞ 5:00 PM Mass Celebration

- ✦ God's Healing for Theresa Addai  
Req. George Yeboah
- ✦ In Loving Memory of Lucy Taylor

*Remember in your prayers for God's Healing*

Fr. Joseph Abraham, Fr. Philip Abraham SJ., Sandy Bryant,  
Georgeann Campbell, Doris Colon, Beverly Correia,  
Ron Copeland, Cynthia Fairly, Carolyn Green,  
Linda Hazel, Sheryl Lockett, Terrace & Doris Palmer,  
Katherine Randall, Santos Rodriguez, Carl Spivey,  
Evelyn Washington, Yvonne Young

**Morning Mass – 8:30 AM**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - St. Benedict**  
**Thursday & Friday - St. Bonaventure**

**Readings for the Week of April 1, 2018**

Monday 4/2: *Joyful Mysteries*  
Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 /Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday 4/3: *Sorrowful Mysteries*  
Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 /Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday 4/4: *Glorious Mysteries*  
Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35  
**In Memory of George Gibbs**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Heaven**

Thursday 4/5: *Luminous Mysteries*  
Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Friday 4/6: *Sorrowful Mysteries*  
Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday 4/7: *Joyful Mysteries*  
Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 Mk 16:9-15

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - **Divine Mercy Sunday:**  
*Glorious Mysteries*  
Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6/  
Jn 20:19-31

**Our Prayers & Welcome to our new members  
baptized at our Easter Vigil - Ceclia, Enid  
Lilieth & Nasrudeen. May you continue to  
grow in faith living Christian lives granted to  
you with endurance to continue the race to the  
resurrection. We ask all this in the name of  
Jesus, Your Son who reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

We know from the Gospel passages that Mary Magdalene made haste to the disciples to proclaim the Good News. We know that Peter and John rushed to the tomb to see for themselves. We know that the wonder and awe of the Resurrection permeated the lives of the apostles until their own dying day.

Can we comprehend the utterly world-changing nature of this surprise? This historical grace changes everything! We now know that Easter Sunday is so much more. By the Resurrection of Jesus, life has triumphed over death for us all. The gates of heaven are opened and the treasury of graces is poured out upon the here and now. This Resurrection Day, let us draw near, amazed yet unafraid, to the risen Christ. Let us recall the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, "Jesus is not a character from the past. He lives, and he walks before us as one who is alive, he calls us to follow him, the living one, and in this way to discover for ourselves the path of life"

*The joy of Easter is ours, today and every day.*

*As Christians, we can rejoice in belonging to a God who is ready and able to break through the toughest barriers of sin and death, even when we least expect it. We are One family with Shared responsibility...*

*Proclaiming and sharing God's Word... an outward expression of Christ within us...*

*Jesus offers eternal life... His presence comforts us...*

*Our failures and disappointments change to new life full of possibilities!*

*Lord the Messiah... our Savior... our Hope... our Salvation. We are alive with a new attitude of forgiveness because You Live. Help us to move forward in renewed Hope and Love! Amen*

## Our Sacrificial Giving To our Parish

Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$5,000.00

- ✦ 10:00 AM / 220 - \$1,938.00
- ✦ 12 Noon / 137 - \$1,095.00
- ✦ 5:00 PM / 58 - \$ 152.00

Please use your  
2018 Contribution Envelopes

Boiler Fund Collected to Date: \$7,850.00  
Thank you!!!!

Generation of Faith If you made a Pledge...

Please make your payments!

To date \$115,580.50 has been collected.

Use Blue Generation of Faith envelopes or see

Angela to enroll into Electronic Payment.

[www.cfbq/generations/payments](http://www.cfbq/generations/payments). Thank You!



Parish Goal \$ 26,616.00

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God and Father of all gifts, we praise you,  
the source of all we are.

Teach us to acknowledge always  
with generous gratitude the many good things your  
infinite love has given us, as we support the work  
of our Diocese in Brooklyn and Queens.  
Open our hearts that we may answer your call to  
follow the message of the Gospel as disciples  
in love and service, so that all may come to know  
you.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
Amen

*Christ is Risen and He is Alive – Alleluia!!!*

*Shout it that you may hear it.*

*Believe it that you may proclaim it.*

Christ is not resting, buried, or shut in – But Alive He is Risen Truly Risen!!! To find the Risen Lord we should search for him. Run fast towards the hard to believe "empty tomb," to surprise ourselves like Peter and John into believing. The buzz word among the early followers of Jesus being hunted down and annihilated at the first Easter was "He is alive." This sentiment is so beautifully kept alive in the Greek Christian tradition of Easter morn, where one greets the other with the salutation of **Christos Anesti** ("Χριστός ανέστη!" - "Christ is Risen!" and the other responds with **Alithos Anesti** ("Ἀληθῶς ανέστη!" - "Truly He is Risen!")

Friends all that the world calls real zips by us and trying to catch up with what is portrayed as real today gives us only fleeting respite. Because by the time we think we have "held the moment," it makes us discover that the world and its interest have gone ahead - leaving us feeling unfinished, tired and often lost. We run but the empty tombs we find don't make us believe. Perhaps the world thought the story of Jesus was over when it buried him 2000 years ago. If it is not Jesus that we are searching for, every personality, dream and race leaves us at tombs tightly sealed. We stand there lost, confused and unbelieving, tired on the journey. But life goes on and we must live picking up the scraps of love and joy the way. The Peace or Shalom of Jesus promised in the breathing of Jesus on his disciples on Easter Morning remains but just a dream.

**He has Risen and He is Alive is a Challenge.**

The resurrection of the Lord challenges us to "Grasp the real". The challenge of the suffering servant that Jesus reminded himself and the world is at the beginning of his ministry and mentioned in Isaiah, "I, the LORD, have call(ed) you for justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations. To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness." Isaiah 42, 6-7. The Resurrection breaks the sealed tombs and brings light to its dark recesses. The resurrection celebrates the one who believes and searches for him and the real within ones very depths. It promises, it proclaims, it liberates and it assures true Justice.

He has Risen means he has overcome the world and sin. He is Alive is I believe and it is real, and in the Holy Spirit I will proclaim it. It will be the strength and my belonging to the Risen Body of Christ that I believe and share with all men and women of good will. **Happy Easter. The Joy and Promise be ours and the life we live and share. Shalom Fr. Thaddeus Abraham.**

*May God Bless you and yours at Easter.*

*May the joy of His Resurrection and blessings be with you throughout the year. May God give you the faith it takes to endure the struggle ending in triumph. May His love and wisdom always help to guide you, and may His light forever shine your way. Amen*

Angela

**Our 50 day Journey to Pentecost  
Holy Spirit Breakfast  
With Father Vinod  
Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM  
St. Bonaventure Church**

"A time to weep, and a time to LAUGH. A time to mourn, and a time to DANCE" Ecclesiastes 3:4  
Young Adult Ministry invites all to...

# COMEDY NIGHT

Featured Comedian Liz Faublas

Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

Tickets \$10.00

St. Bonaventure Church Hall

**A Night of laughter & fellowship!**

Make – your – own Ice Cream Sundaes \$3.00