

Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024

“Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.” – Colossians 3:1



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-48/Jn 20:1-9

Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tue: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wed: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thu: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Fri: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Sat: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday

(Easter Vigil) –	March 30	8:00 PM	Eudokia Besz (Oleh & Margie Posnachiwsky)
Easter Sunday –	March 31	9:00 AM	John & Mollie Flanagan (Host & Flanagan families)
Monday –	April 1	12:00 PM	Pro defuncto
Tuesday –	April 2	12:00 PM	Pro defuncta
Wednesday –	April 3	12:00 PM	Pro defuncta
Thursday –	April 4	12:00 PM	Mass of Thanksgiving (Anonymous)
Friday –	April 5	12:00 PM	Michael Hibbard (Mom & Dad)
Saturday –	April 6	4:00 PM	Frank Riancho (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	April 7	9:00 AM	Cynthia Schneider (Fran & George Calafut)

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

The great commission given to Peter and the other apostles was to go forth and preach the gospel to all- Jew and Gentile alike. In this passage, Peter is responding to Cornelius, a Roman soldier, with the story of Christ's life and death and great gift for all humankind. This is an appropriate reading for Easter Sunday since all of us are called to spread the message of Jesus Christ raised- even those of us who were once outside.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

It is true: we are reborn in Christ, raised from the dead and brothers and sisters to the Son of God. Our heritage is eternal life, and no longer the corruption of mortality.

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

The initial reaction on the part of Mary Magdalene, as recounted by John, is one of shock that Jesus' body had been removed from the tomb. It was only after a second look, a measure of time to consider, that John realizes that Jesus had risen as foretold. In a sense, this is the way the Church approaches all events in the world- with thoughtfulness informed by tradition. It is easy to react to events with fear and shock or even outrage, all human behaviors, but the Church must wait for the Holy Spirit to work her way through the events before drawing conclusions. At that first Easter morning, a second thoughtful consideration revealed the Truth.



MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-278-4590.

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold & her family, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Aiden Conklin, David Conklin Jr., Debbie Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Mary Ann DeWitt, Philip Donahue, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Dorothy Sergent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen.



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY: Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.



PARISH FINANCES 3/24/2024

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,448.73
<i>Thank you for your generosity & support</i>		

Travelers & Vacationers

Please remember that our parish relies on your contributions, even when you are away. Thanks!!



Sat., March 30th – 8:00PM (Easter Vigil)
 Isaiah Torres
Sunday, March 31st – 9:00AM (Easter)
 Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci
Sunday, April 7th – 9:00AM
 Lee John Sullivan
Sunday, April 14th – 9:00AM
 Albert Paolucci
Sunday, April 21st – 9:00AM
 Lee John Sullivan

Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.

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.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. 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. 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 well-being. 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.

PARISH EVENTS

March 30th/31st – Loose Change Weekend
April 7th – Divine Mercy Sunday

EASTER SCHEDULE

Easter Vigil – March 30th

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00PM

Easter Sunday – March 31st

Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00AM

An Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God,
Our most glorious Creator,
As we greet the signs in nature around us:
Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,
In the songs of returning birds and fields soon
to be planted,
We give you praise for an even greater sign of
new life: the resurrection of your Son, Our
Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate
at this time.

The sadness and despair of his death has
given way to the bright promise of immortality.

For the Resurrection is our guarantee that
justice will triumph over treason, Light will
overcome darkness, and love will conquer
death.

As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your
grace that we may live the promise given to
us,

By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out
to the poor, the marginalized, the least among
us,

As we strive to be neighbor to all those we
meet,

We praise you in this Easter season. Change
our lives, change our hearts to be messengers
of Easter joy and hope.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ,
our risen Lord forever. Amen.

- Fr. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities
USA

Divine Mercy Sunday

(April 7, 2024)

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.

Learn more about St. Faustina:

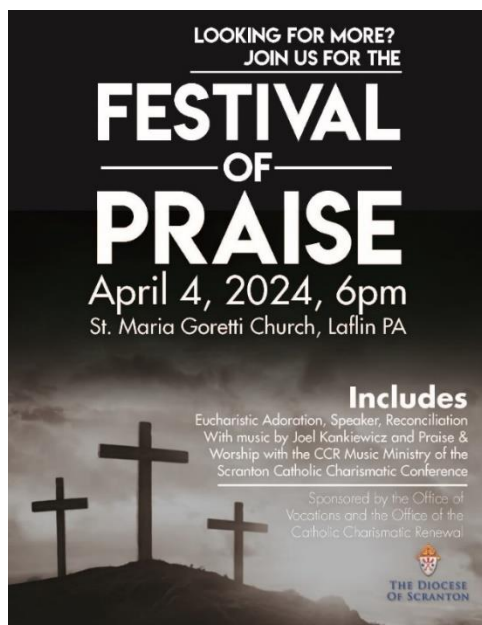
In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

The Chaplet is prayed as follows:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.
2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following: *"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."*
3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following: *"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*
4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.
5. Conclude by reciting three times: *"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Scranton

The Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Scranton has been created. The Catholic Foundation will provide a trusted way for individuals to provide meaningful and lasting impact to sustain Diocesan parishes, schools and agencies for years to come. Donors may contribute cash donations, estate gifts, IRA contributions and gifts into endowment funds that will provide long-term support for the work of the church. Endowment funds will be invested to earn revenue. The principal value of an endowment fund is kept intact, while the investment earnings are distributed for charitable purposes as determined by donors. The new Catholic Foundation will give people an opportunity to support our Catholic faith in perpetuity. Gifts of any size are welcome. The Foundation offers many benefits to you, including assistance and advice tailored to your needs and giving interests and tax advantages of various types of gifts. The Catholic Foundation assets are separate from diocesan funds. No one can appropriate funds from the Foundation for any purpose other than those specified by the donor. Catholic Foundation staff is happy to help you design a gift that meets your personal needs and charitable goals. They can be reached at info@catholicfoundationscranton.org, or (570) 207-2212.



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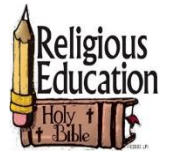
April 4, 2024, 6pm
St. Maria Goretti Church, Laffin PA

Includes
Eucharistic Adoration, Speaker, Reconciliation
With music by Joel Kankiewicz and Praise &
Worship with the CCR Music Ministry of the
Scranton Catholic Charismatic Conference

Sponsored by the Office of
Vocations and the Office of the
Catholic Charismatic Renewal

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00AM Mass.

If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms will be available at the rectory, as well as online on the Holy Name of Mary Church web site under the Religious Education portal.

Religious Education Schedule:

March 24 – Regular Class
March 31 – NO CLASS; HAPPY EASTER!!
April 7 – Regular Class
April 14 – Regular Class
April 21 – Regular Class
April 28 – Regular Class
May 12 – NO CLASS ... Happy Mother's Day!
May 19 – Regular Class, Last Class
ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!!!



Confirmation Corner

Completed Confirmation registration forms are due. Please have your child bring the form to class or drop it off at the rectory in an envelope attention to Fran Calafut.

The following service hour projects have been arranged for Confirmation Candidates. They can participate in any or all of the hours in the area that they may need service hours in. Service is always encouraged beyond the required number of hours. Details about the following hours has been emailed home to parents.

Service hours....Church

Sunday, April 28....11 to 12

Service hours....Community...making Blessing Bags

1. Sunday, April 7...11 to 12
2. Sunday, April 14...11 to 12
3. Sunday, April 21...11 to 12

DATE OF CONFIRMATION MASS IS ... Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at the 9 AM Mass.