

PASTOR'S COLUMN—APRIL 11, 2016

Dear Parishioners:

If Jesus rose from the dead only recently, CNN and the other cable News Stations would conduct an exhaustive investigation to determine how Jesus rose from the dead. They would want a detailed explanation of how the resurrection of Christ took place. It would be reported on for 24/7 until the News Reporters figured it all out. The News stories on Jesus' resurrection would go on and on.

Although Jesus' resurrection is the Good News story for all generations, no matter how thorough CNN and the other News cable networks are, they would never figure out the Resurrection of Christ. And thanks be to God because Jesus' resurrection is mystery and the proper approach to it is with Silence. We are to silently observe how the Risen Holy Spirit within us deepens our faith in the risen Christ.

Faith is about our becoming more accepting of the mystery of Christ's Resurrection: we are not expected to figure it out. However, the risen Holy Spirit within us through Baptism continually reminds us that Jesus' Risen Joy is within us always. We can't explain it but through faith we know it is real.

In Christ's Risen Joy,

Fr. Terry