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SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021

THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE

ACTS 2:14, 22-33

1 PETER 1:17-21

LUKE 24:13-35

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE

ACTS 2:14, 36-41

1 PETER 2:20-25

JOHN 10:1-10

LORD, GRANT US TO SET YOU
EVER BEFORE OUR EYES.

(responsorial psalm)

LET OUR HEARTS BURN
WITHIN US AS YOUR WORD
IS SHARED;

(gospel reading)

LET OUR TONGUES REJOICE

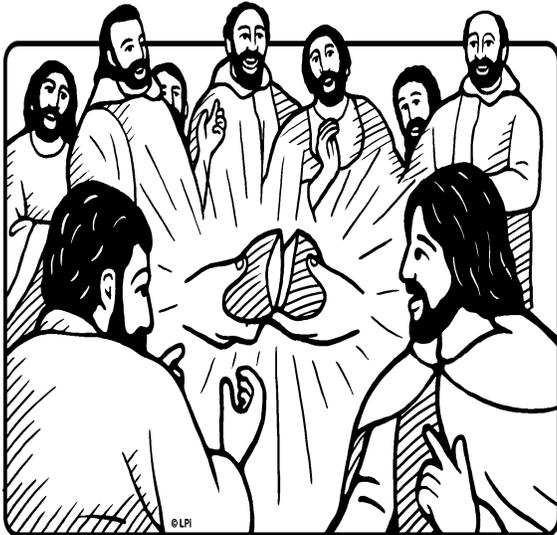
(first reading)

TO PROCLAIM CHRIST RISEN,
SPOTLESS AND UNBLEMISHED
PASCHAL LAMB !

(second reading)

AMEN !

ALLELUIA !



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 18, 2021 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.



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Parish Membership	\$	1,032.00
Diocesan Charity	\$	155.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	2.00
Holy Thursday—Plate	\$	487.00
Holy Thursday-Loose	\$	36.00
Good Friday-Plate	\$	669.00
Good Friday—Loose	\$	24.00
Easter Flowers	\$	158.00
Easter	\$	12,127.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	10.00
Catholic Relief	\$	65.00
Diocesan Priest Health	\$	188.00
Initial	\$	10.00
Insurance	\$	175.00
Human Services	\$	200.00
Home Missions	\$	20.00
Catholic Schools	\$	94.00
TOTAL	\$	18,367.00

Mass Count
Holy Thursday 105
Good Friday 100
Easter Sunday
8PM— 106 10AM - 130 12:10PM— 106



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APRIL 11, 2021

Sunday Offering	\$	3,124.00
Sunday Loose	\$	110.00
12:10 Masses	\$	50.00
Parish Membership	\$	688.00
Diocesan Charity	\$	262.00
Holy Thursday	\$	60.00
Good Friday	\$	5.00
Easter Flowers	\$	30.00
Easter	\$	1,640.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	25.00
Catholic Relief	\$	10.00
Diocesan Priest Health	\$	80.00
Home Missions	\$	15.00
Human Services	\$	30.00
Initial	\$	10.00
Insurance	\$	53.00
Catholic Schools	\$	37.00
TOTAL	\$	6,229.00

Mass Count
4PM— 82 10AM - 70
12:10PM— 70 7PM— 80
Weekend Total— 302



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).

Mass Schedule

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE —IN CHURCH

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

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

Masses For The Week

MONDAY– APRIL 19 (EASTER WEEKDAY)

12:10PM *Clement E. Kisailus*

TUESDAY– 20 (EASTER WEEKDAY)

****NO MASS****

WEDNESDAY– 21 (EASTER WEEKDAY/

ST. ANSELM)

****NO MASS****

THURSDAY– 22 (EASTER WEEKDAY)

****NO MASS****

FRIDAY—23 (EASTER WEEKDAY/

ST. GEORGE/ST. ADALBERT)

12:10PM *Samuel J. Zambeto*

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

SATURDAY– APRIL 24

4:00PM *MASS*

SUNDAY– APRIL 25

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.***

NOTICE TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON:

The Fraternité Notre Dame Community, since its acquisition of the former Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish complex in South Scranton, Pennsylvania in 2020, has generously provided support to the poor, particularly during the course of the current health crisis. The Community, however, describes itself as a Traditional Catholic Religious Order that is not in union with the Pope. As such, it is not a legitimate religious order of the Catholic Church.

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton should not attend Masses nor receive the sacraments provided by the Fraternité Notre Dame Community when Masses are available in nearby Churches of the Diocese. Particularly regarding the sacraments of Confirmation and Marriage, these celebrations would not only be illicit, but also invalid.

COMUNICADO A LOS FIELES CATÓLICOS ROMANOS DE LA DIÓCESIS DE SCRANTON:

La Comunidad de Fraternité Notre Dame, desde que adquirió el antiguo complejo de la parroquia de Santa María de la Asunción en el Sur de Scranton, Pennsylvania en el año 2020, ha brindado generosamente apoyo a los pobres, particularmente durante el curso de la actual crisis de salud. La Comunidad, sin embargo, se describe a sí misma como una Orden Religiosa Católica Tradicional que no está en unión con el Papa. Como tal, no es una orden religiosa legítima de la Iglesia Católica.

Los fieles de la Diócesis de Scranton no deben asistir a las Misas ni recibir los sacramentos proporcionados por la Comunidad Fraternité Notre Dame cuando las Misas están disponibles en las Iglesias cercanas de la Diócesis. Particularmente en lo que respecta a los sacramentos de la Confirmación y el Matrimonio, estas celebraciones no solo serían ilícitas, sino también inválidas.

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.

ST. NICHOLAS CREDIT UNION

Pay attention to your 1stquarter statement and even more IMPORTANT = pay attention to the enclosed flyers with your statement. If you need to think about what to do with your stimulus check, there are some good ideas listed on there for you.

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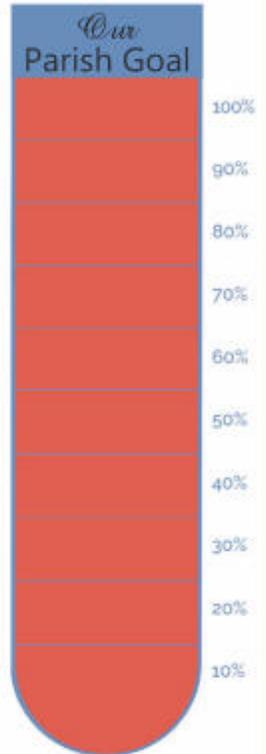
Our deepest thanks to all who give to the poor via our parish poor boxes. God bless you for your Christian generosity.

Thank You for your support!

Thanks to your generous gifts, our parish has reached its goal for the 2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal



For anyone still looking to contribute, gifts can be made at www.AnnualAppeal.org



Goal for
Our Lady of Fatima Parish
set by the Diocese \$44,000.00
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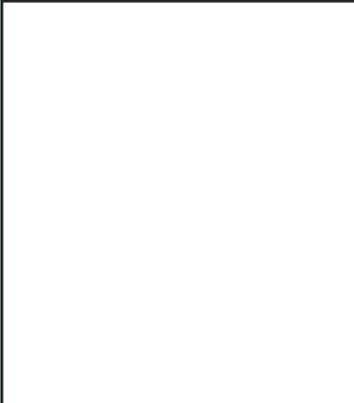
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