

✠ ♦Easter Sunday ♦April 20, 2025♦ ✠

**EASTER SUNDAY – THE RESURRECTION
THE LORD IS RISEN, ALLELUIA ALLELUIA
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Everything happened so quickly, hurtfully so quickly, from Thursday to the fatal Friday. During the rest of the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and the disciples were under the irremediable shock of Jesus' death. All that was left was crying. Who would have guessed of a brutal end? Jesus is no longer, even His dead body is in prison, under surveillance by soldiers in front of the tomb. Recently, in a gesture of gratitude for what He did for her, Mary Magdalene wiped His feet with a precious perfume, a fortune. People around were angry, but to her defense, Jesus made an announcement that happened this morning: "Let her alone, she is perfuming my body in advance, for my burial". Everything became clear this morning. He rose from the dead. Saint John and Saint Mary Magdalene, who were closer to Jesus's heart, were the first to see Him, with the eyes of the faith, The Presence through the absence. All that God asks of us is not proof, it is belief.

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A HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

Thank you to All Parishioners who have been so good to our Parish during Lent and in the past. A special thank you to those who have provided beautiful music to our Liturgy. A heartfelt gratitude to those who have decorated our church, worked in the sacristy, served at Mass, provided soups for soup & scriptures, and especially those who work daily for the well-being of our churches.

WELCOME

To all who are visiting our church these days and for all who pass by, you are most welcome in our midst and know that our Parishioners cherish you. Please, come again.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

The Celebration will be at Our Lady of the Abingtons Church on Sunday April 27. Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament is at 2:45 pm, followed by The Divine Mercy Prayer at 3pm (with confessions meanwhile), then Benediction followed by Mass.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER OF INDULGENCE

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is love and mercy itself. Amen

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AT SML

The Divine Mercy Novena prayers will be recited at 3pm every day at SML starting on Friday April 18th and ending on Saturday April 26th. All are welcome.

**NICHOLSON'S 150TH YEAR CELEBRATION
LUNCH & VINTAGE FASHION SHOW**

The Lunch & Vintage Fashion Show will take place at St. Patrick's Hall on April 27. The lunch will be for sale at Noon and the fashion show will start at 1pm. If you have any vintage clothes or would like to be a model, please call Jane Decker at 570-942-6078. The lunch menu includes hot dogs, cabbage & noodles with kielbasa, chili, beef vegetable soup, beverages & desserts. Eat in or take out.

**CAPUCHIN SISTERS FOOD FUND RAFFLE
THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who supported this raffle. With your support we received \$ 1,930.00 for this very worthwhile cause. Here are the winners: Jean Nash, Mary Peterson, Judy Adams, Cathy Kobesla, Mary Ann Schofield, and Karen Leber. Congratulations to the winners.

ST PAT'S CLOTHES CLOSET

Now that Lent is over it is time to leave our 40 items for the clothes closet under cover at the lower level of St. Patrick's Church Hall. We appreciate all donations. If you have any questions, please call Jane Decker at 570-942-6078.

EARTH DAY SLEEPING BAG EVENT AT SP

On April 26 we will be making sleeping bags for our homeless neighbors at St. Pat's parish hall from 10am to 3pm. We are currently in need of blankets, fleece & fabric, comforters, men's ties, and toiletries! You can leave them in the blue barrel in front of the Parish Hall. Contact Joan at 570-468-6903.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANK YOU

Many thanks to all the parishioners who supported the Knights of Columbus' Easter Flower Sale fundraiser. The proceeds directly support our parish activities and local charitable services.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

April 26 & 27

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Diane Fitzpatrick

9:00am (SML) Andrea Walsh

11 am (SP) Chris Stutzman

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Judy Zipay

9:00am (SML) Steve Zdaniewicz

11 am (SP) Liz Dempsey

Altar Servers

11am (SP) Corinne Flynn

Shadow – Nolan Matulevich

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

April 24 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30 pm

April 26 – Sleeping Bag Event at SP, 10 am to 3 pm

SP/OLA & SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

April 27 – Class

May 4 – Last day of Class

SPRING SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

SML-OLA-SP

April 26 - First Penance OLA 2:30 PM

April 27 - Confirmation Practice at Nativity,
Tunkhannock 1PM

April 28 - Confirmation Nativity, Tunkhannock 6:30
PM, students arrive at 5:30

May 1 - First Holy Communion Practice SP 6PM

May 3 - First Holy Communion SP 11AM

May 4 – May Crowning of Mary at Mass SML 9am

May 4 - May Crowning of Mary at Mass SP 11am

Please pray for all the students who are receiving these Holy Sacraments. God bless them & hold them near.

OPEN INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS

There are 8 students from SP, OLA, SML receiving their Confirmation on 4/28/2025 at 6:30 PM. This mass is being celebrated by Bishop Bambara at Nativity in Tunkhannock. All are invited to participate in this celebration with our Confimandi. If you are not able to attend, please pray for our students as they prepare for this momentous occasion of receiving the Holy Spirit to help guide them in their lives. Also, please pray for the students who will be receiving First Penance & First Communion.

ST. PATRICK BINGO ANNOUNCEMENT

Bingo will begin on Thursday June 12. As always, help will be needed in the kitchen & with bingo. Come out & share the fun & good food. For info please call Rita at 570-575-9874.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (April 22) Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am (OLA) Vito Shimkus

By Patrick Ratchford

Wednesday (April 23) Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am (SP) Health & Blessings for Joyce Spencer

By Liz Dempsey

Thursday (April 24) Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am (SML) George & Jenny Billings

By James Billings

Saturday (April 26) Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday

4:00 pm (OLA) Chester Lowrie Sr.

By Angie Gambini

Sunday (April 27) Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 am (SML) Bob & Bootsie Gaffney

By Maureen Gaffney

11:00 am (SP) Peace in Ukraine

By Joan Kupetsky

The Pascal Candle at St Patrick's Church

Donated in memory of Joan Peters by Barbara Kelly

Sanctuary Candle at SP

Burning this week – Peace in the Ukraine

By Joan Kupetsky

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS FOR 2 WEEKS)

SP Weekly \$ 3,872.00 Loose \$ 227.35

OLA Weekly \$ 4,433.00 Loose \$ 91.00

SML Weekly \$ 2,965.00 Loose \$ 179.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

1. We are accepting donations for our end-of-year party and awards! Please feel free to leave a treat we can use at our party in SP/OLA churches or at the office. Any donation is greatly appreciated. The kids have worked so hard this year!

2. We are continuing to collect baby items (diapers, wipes, bath items, etc) now thru May 4th in honor of our Holy Mother Mary. Our students will present them at Mass on 5/4 and donate the items to St. Joseph's Center.

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

The clothes closet will open on May 14. We will be setting up from Monday May 5 till Thursday May 8. We need helpers on those days starting at 1pm.

SAINT'S INTERACTIONS WITH HOLY COMMUNION

St. Secondo, before dying, received Communion from a dove. St. John Chrysostom witnessed Angels in the form of humans, adoring Our Lord at Mass.

St. Oswald (bishop): "...An Angel would assist him at Mass and make all necessary answers".