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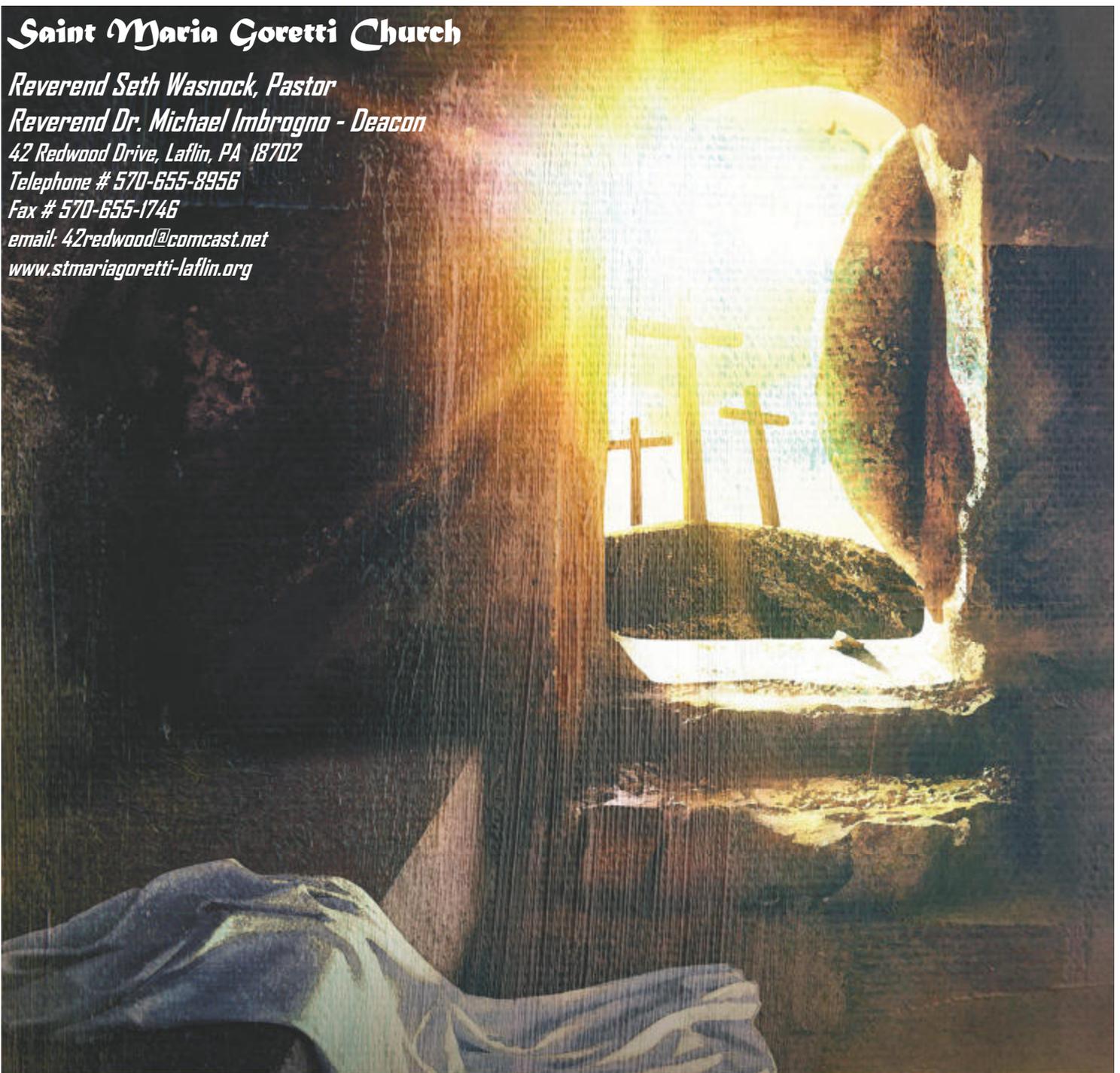
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EASTER SUNDAY



He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

April 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

PASTORAL NOTES

SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS: The Resurrection was too much for the disciples to take in. They were disoriented by terror, by wonder, and by joy. What could be the same if even death itself is unreliable? Mary thinks Jesus is the gardener, but when he speaks to her she melts. “The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice” (John 10:4). Like the lover of the Song of Songs, her joy soon shivers into uncertainty when she moves to embrace him and he is changed. “Do not hold on to me,” he says. What? Jesus asks Mary to adopt new ways of seeing and touching him, to know him in a new way, in spirit. But we learn the ways of spirit clumsily; like learning to write with the opposite hand, it means unlearning the old way. This bizarre experience of knowing but not knowing emerges in an odd line from the later story of the lakeshore breakfast: “None of the disciples dared to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ because they realized it was the Lord” (21:12).

Resurrection is more than a new phase of the old life. Jesus invites followers to rise with him into a strange, upside-down world where apparent irreversibles are reversed: life defeats death, love trumps evil, weakness means power, humility wins out, last come first, and “nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:37).

Keeping this focus demands an attitude of prayerful concentration like contemplation. The Letter to the Colossians urges believers to “think of what is above.” This means not just having an idea but practicing habitual patterns of thinking. The marvelous news of Resurrection announces itself only to those who return repeatedly to question, ponder, and insist on understanding such statements as “you have died,” “your life is hidden with Christ in God,” and “you also will be revealed with him in glory.” Members of the Christian community who listen intently and often to this message of Jesus’ life gradually learn to live the resurrection as a fact of life,

Colossians 3:1-4 also is meant as a guide for community life. Each “you” is plural. Reread 3:1-4 from the plural perspective. What might “what is above” and “what is on earth” mean for life in a community of faith?

ABOUT EASTER SUNDAY: Easter Sunday crowns the Triduum celebration and begins a new period of time within the liturgical year. Easter Sunday is the pattern and purpose for all other Sunday celebrations of the year and begins a time of reflecting on how the followers of Jesus came to receive and understand his Resurrection from the dead.

LITURGY AND LIFE: Being recognized and being named touches us deeply and can lead to mutual affirmation, respect, and healing. We often want to hold on to the moment, but life goes on. This is revealed in the memorial we celebrate in the Eucharist. Reflect on the power of your words. Relish the memory of people you have loved who have died. Allow the experience to one day free you to bring healing, new life, and good news to others.

LIVE THE LITURGY (Inspiration for the week): Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today’s feast, St. Augustine writes: “And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here.” Christ’s resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ’s life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.

PENANCE/RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday 3:30PM-4:00PM or anytime by request with appointment. Please do not hesitate to contact Father Seth at any time concerning your desire for confession. **N.B.:** Father Seth will also be hearing Confessions during the First Friday Holy Hour beginning at 8:30am and ending at 9:00am.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: How have I come to believe? How can I witness to “Resurrection time,” to this era in which our lives have a deeper dimension and a greater purpose?

Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 5th.

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Weekend of March 20-21, 2021

Sacrificial Offering	\$5,722.06
Easter	500.00
Diocesan Collections	
Care & Education of Priests	42.00

Due to the early submission of the bulletin, the collections for March 27 and 28 will appear in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting your parish.



PASTA DINNER

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who purchased dinners, volunteered time and supported our Pasta Supper and Basket Raffle. We could not have done it without you. Profits will be reported when all bills have been received. You truly are a blessing to this parish. Thank you.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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Where: Marywood University
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VIRTUAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

This can be a difficult time to navigate grief, particularly during this ongoing period of social distancing. Please consider joining the virtual grief support group offered by Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish in Scranton. *Anyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member of the parish to participate.* The group will convene online, Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30. The dates of the virtual meetings will be April 7, 14, 21 and 28. For more information, please contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-814-5133 or at 570-344-7231.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 4th, 2021

Sunday 4/4:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday 4/5:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday 4/6:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday 4/7:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday 4/8:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Friday 4/9:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday 4/10:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

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MONSIGNOR GRAY MERIT AWARD

Each year we offer the Monsignor Gray Merit Award to our high school seniors. Letters have been sent out to all our students who are seniors this year with an application for this award. If you are a 12th grade student from St. Maria Goretti Parish and did not receive a letter with the application, please contact the parish office at 570-655-8956.



TREE OF LIFE

The St. Maria Goretti Tree of Life is located on the interior east wall of the church, in view of the assembly and very near the Altar of Repose where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved.

A leaf on the tree is an opportunity to remember the significant people and important events in your life.

Dedicate them in a meaningful and lasting way.

Commemorate a birth, birthday, wedding, anniversary, other special events or keep alive the names of your loved ones who have passed through death to new life.

In Loving Memory

John Baran

Regina Baran

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Elizabeth Colonna

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Giuseppe Rinaldis

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Michael P. Yazurlo

Lighter Side

Cross-Eyed Bear



A child came home from Sunday School and told his mother that he had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly. It took his mother a while before she realized that the hymn was really "Gladly The Cross I'd Bear."

Deliver us From Email

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer:

"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed,

"but deliver us from E-mail."



St. Maria Goretti Laflin *The Sunday Mass*



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&
ST. MARK
PRAY FOR US!**



RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 5, 2021
NO MASS

Tuesday, April 6, 2021
NO MASS

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
8:00am William Mulderig by Estate of Mildred Adonizio

Thursday, March 8, 2021
NO MASS

Friday, April 9, 2021
8:00am Paul & Ann Shovlin by Paul & Sue Shovlin

Saturday, April 10, 2021
4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, April 11, 2021
9:30am Joseph Ledoretti by Family



**ALTAR CANDLES
FOR THE MONTH OF
APRIL, 2021
IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

† Alberto A. & Ruth Ann Agostini
by Maria Elena Agostini

† Celestine & Walter Gottlieb by Susan & Dan Bechetti

† Salvatore Conigliaro
by Wife, Ann Marie & Sister-in-Law, Addie

† Henry Pascucci, Sr. by Family

† Mary Ann Hughes by Family



**SANCTUARY CANDLES
FOR THE WEEK OF
APRIL 4, 2021
IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

† Pauline & Ray Verdine by Family

† Charles & Helen Cavelle by Family



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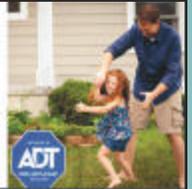


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