

✠ ♦Easter Sunday ♦March 31, 2024 ♦ ✠

CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA HE IS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

Easter is the most important solemnity in our Church: "If Christ didn't rise from the dead, vain is our faith" (1 Cor 15,14). We celebrate Easter in 50 days, with an Octave. It's the conclusion of the celebrations of the Holy Week. The perfect opportunity of the renewal of our baptismal promises. It's the fulfillment of God's promise to His people. Christ manifested Himself for 40 days after His Resurrection.

A-The gospels:

In Matthew (28,1-9): Mary Magdalene and the other women went to the tomb and met Him, asking them to tell His Disciples to go to Gallilee where they will meet Him.

In Mark (16,1-9): Mary, mother of James, and Salome, going to the tomb to anoint Him with burial ointments, saw a young man in white (an Angel), who announced to them that He is risen.

In Luke (24,1-9, and 24,13-33): Early in the morning, some holy women went to the tomb, and saw (terrified) an Angel who asked them: "Why are you looking for The Living One among the dead?"
Then, in the evening, with the Disciples of Emmaus (masterpiece of the Gospel).

In John (20,1-24): Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and was commissioned by Jesus to Peter and John, becoming thus the Apostle of the Apostles.

Then 8 days later, by the lakeside.

B- Brief history of the dates of Easter:

In the beginning and until the 2nd Century, Easter was celebrated near the date of the Jewish feast of Passover in order to replace it and MOSTLY to make a transition. Thus, the theology of the 8th Day (Sunday). Then came the Council of Nicea where it was decided that Easter coincides with springtime (between March 22 and April 23). Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 decreed that a new calendar be used (people went to bed on October 5th and woke up the next day on October 15th). This caused a friction with Orthodox Churches, who celebrate Easter 11 days apart. The 2d Vatican Council suggested to have a fixed date (with the condition of working with Orthodox Churches on this).

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We witnessed a full reception of Georgene and Ashley in our Church during the Holy Saturday Mass. Our gratitude goes out to their sponsors Jean Nash, Marie Packer for Georgene and Greg Monetta for Ashley. A special thank you to Greg and Lucy, their RCIA teachers. We also need volunteers either to renew our RCIA team or to add more instructors.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AT SML

The Divine Mercy Novena prayers will be recited at 3pm every day at SML starting on Friday March 29 and ending on Saturday April 6. All are welcome.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

The Celebration will be at Our Lady of the Abingtons Church on Sunday April 7. 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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The PPC will be meeting on Monday April 8 at OLA hall at 6:30pm to continue to develop our pastoral plan using the needs identified in each of the 4 pillars of a vibrant parish (Work, Worship, Community & Service) and our next steps.

**PASCHAL HOMILY BY
ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

By descending into Hell, Jesus made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of the flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry. Hell, he said, was embittered when it encountered Thee in the lower regions. It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face.....

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

April 6 & 7 Divine Mercy Sunday

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Len Peters

9:00am (SML) Bob Andrews

11 am (SP) Cynthia Singer

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Becky Mozelesky

9 am (SML) Stephen Zdaniewicz

11 am (SP) Maria Perez

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Apr 1 – Disciples of Mary at SML, Rosary 6:45p

Apr 2 – Legion of Mary at OLA, 9am

Apr 4 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm

Apr 8 – Parish Pastoral Council mtg.-OLA, 6:30p

ST PAT/OLA CCD SCHEDULE

4/7/24 CCD

4/14/24 CCD

SML CCD SCHEDULE

4/7/24 CCD

4/14/24 CCD

If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Pieretti redlightgreen343@gmail.com

SPRING SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

First Penance Sat. April 6, 2024, 3pm at OLA

First Holy Communion Sat May 4, 2024, 11 am at SML

Confirmation Sun. May 19, 2024, 3pm at SML

EARTH DAY SLEEPING BAG EVENT

On April 20 we will be making sleeping bags for our homeless neighbors. 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. The Earth Day event will celebrate 43 years of My Brother's Keeper Quilt Group, and we will have Basket Raffles to help deliver sleeping bags in NEPA and beyond. Contact Joan @ 570-468-6903 if you would like to Donate a Basket or help plan this event. We are going to be in the hall from 9 – 4 on April 20.

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 the Church Hall. We appreciate all donations.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (April 2) Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am (OLA) Richard James

By Joyce Spencer & Family

Wednesday (April 3) Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 am (SP) Health & Blessings for Ron & Marcine Carpenetti

By Clarence & Genevieve Evans

Thursday (April 4) Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a, (SML) Charlotte Adams

By Chris Adams

Saturday (April 6) Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday

4:00 pm (OLA) Deceased Members of the Caporelli Family

By Bob & Andrea Walsh

Sunday (April 7) Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 am (SML) Marjorie du Fosse

By Paul & Ellen Wengen

11:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of the Marrazzo & Riccardo Families

By John & Pat Abbiate Marrazzo

The Pascal Candle at St Patrick's Church

Is donated in memory of Joan Peters by Barbara Kelly

SP Weekly \$ 2,375.00 Loose \$ 187.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,804.00 Loose \$ 36.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,015.00 Loose \$ 119.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

THANK YOU

We thank the donors who paid for the Pascal Candles for our churches this year. May God reward you for your generosity.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Our Lady of the Abingtons lost one of our parishioners, Ann Dickinson. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the consolation of her loved ones.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Would you help your parish reach its goal for the Diocesan Annual Appeal?

St. Pat's Goal: \$9,000

Raised: \$6,645

OLA Goal: \$16,000

Raised: \$ 8,340

SML Goal: \$12,000

Raised: \$7,860

Thank you to all who contributed and will contribute to this worthy cause.