



*Saint Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception
Our Lady of Fatima Parish
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

APRIL 4, 2021



THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE

ACTS 10:34, 37-43
1 COLOSSIANS 5:6b-8
JOHN 20:1-9

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE

ACTS 2:42-47
1 PETER 1:3-9
JOHN 20:19-31

THE TOMB OF CHRIST
WHO IS LIVING, IS EMPTY;
(gospel reading)

CHRIST INDEED
FROM DEATH IS RISEN.
OUR NEW LIFE OBTAINING.
(first reading)

TO HIM,
THE PASCHAL VICTIM
(first reading)
WE OFFER THANKFUL PRAISES.
(responsorial psalm)

ALLELUIA !

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

Mass Schedule

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE —IN CHURCH

Saturday, 4PM — Sunday, 10AM, 12:10PM and 7PM

With social distancing, seating is limited to 80 worshipers and face masks are required NO EXCEPTIONS.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE—ST. THERESE CHAPEL

Monday, and Friday 12:10PM

There will be no Wednesday Mass until further notice

With social distancing, seating is limited to 24 worshipers and face masks are required NO EXCEPTIONS.



Sacrificial Giving

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH God's Plan For Giving

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INCREASED OFFERINGS

MARCH 21, 2021

Sunday Offering	\$	3,563.00
Sunday Loose	\$	153.00
12:10 Masses	\$	69.00
Parish Membership	\$	766.00
Diocesan Charity	\$	88.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	12.00
Good Friday	\$	10.00
Easter Flowers	\$	558.00
Easter	\$	67.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	90.00
Catholic Relief	\$	187.00
Diocesan Priest Health	\$	70.00
Utilities	\$	5.00
Insurance	\$	485.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	5.00
UnBazaar	\$	20.00
Religious Education	\$	5.00
Catholic Schools	\$	54.00
TOTAL	\$	6,207.00

Mass Count

*4PM—85 10AM—80
12:10PM—65 7PM—65
Weekend Total—295*



Sacrificial Giving

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH God's Plan For Giving

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INCREASED OFFERINGS

MARCH 28, 2021

Sunday Offering	\$	6,349.00
Sunday Loose	\$	138.00
12:10 Masses	\$	53.00
Parish Membership	\$	952.00
Diocesan Charity	\$	85.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	8.00
Holy Thursday	\$	142.00
Good Friday	\$	165.00
Easter Flowers	\$	211.00
Easter	\$	1,565.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	60.00
Catholic Relief	\$	30.00
Diocesan Priest Health	\$	85.00
Home Missions	\$	15.00
Utilities	\$	10.00
UnBazaar	\$	20.00
Initial	\$	10.00
Insurance	\$	149.00
Religious Education	\$	17.00
Catholic Schools	\$	115.00
TOTAL	\$	10,179.00

Mass Count

*4PM—102 10AM—100
12:10PM—75 7PM—90
Weekend Total—367*

A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"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

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual wellbeing. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Masses For The Week

MONDAY- APRIL 5 (MONDAY WITHIN THE

OCTAVE OF EASTER)

12:10PM Eugene Kratz

TUESDAY- 6 (TUESDAY WITHIN THE

OCTAVE OF EASTER)

****NO MASS****

WEDNESDAY- 7 (WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE

OCTAVE OF EASTER)

****NO MASS****

THURSDAY- 8 (THURSDAY WITHIN THE

OCTAVE OF EASTER)

****NO MASS****

FRIDAY-9 (FRIDAY WITHIN THE

OCTAVE OF EASTER)

12:10PM Mary C. Kwak

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

SATURDAY- APRIL 10

4:00PM MASS

SUNDAY- APRIL 11

10:00AM MASS

12:10PM MASS

7:00PM MASS

MISSION STATEMENT

WE, THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, ARE CALLED TO A FOUR*FOLD MISSION:

- TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION REVEALED IN JESUS CHRIST;***
- TO WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH;***
- TO BE TRANSFORMED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE;***
- TO BRING GOD'S JUSTICE AND PEACE TO OTHERS THROUGH SERVICE.***

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

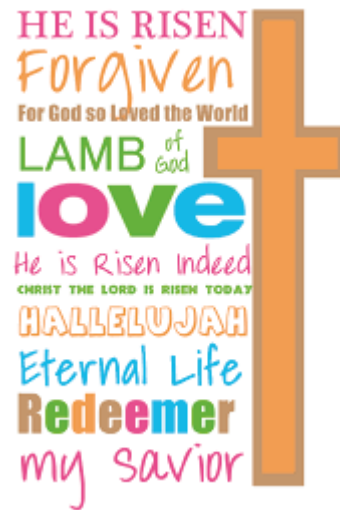
*Good and gracious heavenly Father,
we come before you on this Easter Sunday
with full and grateful hearts for the gift of
the Paschal Mystery that you showed us
in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son,
our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.*

*Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love.
Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you.*

You are God for all.

We ask all this in Christ's name.

Amen.



Wedding Anniversary Mass

The 2021 Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on June 6th, 2021. We hope to offer an in person celebration this year, but the details of that event will be governed by the progress made in reducing risks of Coronavirus. More information about the 2021 Wedding Anniversary Mass, and about how jubilarian couples can register, will be forthcoming in early Spring.



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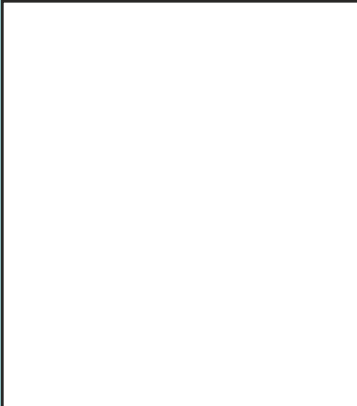
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