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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia! Our broken world needs Easter more than ever. St. Paul tells us that "If Christ be not raised from the dead, our faith is in vain." (1 Cor. 15:14). Our observance of Easter is not just a mere recollection of the central events of Christianity— it is a life-giving sacrament and sign of hope, that is realized in our lives each and every year.

This Easter at our parish, we especially look forward to welcoming our new Christian. During this extraordinary time, Brandon seeks that new Life in the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. On Easter night, we will witness and strengthen our faith as he will rise at the baptismal fond to the newness of life, the very meaning of the Easter mystery. Each year we also are invited to renew that same miracle in our lives, as we journey with Christ in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. We are given the perseverance and grace we need for the true goal of our lives—to journey to Eternal Life.

This Holy Week and Easter, Deacon Tyrone and I would kindly invite you to join us and recall the events leading up to Jesus' death by crucifixion and, according to our faith, His Resurrection. We will do all we can to accommodate as many as we can to our parish this Holy Week and Easter. Please check our website for our Confession time and Liturgy schedule as we celebrate Holy Triduum: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday 6pm and Easter vigil 7pm. We will also be live streaming these important liturgies so all can participate from any place in the world.

Lastly, I take this opportunity to thank all who have called me, sent emails, cards and notes. Your support and prayers mean more to me than you will ever know.

On behalf of the entire Parish Staff, I wish you a most blessed and Holy Easter. May you and our faith family, along with all our loved ones, have a most blessed and Happy Easter!

In our Risen Lord,

Fr. Chris Stanibula

Come Share Our Hope!