

INTRODUCTION

The episode described in today's gospel by Saint Luke took place on the evening of Easter, 2 disciples going back home from Jerusalem to Emmaus, encounter on the way a Mysterious Traveler, who not only instructed them, but interestingly also knew very well everything about the Messiah. "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures". As soon as they discovered who this Mysterious Traveler was, at the breaking of the bread, He vanished at their sight. Another surprise is that the 2 disciples returned to Jerusalem to announce to the 11 that they saw Jesus, and again He appeared to them along with the 11. We are today the beneficiaries of the witnessing of the Apostles. Jesus never refuses to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask. The disciples passed on to us what they received. We need to pass onto the following generations what we have received; it's an obligation to pass onto the next generations what we have received, not what we want, or like, or dislike, but only what we have received.

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING NEWS

The PPC met this week. The first order of business was to discuss a Feast Day for each of our churches. OLA and St. Patrick's already have established Feast Days (OLA Aug. 15 and St. Patrick's March 17). We worked as a group to look for a date that would honor St. Mary of the Lake's devotion to Mary. It was found that the present church was dedicated on Dec 8, 1956. Since this is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, it was chosen as the Feast Day for St. Mary of the Lake. We also discussed how we will be writing goals and action steps for our Pastoral Plan. More information will be shared in the coming months as our plan is coming into shape. We will be meeting in smaller committees this month to write goals. Our next whole group meeting is May 7 @ 6:30 in the OLA hall.

PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCILS MEETING

The Finance Councils of our 3 Churches will be meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 PM at OLA Hall. Information will be shared on the physical aspects of our Parishes followed by an open discussion with Q&A.

CHAPEL POTLUCK LUNCHEON

All our parishioners are welcome to the St Pio Adoration Chapel Potluck luncheon on Sunday May 5 at OLA church hall. The doors open at 12:30pm with lunch beginning at 1:15. Call the church office at 570-563-1622 with any questions. There are sign-up sheets at each church.

PARISH ADORATION AT SML

In Matthew 26,40, we read: When Jesus returned to His disciples, He found them asleep. He said to Peter: 'So you could not keep watch with me for an hour'. Thus, instituting the Hour of Adoration. Next Sunday April 21 at 3 pm, all Parishioners (from our 3 Parishes) are invited for an hour of adoration at SML from 3 to 4pm in response to the National Eucharistic Revival. Exposition is at 3 pm, followed by the rosary, Adoration and Benediction at 4 pm.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

In honor of the National Eucharistic Revival, our 3 Parishes will be showcasing a Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit this Sunday, April 14th from 12:00-2:00pm at St Patrick's Church Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Please plan on attending to strengthen your understanding of our Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATION AND QUO VADIS REGISTRATION

The World Day of Prayer for Vocation this year is Sunday April 21st. Registration is now open for the annual 3-day summer camp Quo Vadis Days for the high school men and for the FIRST time the FIAT DAYS for high school women on June 24-26 at Marywood University. Please, register at: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/vocation/quo-vadis-fiat-days-registration-pages/>.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

April 20 & 21

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Danny Williams Jr.

9:00am (SML) Brandon Pieretti

11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Lisa Janoski

9 am (SML) Nick Migliori

11 am (SP) Nicole & Greg

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Apr 16 – Financial Councils Meeting OLA, 6:30pm

Apr 16 – Legion of Mary at OLA, 9am

Apr 17 - Choir Practice at SML, 6:30 pm

Apr 18 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm

Apr 20 – Sleeping Bag Event SP, 9am to 4pm

ST PAT/OLA CCD NEWS

We are collecting treats and drinks for the SP/OLA end of year CCD party!

Congratulations to the St. Patrick's students receiving the Bishop's Youth Award this Sunday April 14th at the Cathedral during a special Mass. Carissa Flynn, Holly Harvatine, and Stephen Jervis are exceptional role models and always eager to help in our parish community.

ST PAT, OLA, SML CCD SCHEDULE

4/21/24 CCD

4/28/24 CCD

SPRING SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

First Holy Communion Sat May 4, 2024, 11am 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (April 16) Easter Weekday

8:00 am (OLA) Wassil Sobolosky

By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczak

Wednesday (April 17) Easter Weekday

8:00 am (SP) Magdaline Sliwinski

By Pat Moots

Thursday (April 18) Easter Weekday

8:00 a, (SML) Marlene Matosky

By Susan Barziloski

Saturday (April 20) Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm (OLA) Barbara Petrosky

By Mary Ann Ketchur

Sunday (April 21) The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am (SML) Bootsy & Bob Gaffney

By Maureen Gaffney

11:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of the Kashuba Family

By The Kashuba Family

SP Weekly \$ 2,430.00 Loose \$ 90.30 Easter \$ 691.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,963.00 Loose \$ 86.00 Easter \$ 525.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,246.00 Loose \$ 55.00 Easter \$ 100.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

DURING THE EASTER SEASON

(Instead of the Angelus, the church says the following prayer, Regina Caeli. A partial indulgence is granted the faithful Christian who devoutly recites this prayer during this Easter Season).

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia For Christ, your Son and Son of God, has risen as He said, alleluia Pray to God for us, alleluia.

V/. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R/. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. God of life, you have given joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of His mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen

DISCIPLES OF MARY MEETING

The next meeting of the Disciples of Mary will take place on Monday May 6 at 6:45pm at SML for the May Crowning of our Blessed Virgin Mary.

ST PAT'S CLOTHES CLOSET

Donations of clothing, shoes, linens, misc. can be left on the lower level of the hall. Please consider being a volunteer. For bigger donations or to volunteer call Jane Decker 570-942-6078.