Do not be amazed!
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.
He has been raised; he is not here.
Mark 16:6
Welcome to Saints Aedan & Brendan Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

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Welcome To Our Parish
Please pray for our newest children of God:

Chierika Adaaze Anyanwu
who was recently baptized into God’s grace and the sacramental life of the Church.

Weekly Financial Summary:
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The Second Collection This Weekend is the Easter Offering

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
This is the day we have been waiting and preparing for during Lent and Holy Week—a day of triumph, and of resurrected life begun! As we have committed to strip our lives of whatever keeps us from God, now, in the light of the dawn, we can see clearly who Jesus really is and what he comes to give to us in profound love.

As we listen to the readings at Mass, we sing “Alleluia” along with the entire Christian world, past and present. Because we have entered into Jesus’ suffering ourselves during the days of Holy Week, the “Alleluia” resounds all the more profoundly in our hearts; as we have faced the suffering, we now share in the joy. It’s a joy that we will continue to celebrate during the next fifty days—the time between now and Pentecost, called the “Easter Season.”

The date of Easter has had some controversy in the early Church and was a high priority in the year 325 when Emperor Constantine (Son of St. Helena) called the Church together for a meeting, this meeting called the Council of Nicaea. The decision at the Council was that Easter would be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. That is why the date of Easter changes each year but will always fall between March 23rd and April 25th.

As the Church is decorated with Easter Lilies, did you know that lilies did not exist in North America until about 100 years ago? The white trumpet lily, which blooms naturally in springtime, (hence the popular name “Easter Lily”) was introduced from Bermuda by Mrs. Thomas P. Sargent. These lilies have been associated with Easter as much as poinsettias are with Christmas. In early Christian art (like in the statue of St. Joseph) the lily is a symbol of purity because of its delicacy of form and its whiteness. For this reason it serves well as a symbol of resurrection.

Information for the above, “Did You Know,” was taken from Catholic Customs and Traditions by Greg Dues, Twenty-Third Publications, 2004 and How To Celebrate the Easter Season, by Amy Welborn, Our Sunday Visitor, 2008.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Christ is Risen!” The world turns on this fundamental truth that changes everything and that explains who we are and where we are headed: “Christ, yesterday, today and forever!” On Easter Sunday the Church exults in the joyful proclamation that He is truly risen from the dead. God gave His Son to be the sacrifice that takes away our sins, and has raised Him up as the victor over sin and death, so together we cry out: Alleluia!

The first words of the Risen Lord to his terrified and downcast disciples were: “Peace be with you.” (Luke 24:36) Their first thought was that the ghost of the one they had abandoned at his Passion had returned for retribution. Far from it! On the Cross Jesus had said of all those involved: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34) Christ died for the forgiveness of sins, including yours and mine, because “God so loved the world.”

Over the past year we have dealt with a worldwide pandemic. Many have felt isolated, helpless, and at times have fallen into discouragement and even despair, but today on this Easter Sunday we have cause to Rejoice for Christ is Risen from the dead ... He has conquered every illness and even death itself. In a world filled with doubts and darkness, where bitter division appears to be getting the best of us, where, out of indifference to faith and worship, so many people are faced with inner spiritual and moral destitution, we have a duty to proclaim from the rooftops: “Christ is Risen.” He alone is the answer to the deepest longings of the human heart. He is the only Way, the only Truth and the only Life. As he told us: “No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Our mission in 2021 and always is to make the Gospel credible to others by loving God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves, inspired by the countless acts of selfless service we have witnessed this past year from our health workers, neighbors, families, friends and clergy. In times like these people of faith and character really shine. If we take to heart the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter and partake of the Holy Eucharist worthily, then we will do the same.

The Easter candle is lit as a symbol of the Risen Christ. Our light has dawned inextinguishable and hope is restored. Just as it was for the disciples, today we too are reborn as we celebrate “Christ has Risen!!”

May the Risen Lord be with you always and grant you the peace and joy that only He can give.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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