✠ ♦Divine Mercy Sunday ♦April 12, 2026♦ ✠

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

This Sunday is called Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy or Low Sunday or Quadragesimo Sunday or Octave Day of Easter or Thomas Sunday or White Sunday. Each of the above-mentioned names has a history behind it.The Church is created or born from Jesus' Resurrection.

Let us come back to Jesus in today's gospel (and also Thomas). Jesus is always at the center of the gospel. And when He has said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive The Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained". What a HUGE responsibility Jesus gives His Church! (because of the power that Jesus gave His Apostles/Church, we use this opportunity to mention-just to mention-an important document in the Church called Enchiridion, Denzinger and Schonmetzer). Thomas was still stuck on the image of Good Friday. He was living with a three-day delay. Let us ask ourselves: Don't we also live with a three-day delay? Don't we leave most of the time turned towards the past rather than the present or even the future? God is not in the past. Let's turn our inner clock into God's time.

Finally, on this Sunday of Divine Mercy, prayers for the plenary indulgence are offered today led by Priests after Masses.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

The Celebration will be at Our Lady of the Abingtons Church today Sunday April 12. Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament is at 2:45 pm, followed by The Divine Mercy Prayer at 3pm (with confessions meanwhile), then Benediction. This year there will be no Mass after the Divine Mercy Prayer.

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

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION CORSAGE FUNDRAISER FOR ST. PATRICK CHURCH

The tradition of giving carnations on Mother's Day began in the early 1900s, when the flower was chosen to symbolize a mother's lasting love. Over time, carnations have come to honor all mothers—those living and those remembered. In keeping with this meaningful tradition, St. Pat's Parish will offer carnation corsages with 2 carnations, baby's breath & fern for $10 or 3 for $25 on Mother's Day as a fundraiser. Please consider participating as a way to honor the mothers in your life while also supporting St. Pat's parish. We will be taking orders on the weekends of April 18th/19th and April 25th/26th at all three churches.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, or 50th wedding anniversary in 2026 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 28, 2026. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a light reception.

The registration deadline for this event is Sunday, June 7, 2026. To register, please go to https://www.dioceseofscranton.org or contact Bridget Maille at (570) 207-2213 x 1133 or familylife@dioceseofscranton.org.

QUEEN OF HEAVEN

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

April 18 & 19

Eucharistic Ministers
4 pm (OLA) Barbara Williamson
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) Greg & Nicole
9:00am (SML) Nick Migliori
11 am (SP) 4th Grade Class

Altar Servers
4 pm (OLA) – Jace Biglin
11am (SP) – Corinne Flynn
Shadow – Emma Evans

UPCOMING MEETNGS & EVENTS

Apr 13 – Altar & Rosary mtg. at SML, 5:30pm
Apr 14 – PPC meeting at OLA Hall, 6pm
Apr 16 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm
Apr 16 - Bingo at SP, Doors open at 5pm, Bingo 6pm
Apr 25 – FFF First Confession at OLA, 2:45pm

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Donations needed - please consider donating for our end of the year party for the students of SP/OLA family faith formation program. We are in need of treats for the kids, gift cards are welcome for our team to pick up goodies, and end of the year awards. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.
Julie Harvatine – jwharv03@gmail.com.
4/19/26 - Class
4/25/26 - First Penance OLA 2:45
4/26/26 - Class
4/30/26 - First Holy Communion Practice OLA 5 PM
5/2/2026 - First Holy Communion OLA 11 AM

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Kerry Pieretti – redlightgreen343@gmail.com
April 19 Class
April 25 Saturday 2:45 First Reconciliation OLA
April 26 Class

PASCHAL CANDLE

The Pascal Candle, a symbol of the presence of The Risen Christ among the people of God, remains in the sanctuary, near the altar or ambo, through Vespers on Pentecost Sunday. Its use is encouraged at all liturgical celebrations, especially Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (April 14) Easter Weekday
8:00am (OLA) Bill & Zora Velicky
By Liz Dempsey

Wednesday (April 15) Easter Weekday
8:00am (SP) Thanksgiving & Blessings for Fr. Arbo
By Morning Mass Group

Thursday (April 16) Easter Weekday
8:00 am (SML) Sue Migliori
By Rick & Mary Lou Franko

Saturday (April 18) The Vigil of The Third Sunday of Easter
4:00 pm (OLA) Armen Gnepp
By Tracey, Mary Jane, Diane, Linda, And Maria

Sunday (April 19) The Third Sunday of Easter
9:00 am (SML) Health & Blessings for Deacon Ray Pieretti
By St. Mary's Choir
11:00 am (SP) Frank Dalton
By MaryAnn Mulfino

Sanctuary Candle at SML
Burning this week for Nancy McLain
By Dorothy Trauger

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly $ 2,084.00 Loose $ 264.00
OLA Weekly $ 2,179.00 Loose $ 272.00
SML Weekly $ 1,695.00 Loose $ 337.00

May the Lord reward your generosity

EARTHDAY SLEEPING BAG EVENT

On Saturday, April 18th, The Sleeping Bag Project will be at St Patrick Parish Hall from 10AM to 3PM making sleeping bags for our homeless neighbors. Join us for the day, or just an hour to participate. You may also drop off donations that day or place them in the barrel outside the hall. Needed items are: blankets, fabric, sheets, ties, and comforters. For further information, call Joan at 570-468-6903.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council and Coordinating Teams will meet on Tuesday April 14, 2026, at 6:00 in the OLA Hall.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Servant of God, Martha Robin (great mystic of our time), she lived on the Eucharist alone for 53 years. (I am willing to talk to any Parishioner about Martha Robin).