

HOLY WEEK

With a few images in mind, let us try to capture Jesus' last week; let us try to see Him acting and people acting around Him. People shout: "Blessed is The King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest". Then comes the Last Supper. And a few hours after, He hears something else: "Crucify Him, Crucify Him". But before, He puts back the ear of the high priest's servant who just had his ear cut off by Peter. Peter swears to follow Him even in prison or in death, then abandons Him. The other disciples did likewise. In the midst of all this, He asks His Father to forgive them. If there is one phrase to remember in the middle of all this, it will be: "... and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers".

"Once you will be back", that is also for us: back from our errors, from our doubts, from our wanderings, from our intellectual spinning with the truth, from our selfishness; when you will get back to Love, to true love, "strengthen your brothers", that means help them to be strong, help them to be ready for the Resurrection.

**LENTEN THEME & DAILY PRAYER
FOR THIS YEAR**

"Lord, If You Remember Our Sins, Who Will Be Saved". (from Ps 130).

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES FOR LENT

Nativity BVM—Mon. 4/14 at 6pm

LENT AND LENTEN REGULATIONS

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY: These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat (or one full meal between the age of 18 and 59 inclusive).

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The PPC and Coordinating Teams met this week to continue developing action steps for the Pastoral Plan. We have identified some focus groups and will continue to plan how we will gather more information from parishioners at our next workshop. The next meeting will be May 6 @ 6:30 in the OLA Hall.

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.

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.

SML, SP & OLA EASTER DECORATION

Decoration of the altar at SML will take place on Good Friday at 2pm (after the 1pm service). Decoration of the altar at SP will take place on Good Friday at 1pm.

Decoration of the altar at OLA will take place on Good Friday at about 4pm (after SML). We welcome all who wish to help.

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HOLY THURSDAY:

Mass of the Last Supper

At St. Pat, 6pm

Washing of the feet

Repository

Night Prayer at 9pm

GOOD FRIDAY:

Celebration of the Passion

At SML, 1pm

Reading of the Passion

Veneration of the Cross

General Intercessions

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Easter Baskets

At OLA, 9 am

At SML, 10 am

At St. Pat, 11 am

EASTER VIGIL

At OLA, 8pm

Easter Paschal Candle

Individual Candle

Exultet

Glory to God (finally)

Alleluia Song (finally)

Renewal of our baptismal promises

Ite Missa Est, Alleluia

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass of Resurrection

At OLA, 8am

At SML, 9:30am

At St Pat, 11am

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

April 17 to 20

Eucharistic Ministers

Holy Thursday

6 pm (SP) Jill D'Antoni, Sue Stutzman, Michele Zajac

Good Friday

1 pm (SML) Len Nash

Holy Saturday

8 pm (OLA) Andrea Walsh, Nikki Weisenfluh,

Easter Sunday

8 am (OLA) Barbara Williamson
9:30 am (SML) Carm Williams, Sean Pieretti
11 am (SP) Michele Zajac, Cynthia Singer

Musicians

6 pm (SP) Holy Thursday – Maria Fay
1 pm (SML) Good Friday – Danny Williams
8 pm (OLA) Holy Saturday - Maria Fay
8 am (OLA) Easter Sunday - Maria Fay
9:30 am (SML) Easter Sunday – Danny Williams
11 am (SP) Easter Sunday - Maria Fay

Lectors

Holy Thursday

6 pm (SP) Jim Soltis, Judy Zipay, Liz Dempsey

Good Friday

1 pm (SML) Nicole & Greg, MaryAnn Mulfino, Lucy Ziman

Holy Saturday

8 pm (OLA) Maria Perez, Sabia Naro, Judy Zipay, Liz Dempsey

Easter Sunday

8 am (OLA) Nicole & Greg
9:30 am (SML) Don Ames, Chase Newhart
11 am (SP) Holly Harvatine, Barry Singer

Altar Servers

11am (SP) Corinne Flynn
Shadow – Emma Evans

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

April 18 – Church office will be closed
April 24 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30 pm

SP/OLA & SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

April 20 – No Class – Happy Easter
April 27 – Class

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.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

There was a funeral at OLA this past week for Carol Van Fleet. Please pray for the repose of her soul & the consolation of her loved ones.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (April 15) Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00 am (OLA) Florence Hoch

By Janet Motyka

Wednesday (April 16) Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00 am (SP) Bill Waters

By Bill Waters Estate

Thursday (April 17) Holy Thursday

8:00 am (SP) Pat Webster

By Sue, Gary, Linda & Family

Saturday (April 19) Holy Saturday

4:00 pm (OLA) Stanley Majaika

By Rita & Tony Sandy

Sunday (April 20) Easter Sunday

8:00 am (OLA) David Gruss

By Jim & Marlene Cours

9:30 am (SML) Parker & Theresa Wall

By Pat Wall

11:00 am (SP) Joan Peters

By Barbara Kelly

Sanctuary Candle at SP

Burning this week - Easter Blessings for Norma Centeno

By Joan Kupetsky

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly OLA Weekly SML Weekly

Unavailable this week.

May the Lord reward your generosity.

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

1. CONGRATULATIONS to Albert Davis V, Kali Harvatine, Jaden Solfanelli, and Luke Zipprich in receiving the Bishop's Youth Award this year. Thank you for all you do for your parishes and community.
2. We're still collecting baby items for St. Joe Center.

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

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

SAINT'S LIFE WITH THE EUCHARIST

Saint Ludwine of Schiedam: A priest, in order to test her (she had many mystical gifts), gave her an unconsecrated host, but she immediately perceived that it was merely bread. "Your Reverence, will you please give me another host" she said, "for that you have in your hand is not Jesus Christ".