

SAINT MARY'S PARISH

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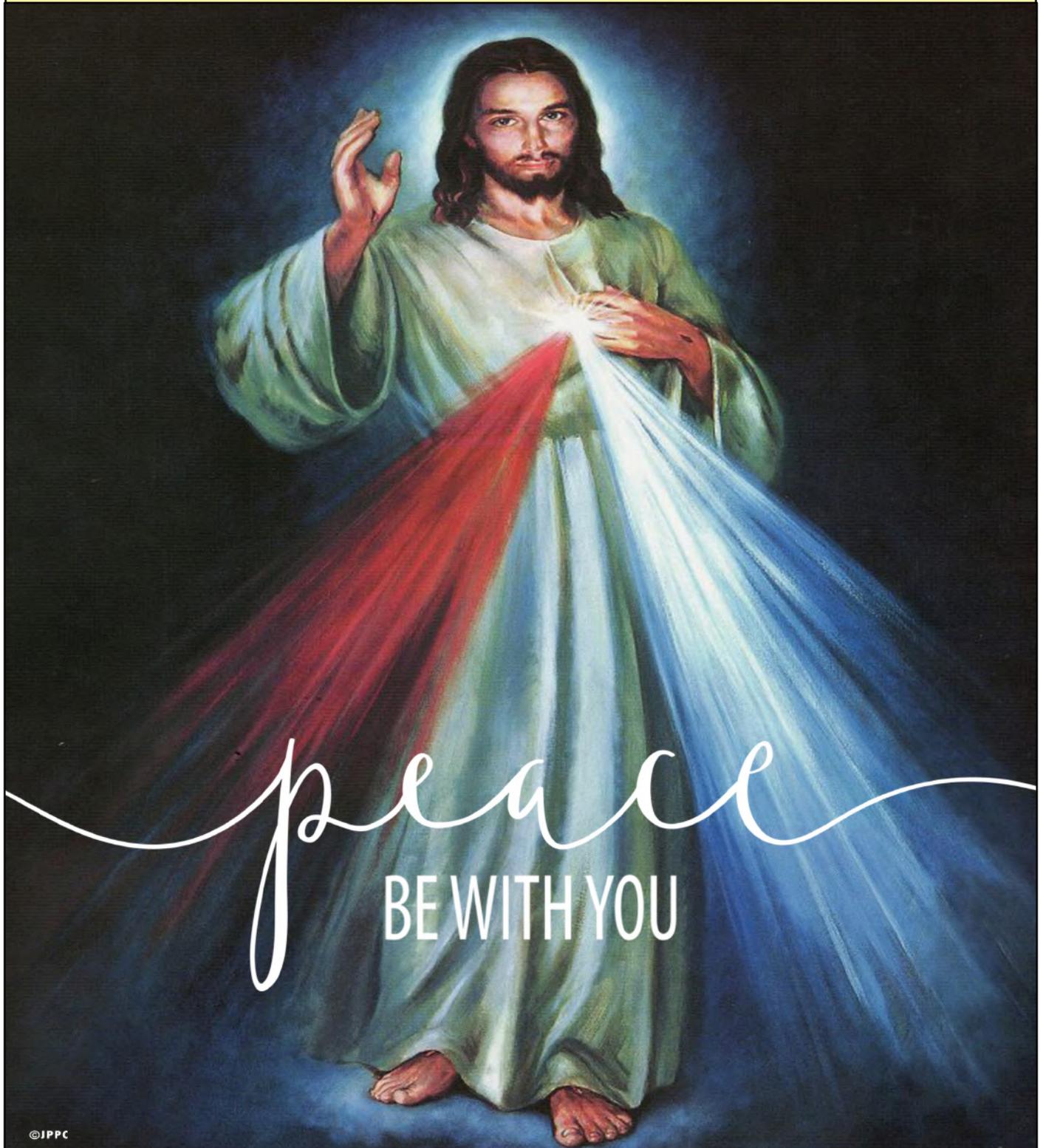
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2nd Sunday of Easter

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BE WITH YOU

CELEBRATING THE MASS

Our Eucharistic fast continues, as we pray for its quick end.”
– Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R, Archbishop of Newark.

WHERE TO CELEBRATE MASS

You can celebrate Mass with Cardinal Tobin: www.youtube.com/user/NwkArchdiocese

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome
Catholic Faith Network (CFN) Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:
Sunday at 12:30 pm, 9:30 pm ET
Monday – Friday at 10:30 am, 9:00 pm ET
Saturday at 10:30 am, 9:00 pm ET

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is available throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area on: Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, Spectrum channel 162/471 or at www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/daily-mass-santa-marta-chapel-rome

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Help Us Stay Connected with You

Attention Parishioners: We are continuing to update our database (especially our email list) so that we can deliver important information directly to you. Please email us info@stmarysnutley.org to update your contact information (name, phone number, emails) to be able to receive future emails and voice messages from your parish. We appreciate your help with this undertaking and look forward to better serving you.

Stay Connected with St. Mary's Church

Although, we cannot gather as a parish family, we can stay connected using our Website or our Parish Facebook Page! Our website will be updated as more information is available. Our Facebook page highlights feast days of saints, videos and articles for reflection and is a great place to find nuggets of faith knowledge and prayers. So check us out and stay in the know about what's going on at St. Mary's Church.

Website: www.stmarysnutley.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmarysnutley

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

You can sign-up for Parish Giving by going to www.stmarysnutley.org
It's easy to do and no amount is too small.

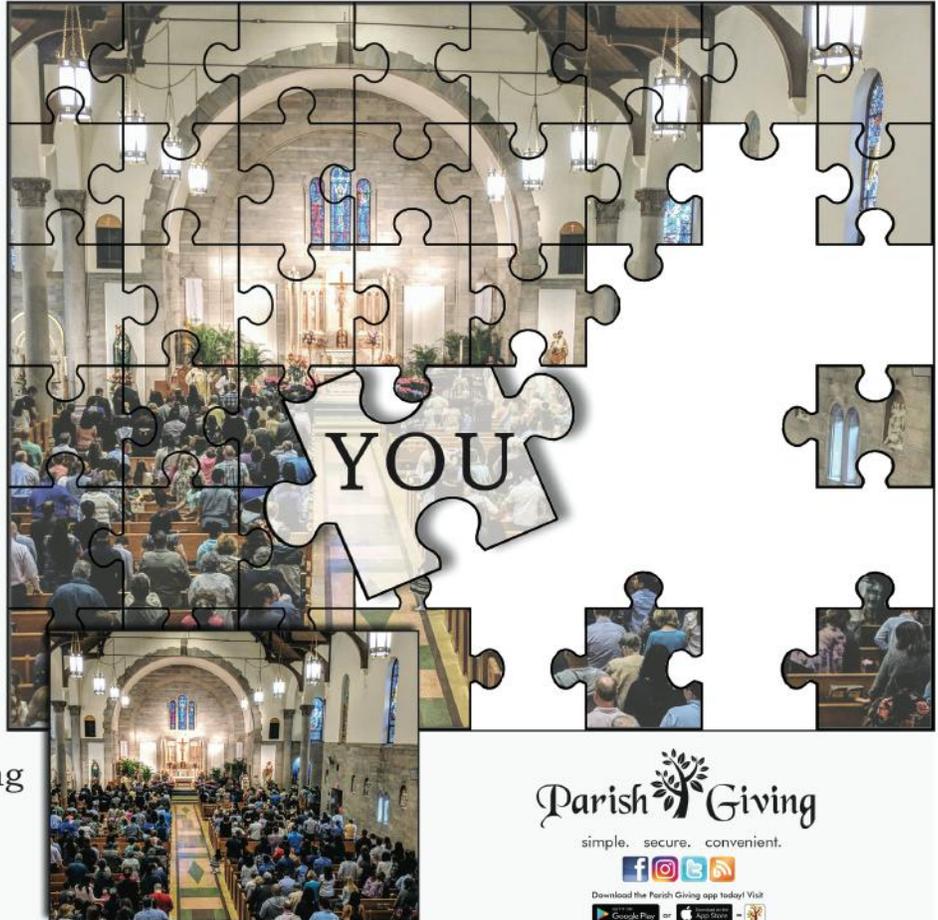
You can also drop off your envelopes or donations through the mail slot of the Parish Center or by mailing them to: St. Mary's Church, 17 Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley, NJ 07110

Families are like puzzles. They fit together in a certain way, and if one piece is missing, it throws everything off.

-Richard Schiff

YOU complete our parish family at St. Mary's.

Please consider automating your contributions to St. Mary's.



Please visit www.stmarysnutley.org to learn more and sign up for our Parish Giving program.

Parish Giving offers secure flexible online giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan the budget. Check out the website listed for benefits and details. 656 St. Mary Nutley, NJ 07110

St. Mary's Church is served by:

Rev. Richard Barbary, Pastor

Rev. Thomas Nicastro,
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Ron Ronacher

Anthony G. Armando,

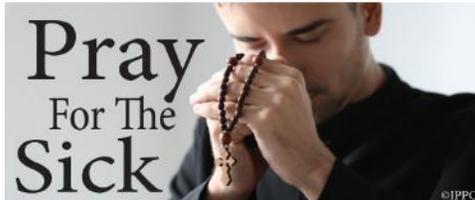
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Patrick Perrone, Trustee

Anne Scheidel, Trustee



TUNE IN TO THE ST. MARY'S CHURCH FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM

www.facebook.com/stmarysnutley

Our Facebook page has been a great way to not only get information and find links to resources, but to connect to the parish in real time. Anthony Armando, our director of Faith Formation, has been going LIVE to pray the rosary, do Q&A with our students, and continue our Children's Liturgy of the Word (Sundays at 10:30am). Bruce Mauro, our Music Director, has been going LIVE with music to help us pray and to get us Ready to Receive, a weekly look at the Sunday readings with music. The great thing about Facebook Live is you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos! We hope you will join us and many other of your fellow parishioners to pray, reflect and connect!



Children's Liturgy of the Word

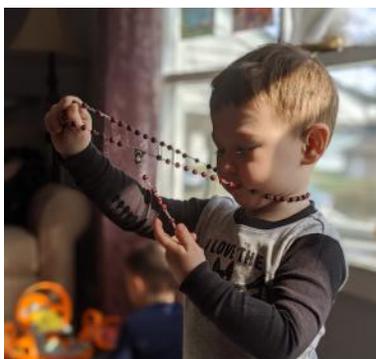
Every Sunday Morning at 10:30am on

Every Sunday morning, we sit down to proclaim the Liturgy of the Word with our children to help them better understand how God is speaking to them through the scriptures.

Pray the Rosary

Wednesdays at 4pm

Join us in meditating on the Glorious Mysteries



Windows of Faith

Fridays at 4pm



A look at the stained glass windows of our Church and the stories that they tell

Whadja' Get?



AN INTERACTIVE RECAP OF THE PAST SUNDAYS READINGS
MONDAYS 4:30

Praise & Glory + *be to God*

"Hallelujah Is Our Song"



Bruce Plays
Music of the Season
Tuesdays 4:30 - 5 p.m.

READY 2 RECEIVE
15 MINUTES TO GET MORE OUT OF
THE COMING SUNDAYS SCRIPTURE



Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM NEWS

Although we are unable to meet for classes, our program is still moving forward. We have been sending home weekly lessons for our students and families to work on together. We hope that these at-home lessons help to bring families closer together as they pray and share faith together. Although our final lessons are scheduled for April 19 and 21, we will still provide resources for our families, students and catechists to continue moving forward in faith.

If you have missed a lesson, you can always find it on the Faith Formation Website:
www.stmarysnutleyccd.blogspot.com

Each week, we also send home an email to our families to help them celebrate the Word of God at home. Each email has links to videos of the Gospel, activities, and other resources for all ages. We also have craft ideas to help you celebrate the liturgy at home with your family. If you would like to receive the Celebrating the Word of God at Home email, just contact Anthony Armando at armandoa@stmarysnutley.org

Celebrating Palm Sunday and Easter At Home

Spreading Some Cheer on Palm Sunday – Jenna and Victoria used their homemade palm to decorate their lawn for Palm Sunday. They even made sure to share their palm with their uncle and aunt by decorating their house too!



Our 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade students made paper Easter Banners to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus! Logan and his family decided to make their banner come to life to celebrate this season of hope and joy. You can see more of our students' banners and listen to *Hallelujah Is Our Song* on our YouTube Channel.

[St. Mary's YouTube Channel](#)

We have been adding music, videos, and reflections on the Sunday readings to our channel as another way for you to experience St. Mary's at home. Be sure to check it out!

The Liturgy of the Word for Sunday, April 19 Second Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 2: 42-47

The post Easter activities of the early Church always included “the Breaking of the Bread and prayers.” The ideal community lives out their beliefs. The Holy Spirit works through them, and as a result, the young Church starts to grow.

Reading II: I Peter 1-9

Peter urges the flock to be faithful to Jesus, even though they have not seen Him. They also may have to “suffer through various trials” because of their faith.

The Gospel: John 20: 19-31

On Easter evening Jesus appears to the disciples, and immediately offers them peace. Then He commissions them to go out into the world and spread the Good News. St. Thomas misses this event, and when told about it, expresses his characteristic doubt. A week later, Jesus again appears and confronts Thomas about His doubting. In return, a humbled Thomas makes a profound and beautiful act of faith.

Praying the Rosary

Everyday at 4pm the Rosary Society has been praying the Rosary for an end to the pandemic, for those affected and for those who have died.

Anthony Armando has also been leading the recitation of the Rosary on Facebook Live at 4pm during the week. We invite you to join us in prayer.

Helping Those In Need

Especially in these challenging times, we are called to love our neighbor. St. Mary’s has closed our food pantry and turned over all of our food supplies and stock to Nutley Family Services for use in serving our community. Thank you to everyone who has donated and to those who helped deliver the food. If you wish to help by donating food, please donate it directly to NFS by following the directions below or go to www.nutleyfamily.org/food-pantry/



NFSB Food Pantry

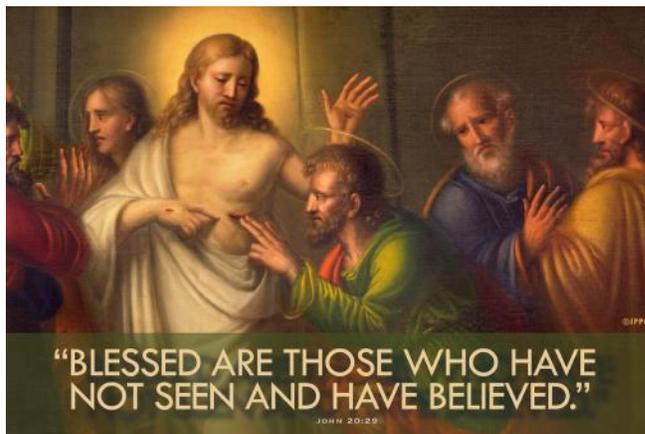
Shelf-stable donations are gratefully accepted in the marked bins on the porch at the rear of the NFSB Annex at 169 Chestnut Street. Additionally, grocery gift cards for the purchase of staples are always welcome.

Please consider a monetary donation to support ongoing programs/services and ensure we can continue to meet the needs of our community in this time of crisis.

Second Sunday of Easter & Divine Mercy

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

How many times have you thought to yourself, or said to others those three little words: “I doubt it”? The subject could be the candidate for the upcoming presidential election; or a claim by an auto dealer that none of the cars on his/her lot have any hidden markups; or the suddenly positive rating a man gives his spouse of her meatloaf. On and on such a list could go, revolving around those three little words.



Doubt can be a good thing if it fosters questions especially of complicated corollaries of our faith. The doubter here is only probing deeper into his/her faith wanting a mature answer. Lingering doubt in matters of revealed faith can be a serious problem if it is not relieved either by the direct answer of a qualified expert or good private research. Our faith has nothing to fear from sound reason.

All of this brings us to the problem of doubt that Saint Thomas had. Unfortunately, his healthy doubts got him a sad nickname that developed into a cliché, that of “Doubting Thomas.” In time, it became a popular description of anyone who questions what we tell them. Thomas represents many people in this cynical era, so in love with science and technology, as to be always wanting tangible proof before believing anything. Add the disregard many have for the supernatural, and you have the general mood of the times. So when the best of the Good News of the Gospel – the Resurrection – is presented to Thomas, his nature kicks in and he reacts: “I’ll never believe it.”

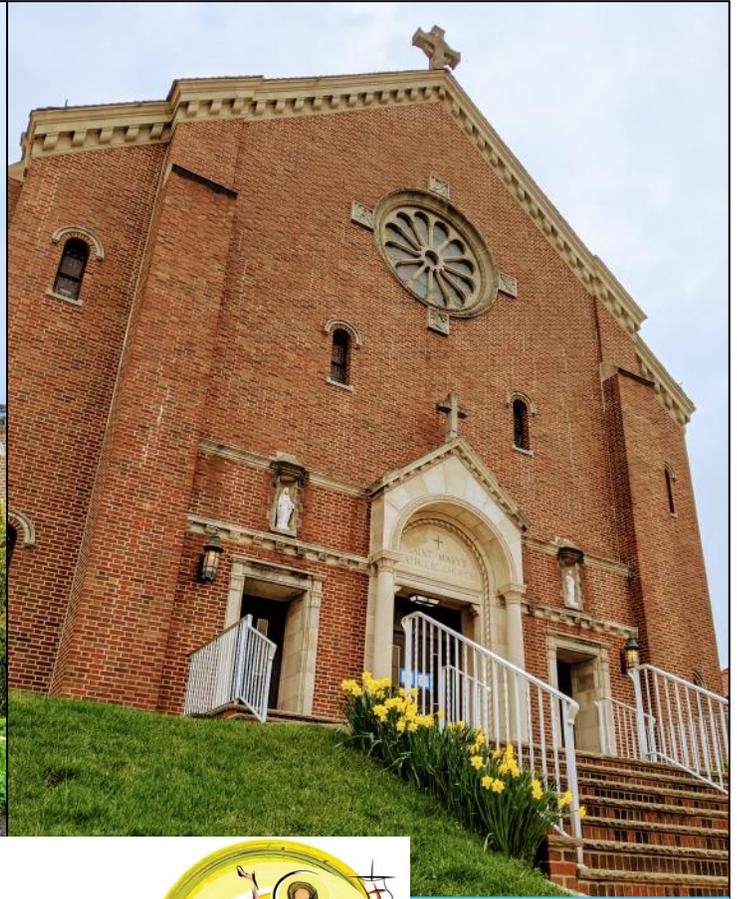
A week after this (I wonder if Thomas’ attitude changed over 7 days) Jesus reappears in His glorified Body. I imagine Him looking a wee bit stern as He calls Thomas over so that the doubter could literally probe the five scars left on that body. But I also picture a gentle smile crosses Jesus’ holy face as Thomas kneels before Him and he makes that profound act of beautiful faith: “My Lord and My God.” I can see Jesus helping Thomas up and then offering him a heartfelt hug. For all my years since ordination I have used Thomas’ words as my own as I elevate the Sacred Host at Mass.

Jesus then offers a mild rebuke to Thomas and to us, followed by one of the most consoling sentences in all of Scripture: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Talk about Divine Mercy! Here is that very grace poured out an intelligent apostle, whose faith would propel him to preach about Jesus even to the people of far away India! Such great encouragement to us who have not seen but have believed! That blessing of Jesus is itself part of the very same mercy we celebrate on this Divine Mercy Sunday Pope Saint John Paul II fostered this devotion because his own strong faith told him the world needs it.

Allow me to close with a description of a “Peanuts” cartoon. Picture Lucy looking out the window at a steady downpour of rain. “Boy,” she said, “look at that rain. What if it floods the whole world?” “It will never do that,” Linus replied confidently. In the ninth chapter of Genesis, God promised Noah that that would never happen again, and the sign of the promise is the rainbow.”

“You’ve taken a great load off my mind,” said Lucy with a relieved smile. “Sound theology,” pontificated Linus, “has a way of doing that!”

Well, I for one don’t doubt it.



An Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God,
Our most glorious Creator,
As we greet the signs in nature around us of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,
In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted,
We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time.
The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality,
For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome
darkness, and love will conquer death.
As we celebrate we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us,
By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us,
As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet.
We ask your special blessings each and every day on our President, Barack Obama.
Working with him may we strive to make this great country of ours a beacon of hope And justice
in a world hungry for peace and so in need of your love.
We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of
Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.
Amen.

-Prayer offered by Fr. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, at the fourth annual White House Easter Prayer Breakfast on April 8, 2013

