Divine Mercy
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
STAYING CONNECTED

- Weekdays: Mass from Cathedral via CTV/EWTN
  12:10pm  3:00pm  7:00pm
- Weekends: Mass from Cathedral via CTV/EWTN
  Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm
  Rebroadcast on Sunday: 10:00am

- Weekend Mass from OLS Parish
  Available at any time beginning Saturday at 4pm on our website, OLSParish.net

Cathedral Masses are also available each day through the Diocesan website, dioceseofscranton.org

STILL BEING REMEMBERED...

As previously noted, Masses are being celebrated privately at Our Lady of the Snows Church by our priests to honor the Mass intentions as requested:

**MONDAY | APRIL 20TH**
Natalie Smith...................................(Josephine Petry)

**TUESDAY | APRIL 21ST**
Robert E. Jablonowski......................(Joseph & Rosemary Curry)

**WEDNESDAY | APRIL 22ND**
Julia Ostrowski................................(Anna)

**THURSDAY | APRIL 23RD**
Cathy Gavern...................................(Lee Electric Supply)

**FRIDAY | APRIL 24TH**
Matthew Wzorek................................(Friends)

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 25-26**

**SATURDAY | APRIL 25TH**
Ron Krafjack...................................(Joan Krafjack)
Robert Munley...................................(Stone Family)

**SUNDAY | APRIL 26TH**
James Tone.................................(Suzy & John Mooney)
Robert E. Jablonowski......................(Mr. & Mrs. Chris Calvey)
Kristyn Kromko............................(Kromko Family)

We remember especially those parish members and friends who have died recently:
Betty Barrows  Walter Bennett  Helen Travis
Looking back on Lent 2020, perhaps one of the most iconic images during these truly unprecedented times will be that of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, standing in the middle of St. Peter's Square in Rome praying for the entire world in the midst of the coronavirus. The words of the Holy Father from that night are worth recalling this Divine Mercy Sunday:

"It is the life in the Spirit that can redeem, value and demonstrate how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people – often forgotten people – who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines nor on the grand walkways of the latest show, but who without any doubt are in these very days writing the decisive events of our time: doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, religious men and women and so very many others who have understood that no one reaches salvation by themselves.

In the face of so much suffering, where the authentic development of our people is assessed, we experience the priestly prayer of Jesus: 'That they may all be one' (John 17:21).

How many people every day are exercising patience and offering hope, taking care to sow not panic but a shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday gestures, how to face up to and navigate a crisis by adjusting their routines, lifting their gaze and fostering prayer. How many are praying, offering and interceding for the good of all. Prayer and quiet service: these are our victorious weapons.

'Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?' Faith begins when we realize we are in need of salvation. We are not self-sufficient; by ourselves we flounder: we need the Lord. Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to Him so that He can conquer them.

Like the disciples, we will experience that with Him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God’s strength: turning into good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God, life never dies.

The Lord asks us and, in the midst of our tempest, invites us to reawaken and put into practice that solidarity and hope capable of giving strength, support and meaning to these hours when everything seems to be floundering. The Lord awakens us so as to reawaken and revive our Easter faith.

We have an anchor: by His cross we have been saved. We have a rudder: by His cross we have been redeemed. We have a hope: by His cross we have been healed and embraced so that nothing and no one can separate us from His redeeming love.

In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: He is risen and is living by our side.”
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH!

During these challenging times, your support of your parish means more than ever. As you know, more than 90% of our parish revenues come by way of Sunday Offerings.

With Public Masses currently suspended, our revenues continue to diminish. It makes us only all the more grateful to those kind souls who are mailing in their weekly offerings and Easter gifts to the Parish Center or dropping them off at the Center itself.

Thank you!

Remember also that your weekly gift can be offered through our online giving program. Visit OLSParish.net and click 'Online Giving'.

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

HEARTS THAT CARE

If you or someone you know in our parish is in need of any help or support at this time, please give our office a call. Know that we will make every effort to respond as best we can. As a people of faith, caring for one another is of the utmost importance. Call the Parish Center at 570-586-1741.

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

Our support of local food banks becomes even more critical in this time of crisis.

Your food donations can be dropped off at the front door of Our Lady of the Snows between 10am and 6pm daily.

DIOCESE STARTS EMERGENCY FUND TO HELP PARISHES, FAMILIES

The Diocese of Scranton has launched an emergency fund to help support parishes, cash-strapped parents of Catholic school students, food pantries and other programs affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

Bishop Bambera announced the establishment of the fund just prior to the start of Holy Week. It enables donors to financially support any of the diocese’s 118 parishes, many of which are struggling to pay expenses as coronavirus concerns keep churches from celebrating public Masses.

Meanwhile, as the number of people seeking help continues to rise, many public ministries that operate food pantries, kitchens or shelters are also dealing with increased pressure as a result of the virus.

Rob Williams, executive director of the diocese-affiliated St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, said the kitchen’s food pantry distributed groceries to between 300 and 350 families in March. That’s up from the roughly 230 families the pantry supported in March 2019.

St. Anthony’s Haven in Scranton, Divine Providence in Hazleton and Mother Teresa Haven in Wilkes-Barre, the three shelters operated by Catholic Human and Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton, have seen a roughly 50% increase in the number of homeless individuals seeking assistance, diocesan spokesman Eric Deabill said.

The fund will also provide emergency tuition assistance to families of Catholic school students struggling because of the virus. Donors can make contributions to specific parishes, schools, pantry, shelter, kitchen or assistance programs.

More information is available on the Diocesan website, dioceseofscranton.org.
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