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Dear Friend in Christ,

On Sunday March 23, we celebrate our faith that when the powers of death and darkness seemed to have overcome Jesus, God raised him from the dead and gave him new life. It is our experience that as we pass through life, we experience death in many forms, The death of a loved one, the diminishment of our physical powers as we age, the death of a relationship because of a hurt, or divorce, are all examples.

Jesus' Resurrection tells us, that in all death situations and in every situation in which darkness seems to have won out, that there is potential for new life. But for that new life to emerge, one must have a trust in God.

I want to be clear, trust in God does not mean we don't argue with God, or complain, or even get angry with God. We have the example of Job in the Old Testament, and Jesus himself, who in the Gospel of Matthew and Mark, complains as he is dying, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me."

So, as we celebrate this wonderful festival on March 23rd and the week we call Holy, that precedes it, I invite you to be part of it all with your parish and me. The Schedule is enclosed.

Peace, in Christ Risen,

Very Rev. Francis J. Cloherty, Pastor, V.F

P.S. Enclosed is the envelope for the Easter Collection, which supports the Clergy Benefit Trust for Retired and Disabled Priests.