



The Eagle's Voice

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A Message from

Father Bill

Dear Friends in Christ,
Soon we will enter the most sacred week in the Christian calendar and will celebrate our principal feast – Easter. The Resurrection gives meaning and sense to everything Jesus taught and did. The media will note that on April 1st Christians celebrate an event they believe took place over 2,000 years ago. This is true, but it is not the main reason we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

On Easter we will sing a hymn whose words were written in the 14th century and whose tune was composed in the early 18th century: *Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! TODAY!* Our celebration is not just about an event that took place long ago, but about a reality that is true today.

Even now, in this life, today we can experience a

foretaste of the Resurrection. That is what it means to “live in Christ.” The Resurrection allows us to look on life, in a small way, as God does. By embracing the Resurrection, we embrace the gifts of the Resurrection: the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, peace/shalom, the love of Jesus flowing through us, and joy.

In the days to come, let us pray that we may enter into Christ's Passion and death that we may die to everything and anything that separates us from the Love of God. As we die with Christ, may God, in His mercy, raise us to new Life in Christ. May God do so in such a powerful way that we may sing with joy and without a doubt: ***Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!***

Bill+

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Fr. Bill and Barbara invite families with teens and young children to join them at their residence for pizza and watch the movie *Coco*. In Disney/Pixar's vibrant tale of family, fun and adventure, aspiring young musician named Miguel (voice of newcomer Anthony Gonzalez) embarks on an extraordinary journey to the magical land of his ancestors. There, the charming trickster Hector (voice of Gael Garcia Bernal) becomes an unexpected friend who helps Miguel uncover the mysteries behind his family's stories and traditions. The film will be followed by a brief discussion for all ages on *What Really Happens After We Die?*

Sunday, April 29 at 4:00Pm with pizza to follow the movie. If you are interested in participating, please contact Fr. Bill at 518-608-1139.



Sr. Wardens Letter

by Ed Tremblay

The question is going to be, will the snow be gone by March 31st for our Easter Egg Hunt. People have suggested white eggs to make it more challenging. The only thing I know is that our snow plowing budget is taking a beating. But our plow guy has been doing a great job.

Enclosed with this news letter is an offering envelope for Easter Memorial Flowers. This is a nice way to remember your loved ones and to help offset the cost of the flowers. Gayle and our choir are always looking for new voices to join with them in celebrating the Eucharist. If you know of someone that likes to sing and would be interested in joining us in our weekly worship encourage them to stop some Sunday and hear our choir.

Your Parish team will be attending the 150th Albany Diocesan Convention on June 8 and 9. Please check out the new Parish Banner that is on display in the church hall. All of the participating churches were asked to create a banner for the procession into the hall for the Saturday afternoon session and the celebration of the Eucharist.

Youth Activities

Remember that our Sunday School meets every Sunday during Mass. Our students watch a short video that helps them understand the lessons of the Bible. We are always looking for new students.

Also the summer will be here before we know and we would like to once again like to offer scholarships to Beaver Cross. We will be designating a Sunday in June as Beaver Cross Sunday. We will be asking for donations to help offset the cost. For more information please see Senior Warden Ed Tremblay.



Easter Egg Hunt

Our very popular Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday March 31st at 11:00 AM. People are asked to assemble at St. John's at that time and then we will have our search for eggs and prizes on the Church grounds.

This will be followed by a hot dog roast immediately following the hunt.

There is no charge for this event. Thank you to all of the volunteers that make this such a success.

As always St. John's will accept donations of non perishable items for our food pantry.

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday
Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM

Holy Week Schedule

Maunder Thursday
Holy Eucharist
7:00 PM

Good Friday

Veneration of the Cross and
communion from reserved
sacrament
7:00 p.m.

Easter
Sunday morning
service
9:30 AM

Lighting of the New Fire

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

