

Dear friends

This weekend is certainly not an ordinary weekend. Besides being a long weekend with Friday being a holiday, some of us have been coming to church every day since Thursday. So, we can say that this weekend is a very spiritual weekend, a very churchy weekend.

As we look at the gospel accounts over this weekend, we heard of women going to the tomb where Jesus was buried, and then there was an earthquake and an angel came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. The impression that the women had was that someone had taken the body of Jesus out of the tomb. And just when the women were wondering what had happened, Jesus appeared to them. Yes, Jesus is alive! Or to be more exact, Jesus rose from the dead.

This weekend is not an ordinary weekend for 10 people in our parish. This evening they are here among us dressed in white, looking like the angel who rolled away the stone. They are going to profess their faith in God and they are going to do it in our presence and then they will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. For seven months, they have taken the journey of faith and they have "seen" Jesus. They don't have the feet of Jesus to clasp but we will have to offer our hands and our hearts to them to help them continue their journey so that together we will experience the Risen Christ and grow in faith.

That is our commitment to them as we ourselves renew our baptismal promises. And that is also our commitment to Jesus as we renew our baptismal promises.

The stone covering the tomb of sin and death is once again removed so that the Risen Christ can bring us forgiveness and healing. The Risen Christ wants to empower us to go forth and remove the stones covering the tomb of sin and death so that the light of the Risen Christ can shine in and bring about new life for those who are searching for the truth and the real meaning of life.

This is a weekend of faith, hope and love. It is with faith, hope and love that the stones of sin and evil, the stones of selfishness and greed, the stones of doubt and pessimism will be removed. Yes, there are stones to be removed and the Risen Christ is sending us out to do that. That is what the profession of faith and the renewal of baptismal promises are about. And it is not just for this weekend. It will be for every day.

On behalf of Fr. Pietro Paolo, Fr. Fady and the parish office staff I wish you all a Happy Easter and may God bless your families during this Easter Season.

Fr. George

Mass Intentions

for the Week

April 2nd – April 8th 2018

Monday	9:30	To the Eternal Father To honour the blessed Trinity
Tuesday	9:30	Robert Pereira
Wednesday	9:30	Matthew Dishart
	7:30pm	Michael Strong Giovanni Crisostimo Sabina Sebastianski Peter Smith Patrick Phelan Seamus Phelan Katie Phelan Dominador Cachola Barry Bentley Lilly Mancuso(L) Blessed Trinity & St. Joseph Donal & Mai Bowe(L)
Thursday	9:30 am	Cristina Minicucci
Friday	9:30	Rolliffe D'Souza
Saturday	9:30	Francis Fernandes
	5:30	Giuseppina Fonte
Sunday	7:45	Iris Zuzarte
	9:00	Vincenzo Baldassera Rosa Zampelli Rosino Sarracini Deceased members of DeDominicis family
	10:30	Francis Desouza
	12:00	Francis Chen
	7:00pm	John & Juliana D'Souza

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If you know anyone who is sick and would like to receive confession and communion, please contact the parish office so that we can arrange it with one of our priests.

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**THERE IS A PROMISE
OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN:
Antonio Miceli & Tiffany Scarcelli**



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
SPECIAL MASS & ADORATION

All are welcome to join us for a special celebration at 3:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet
on Sunday, April 8, 2018.
Holy Mass is at 3:30 p.m.

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**Please remember the following
people in your prayers:**

Ramon Olegario, Neda Metkovic,
Theresa Burns, Pat G., Susan Gonzales,
Jara Menjivon, Noemy Pereira Clint
Viegas, Samuel Cordeiro Arthur Ruston,
Nelly Morrow, Felix Salazar,
Helen Bochar

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The brand new Youth program will be held bi-weekly on Fridays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. until June.

The program is designed for Youth from Grade 6 to Grade 8.

Sign up at the back of the Church after Mass or at the Parish Office.

If you have any questions please contact our Youth Minister, Ivan Skoko at transyouthministry@gmail.com or 416-247-0513

Next Date

•April 6 – Epic Universe



First Communion
will be held in our parish:
Sunday, April 29th at 2:00 p.m.

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Confirmation ceremony will be celebrated by Fr. George in the parish on Friday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m.

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CHAPEL HOURS

The chapel will be closing on
HOLY THURSDAY
at 7:00 p.m.

and will re-open on
Easter Monday, April 2nd.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule will return to 9:30 a.m. beginning on Monday of this week.

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EASTER MONDAY

Monday of this week is Easter Monday and the parish office will be closed.

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DEACON KEVIN GRANDY

On Sunday April 8th after all the Masses of 7:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 12 Noon, we invite everyone to come in to the parish hall to say farewell to Deacon Kevin Grandy as he is relocating to Nova Scotia.

After his long association with Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish he will be sadly missed.

May God continue to bless Deacon Kevin & his family.



**Living the Gospel by evangelizing our faith
in the greater world**

Gia Lao Parish resides in the mountainous
Diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam.

Its parishioners, mostly poor, work on
the hillside farms. The Pastoral Mission Fund,
with the support of ShareLife, provided a one-
time grant so the

parish could acquire resources it could not
otherwise provide. This includes bibles and
hymnals, along with training for 60 catechists,
who lead marriage preparation and catechism
classes. With your support, Gia Lao is
bringing faith to a community in the greater
world.

**April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously**

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How can I donate?

- Give at your parish. The next ShareLife
Sunday collections will take place
April 22nd and May 27th
- Donate online at sharelife.org
- Respond to the ShareLife appeal you
received in the mail.

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Other ways to give

- Designate ShareLife as your charity of
choice in your workplace charitable
campaign.
- Ask your employer to match your ShareLife
contribution in the
workplace.
- Donate publicly traded securities to
ShareLife.
- Leave a legacy gift to ShareLife in your will
or estate plan.

Our parish goal this year is \$75,000.00.

*Thank you to everyone who have generously
donated thus far.*

To date we have collected \$27,629.40

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