

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Since time immemorial, the Church has always read on the Second Sunday of Easter, the gospel of St John. On this page of the Resurrection, the Apostle Thomas is mentioned on the 8th Day after Jesus's Resurrection, thus the famous theology of the Eighth Day (this denotes a new creation, accomplished by Christ).

This Second Sunday of Easter throughout history had had different names. It was called: Second Sunday of Easter (which ends with the celebration of Evening Prayer- Vespers), Octave Day of Easter, White Sunday, Quasimodo Sunday, Bright Sunday, Low Sunday, and most recently, Divine Mercy Sunday. On May 5, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments proclaimed this Second Sunday of Easter also as Divine Mercy Sunday. As listed in the "Duties of Priests" in the plenary indulgence decree, Priests should lead the prayers for the plenary indulgence that are offered today after Mass.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

The singing parts of the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be performed by Maria Fay. The Celebration will be at Our Lady of the Abingtons Church this 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

Save the Date! In honor of the National Eucharistic Revival, our 3 Parishes will be showcasing a Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit next 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!

SAVE THE DATE

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. Next weekend there will be sign-up sheets at each church.

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 (Word, Worship, Community & Service) and our next steps.

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.

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/>.

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE SING4LIFE EVENT

Come enjoy the annual Sing4Life Event on Thursday April 18 at 6pm at St. Mary's Center 320 Mifflin Ave in Scranton. Enjoy a wide array of desserts as we celebrate life. Take part in a panel discussion featuring a brilliant panel of college students. Relax and enjoy a great night with amazing live music. Tickets are \$10 each and can be ordered online at prolifescranton.org/event/sing-for-life/ or call 570-343-3099. Students, kindergarten through college are free.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

April 13 & 14

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Carmel Williams

9:00am (SML) Len Nash

11 am (SP) Michele Zajac

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Judy Zipay

9 am (SML) Paul Wengen

11 am (SP) Holly Harvatine

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Apr 8 – Mass for Annunciation of the Lord, OLA 8am

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

Apr 9 – Legion of Mary at OLA, 9am

Apr 10 - Choir Practice at SML, 6:30 pm

Apr 11 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm

Apr 14 – Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit SP, 12-2pm

ST PAT/OLA & SML CCD SCHEDULE

4/14/24 CCD

4/21/24 CCD

4/28/24 CCD

SPRING SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

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

Spring, Clothes Closet, donations, volunteering are just around the corner!

As usual donations of clothing, shoes, linens, misc. can always be left on the lower level of the hall. For bigger donations or to volunteer call Jane Decker 570.942.6078.

We will be getting together early May to set up racks, tables and to start sorting.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday (April 8) The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00am (OLA) Ann Dickinson

By Liz Dempsey

Tuesday (April 9) Easter Weekday

8:00 am (OLA) Special Intention

By Mary Ann Mulfino

Wednesday (April 10) Easter Weekday

8:00 am (SP) Kevin Nowalk

By Carl & Pat Carpenter

Thursday (April 11) St. Stanislaus, Bishop &

Martyr

8:00 a, (SML) Health & Blessings for Liz Dempsey

By Clarence & Genevieve Evans

Saturday (April 13) Vigil of the Third Sunday of

Easter

4:00 pm (OLA) Florence Hoch

By Janet Motyka

Sunday (April 14) The Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 am (SML) Theresa & Parker Wall

By Pat Wall

11:00 am (SP) Health & Blessings for Sarah Debree

By Clarence & Genevieve Evans

SP Weekly \$ 1,269.00 Loose \$ 469.00 Easter \$ 2,268.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,829.00 Loose \$ 155.00 Easter \$ 2,964.00

SML Weekly \$ 795.00 Loose \$ 347.00 Easter \$ 2,240.00

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