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Dear brothers and sisters,

Peace and grace to you.

The Resurrection of our Lord is a powerful message of the limitless possibilities of hope and new life. It promises us that every obstacle can be conquered, every pain can be alleviated, and no sin is beyond God's merciful grace. As we celebrate Easter, we are encouraged to renew our faith and trust in God's unwavering promises. Much like the stone being rolled away from the tomb, may the Lord gently lift the burdens of fear, doubt, and discouragement from our hearts, giving us the strength to move forward with faith and optimism.

Let us welcome the new life Christ offers. Let it be a life marked by love, forgiveness, and compassion for one another. I warmly encourage you to take part in all the Easter celebrations: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Saturday Vigil, and Easter Sunday. Each occasion presents beautiful liturgies that recount the story of salvation, enriching our spiritual journey and deepening our sense of community.

We deeply appreciate and thank God for the successful completion of the critical repairs to our church roof. Your prayers, encouragement, and early support were instrumental in making this achievement possible, and we are sincerely grateful for your contributions. Our parish home now stands safer and is better equipped to serve our community for many years ahead. Achieving this milestone required us to take out a loan from the archdiocese, and we now carry the responsibility of repaying this debt. Once again, we humbly reach out to you, our parish family, seeking your assistance as we work together to fulfill this obligation.

We respectfully invite you to consider offering a financial contribution to assist with repaying our parish loan. Every donation, regardless of amount, will help alleviate the financial challenges we face and ensure that our ministries continue to thrive without interruption. If each family were to contribute at least \$1200 throughout the year, we would be well-positioned not only to pay off the loan but also to build up some savings for future needs. Of course, we understand that some in our community may be able to give more than \$1200 annually, and we greatly appreciate any additional support you can provide.

As the finance council, we are organizing a series of fundraising events in the summer and warmly invite you to participate. These gatherings not only help us raise essential funds for our parish but also strengthen the bonds of fellowship within our community. We deeply appreciate that everyone's situation is unique, and we remain sincerely

thankful for your ongoing prayers and support. United as a community of faith, we have the strength to face this challenge with optimism and solidarity. For those who can contribute, donations can be submitted using parish envelopes that are at the back of the church or via e-transfer to StMary.Morrisburg@archkingston.com. When making your contribution, please remember to specify "Roof Repair Loan Repayment" so your gift is directed appropriately.

Let us, as a united parish family, journey forward in faith—lifting each other and bearing witness to the risen Christ wherever we go, whether in our homes, workplaces, or throughout our community. May our actions and words reflect the Easter Good News: Christ is alive, bringing hope to us all! As we celebrate this Easter season, may the peace and joy of the Risen Lord embrace your hearts and homes, inspiring us to share His love and promise with those around us.

May the Lord bestow upon you countless blessings as a sign of gratitude for your sincere generosity and steadfast commitment to our parish community.

Happy Easter!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Oliver Wekesa