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FROM THE RECTOR

Hace dies quam feelt Deminus: exsultenus et lactemur in ea! These beautiful words from the Gradual for Easter Sunday succinctly express the profound joy and gratitude that rest in our hearts this Easter morning. We rejoice with the whole Church at the new life that has been given to us by the power of the Cross of Christ. We also rejoice with the whole Church in welcoming the many neophytes, newly baptized, who now join us at the wedding banquet of the Lamb. Finally, we rejoice as a community of faith at the manifold blessings God has bestowed upon the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine. This is the first of our newly formatted bulletin and it is a fitting and proper day for us to receive. This new format will provide a more efficient way to communicate information as well as providing me an opportunity to speak to and encourage our spiritual growth as a community. Everyone is encouraged to submit information for the bulletin which must be received no later than Tuesday afternoon by 4 pm. Given the current limitations of our space every effort will be made to accommodate the information sent. In advance, thank you everyone who has assisted in moving us to this next step in our growth.

The Octave of Easter is one continual feast celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord and His victory over sin and death. By tradition, during the Octave no servile work was accomplished and the neophytes attended Holy Mass at a different stational Church in Rome for the reception of Holy Communion. In order to provide the faithful of the Oratory the opportunity to celebrate this great Octave, in addition to our normal Mass schedule, there will be the celebration of Holy Mass on the following days and times: Easter Monday at 12 Noon; Easter Friday at 12 Noon; Easter Saturday at 8:00. All of these times are preceded by the sacrament of Confession an hour before Holy Mass.

HOLY MASS ON FRIDAYS

It has been my desire to have Holy Mass offered every day at the Oratory. While that has not yet been realized, the Oratory will continue to celebrate Holy Mass on Fridays at 12 Noon with Confessions before at 11:00 am. Blessings to all those who were able to attend during the Lenten season. Please share the news of this sign of our continued growth with the larger community.

AVAILABILITY OF CONFESSIONS

The Oratory will return to its normal schedule after the Octave of Easter is complete. Confessions will continue to be available on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm, Friday mornings at 11 am, Sunday mornings at 7 am and on First Friday and First Saturday according to those schedules. **Unfortunately, at this time Confessions will not be heard at 10 am in the school building**. Understandably this was a convenient time for a number of individuals; however, the preparations necessary for the 11:30 am High Mass have necessitated this change. If the times listed above are not convenient for your schedule, please call the rectory and a time can be arranged for confessions. If you desire anonymity for this process, Donna Mueller can assist you in arranging an appointment for confessions.

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is now available for the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine. Thank you to both Donna Mueller and Todd Grizzle for making this possible and seeing the process through to completion. The information below will assist you in setting up Online Giving if you are interested in doing so.

Please visit the following link to sign up for Online Giving for the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine: https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4785. Click on the green button "create new account" to set up your account. If you need assistance setting up your account please call OSV at 1-800-348-2886, option 2, then option 1.

You can also access online giving from your phone. Simply download the app for free from the Apple or Google store. The name of the app is "Online Giving by Our Sunday Visitor". From there it is the same login process as it is on the website.

If you have any questions, please call Donna at 314-644-2144 x10. We hope to have a link on the website soon as well. Thank you for your patience with this process!

Finally, on Sunday, 28 April and 5 May, after the 11:30 am members of the Finance Committee will be available to assist parishioners of the Oratory in signing-up for online giving. All who anticipate a degree of struggle navigating these technological waters, are encouraged to take advantage of this great service.

JOSEPH CHALLENGE PILGRIMAGE

Men ages 18 and up are invited to participate in the Joseph Challenge Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Joseph in Downtown St. Louis the weekend of May 4-5, 2019. The pilgrimage is intended to challenge men to grow deeper in their faith. For more information and to register, visit josephchallenge.com.

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EASTER EGG HUNT

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On Low Sunday, April 28, after the 11:30 am mass, the Oratory will be hosting an Easter egg hunt for ages toddler through adult. To accommodate our growing community and to simplify the hunt, there are a few changes for this year: we are returning to having an OUTDOOR hunt in the playground; we are creating separate areas for different age groups for safety and fairness to our youngest members of the community! Finally, we will have prizes this year and the process of redeeming eggs for prizes is going to be streamlined. More details will be shared on the day of the Hunt. So, bring the Easter baskets and dress once more in that pretty Easter attire (because you are sure to get some adorable photos), and PRAY FOR SUNNY WEATHER! The hunt is on!

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE SCHEDULE

 4/21 - 4/28 Carapella
 4/28 - 5/5 Filla

 5/5 - 5/12 Cook
 5/12 - 5/19 Fowler

 5/19 - 5/26 Podesta
 5/26 - 6/2 Hayward

 6/2 - 6/9 Houlard
 6/9 - 6/16 Catalano

 6/16 - 6/23 Kenney
 6/23 - 6/30 Petrick

 6/30 - 7/7 Raymond
 7/7 - 7/14 Gelhot

 7/14 - 7/21 Schuette

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 21 April – **EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00 am - Pro Populo

11:30 am – August Pearson

Monday, 22 April – **Easter Monday**

12:00 pm - Dominic Carapella

Tuesday 23 April – **Easter Tuesday**

7:00 am – Rose Carapella

Wednesday, 24 April- **Easter Wednesday**

6:30 pm - Peter Carapella

Thursday, 25 April – **Easter Thursday**

5:00 pm – Dorothea Carapella

Friday, 26 April – **Easter Friday**

12:00 pm - Edward Leach

Saturday, 27 April – **Easter Saturday**

8:00 am – Jeffrey Michael

Sunday, 28 April – *Low Sunday*

8:00 am – Pro Populo

11:30 am – Alison Stovnoff

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

April 14th – **Palm Sunday**

- 8:00 am Anthony Jones, Caleb Colton
- 11:30 am Ryan Lavery, Lance Lavery, Luke Lavery, Philip Petrick

April 21st – *Easter Sunday*

- 8:00 am Joseph Dixon, Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am Gregory Grizzle, John Armstrong, Cameron Ackerman, Damien Filla, Peter Armstrong

April 28th – Low Sunday (Octave Day of Easter)

- 8:00 am John Colton, Eli Colton
- 11:30 am Nick Werner, Giambattista Carapella, Carlo Carapella, Tommy Lattenzi

Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us who have recourse to thee!

Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!

^{*}Matching gifts and gifts for specific one-time expenses