

## Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-  
Friday ~ 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday ~ no daily Mass

### Adoration

Monday ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal instruction offered at  
7:00 p.m. on the  
third Tuesday of every month.  
Call the office to register.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday ~ 5:00 ~ 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday ~ 3:00 ~ 3:30 p.m.  
Anytime by appointment.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Arranged at least six months  
in advance

### Pastoral Care of the Sick

Notify the parish office  
whenever someone ill,  
hospitalized, or homebound  
wishes to receive Communion.

### RCIA

Mondays ~ 7:00 p.m.

### Parish Membership

New parishioners are  
always welcome  
Please call the parish office  
to register.

### Knights of Columbus Council 14329

### Parish Council

Rita Clayton  
Deb Steinbacher  
Paul Moerschbacher  
Jamie Wieder  
Mary Etta Legarski  
Sharon O'Malley  
Keith Kuzio  
Colleen Brown  
Kaycie Gerrity

### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.  
Thursday—OFFICE CLOSED  
Friday: 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



*I am the Resurrection and the Life*

### Mission Statement

We are a Christian Community rooted in Word and Sacrament  
striving to fulfill our Baptismal commitment  
by following the example and teaching of Christ.  
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we endeavor to pass on our faith,  
through the Roman Catholic Tradition, to the next generation  
for the greater glory of God.

## **Holy Lent: Nourishing Body and Soul**



Please join our Lenten Adult Faith Formation Series, to be held on **Wednesday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m.** We will hold a discussion over dinner focused on the Real Presence in the Eucharist. Call or email the office for more information or to sign up for the dinner.

### **At Lazarus' Tomb**

As we draw near to the end of Lent, today's Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view.

That's why John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary—that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial (see **John 12:3, 7**). His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will “die with Him” if they go back.

When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering—all details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb (see **John 20:1, 6, 7**).

Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for “dead men”—for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death.

John even recalls the blind man in his account today (see **John 11:37**). Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal “the glory of God” (see **John 9:3**). And again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe (see **John 11:40**).

If we believe, we will see—that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life.

By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in today's First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in today's Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin.

Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in today's Gospel—that Jesus is the resurrection and the life—even if we die, we will live.

“I have promised and I will do it,” the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in today's Psalm—that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.

Scott Hahn

### **The Practical Catholic**

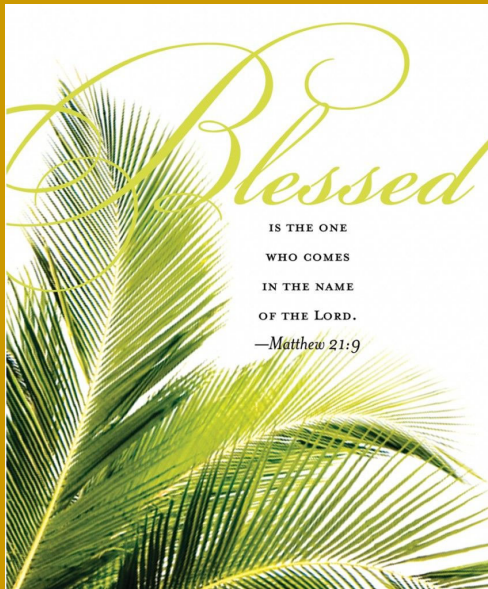
Take advantage of our parish's social events! We have lots of opportunities in our parish to get to know one another. Don't hurry out after Mass; stay and meet someone new. Join a committee or group that interests you. Volunteer your time for an upcoming event even if you can't attend all of it. No matter your age or talents, there is a place for you in our parish community!



### **Praying the Stations of the Cross As a Family**

Please join us for Family Stations of the Cross on **Friday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m.** The evening will begin with a Lenten meal in the parish hall, followed by the Way of the Cross for Children. Sign up sheets are at the entrances of the church, or call or email the parish office to sign up.

# Holy Week and Triduum Schedule



## SIGNS & PRACTICES OF PASSIONTIDE

The last two weeks of Lent are called Passiontide. The word passion designates complete involvement, a total pouring out, or a complete spending of oneself.

- ✚ Both outdoor and indoor crosses are draped in purple.
- ✚ After Palm Sunday, crucifixes are removed from sight until after the adoration of the Cross on Good Friday.
- ✚ All leave Palm Sunday Mass silently as a reminder that the prayerful focus on Holy Week has begun.
- ✚ Holy Thursday procession to the Altar of Repose is made with complete reverence.
- ✚ The Lord instituted the Holy Priesthood with the washing of the feet, which signifies service and humility.
- ✚ The drama of the Easter Vigil Mass is unmatched, with the procession following the Paschal Candle, signifying the Risen Christ, the return of the Gloria and Alleluia, and the reception of our newest brothers and sisters.
- ✚ The great (and long-awaited) renewal of our Baptismal Promises.

### Palm Sunday

*With palms in hand, we enter Jerusalem. Our voices become part of the first proclamation of the Passion.*

#### Masses

- **Saturday, April 1**  
4:00 p.m. (Procession)
- **Sunday, April 2**  
8:00 a.m. (No Procession)  
10:30 a.m. (Procession)

### Monday of Holy Week

#### Mass

- **April 3 at 9:00 a.m.**—Mass
- **“The Light is On for You!”**  
There will be Eucharistic Adoration, and Father Mike will be available to hear confessions from **5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

### Tuesday of Holy Week

#### Mass

- **April 4 at 9:00 a.m.**—Mass

#### Chrism Mass

**Tuesday, April 4 at 4:00 p.m.**  
Priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly vows before the Bishop, and the oils to be used for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed.

### Wednesday of Holy Week

#### Mass

- **April 5 at 9:00 a.m.**—Mass
- **Deanery Penance Service** at St. Boniface Church at 6:00 p.m.

### Holy Thursday

*The Lord institutes the Eucharist. He also, as a servant washing the feet of the Apostles, institutes the Holy Priesthood. We symbolically process with Him to the Garden of Olives (Gethsemane).*

#### Mass

- **April 6 at 6:00 p.m.**  
*\*Bring Bells for the Gloria!\**  
**Eucharistic Adoration until Night Prayer at 10:30 p.m.**

### Good Friday

*We hear and proclaim His Passion, venerate the cross, and receive the Eucharist.*

#### Services

#### **Friday, April 7**

- Church open for prayer 12:00-1:30 p.m.
- **1:30 p.m.:** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (No Mass)
- **3:00 p.m.:** Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday

*During the Easter Vigil, we see Holy Fire. We see Easter's Light as we carry the Paschal Candle into our darkened Church. The Gloria and Alleluia return. Easter is here.*

#### Other Activities

#### Holy Saturday

Basket Blessing ~ 12:00 p.m.

#### Mass

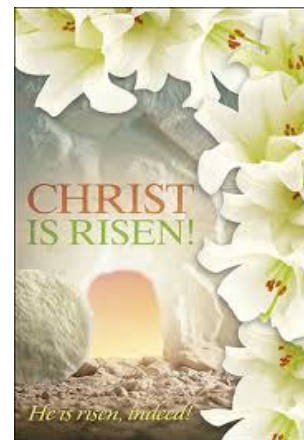
- **Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 p.m.**  
*\*Bring Bells for the Gloria\**

### Easter Sunday

**Sunday, April 9**  
8:00 a.m.—Mass  
10:30 a.m.—Mass

### Saturday, April 15

Easter Egg Hunt ~ 11:00 a.m.



**Living Lent!**  
**Parish Council Service Project**



**Saturday, April 1**  
**1:00 to 3:00 p.m.,**

Many of our parishioners are buried at Resurrection Cemetery. We want to honor them and others buried there by tidying up around headstones and placing flowers at their graves. Let's live out our Lenten journey together. Weather permitting, we will meet at the cemetery at 1:00 p.m.

All are welcome.  
 Light refreshments will be provided.



*Annual Parish  
 Easter Egg Hunt*

Saturday, April 15~11:00 a.m.  
 Ages P-K through 4th grade

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

The Capuchin Sisters will be at Our Lady of Lourdes on **Sunday, April 16, at 2:00 p.m.** to lead our annual Divine Mercy Sunday service. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration, music and meditation, confession, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction.



**Coming in May**  
**Pro-Life Baby Shower**

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**  
**at 2:00 p.m..**

Details to follow.



**Save the Date!!**

Ladies Night Out  
 Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m.  
 Don Patron Mexican Restaurant  
 1503 East Third Street, Williamsport  
 Door Prizes-Good Food-Lots of Fun



RSVP to the parish office  
 by telephone: 570-368-8598 or  
 email: [parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org](mailto:parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org)



## *March is dedicated to St. Joseph*

### To Love and Serve Jesus Christ This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

- ~ **Sunday, March 26**  
RE-Grades 1-7 ~ 9:00 a.m.  
Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting ~ 11:30 a.m.
- ~ **Monday, March 27**  
The Light Is On For You ~ 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Hour & Confession ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Wednesday, March 29**  
Nourishing Body & Soul Dinner ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Friday, March 31**  
Stations of the Cross ~ 4:00 p.m.  
Confessions ~ 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
Family Stations of the Cross ~ 5:30 p.m.  
Stations ~ 7:00 p.m.
- ~ **Sunday, April 2**  
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### NOTICE

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
APRIL 10-14, 2023**

### Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions)

3/11-12/23

Loose	\$ 705.00
Offertory	\$ 6,431.00
Maintenance	\$ 193.00
Fuel	\$ 17.00
Votives	\$ 147.00
Religious Education	\$ 1.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 245.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,822.00</b>

### Diocesan Collections

Catholic Relief	\$ 193.00
Holy Land-Good Friday	\$ 10.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 3.00
Care & Education of Priests	\$ 31.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 240.00</b>

### Collection Counter Schedule

- March 27—Group 2**—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett  
**April 3—Group 3**—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf

### Faith in Action

For the month of March, we will be collecting cereal. Please place any donations in the collection bins. We continue to collect **16 ounce jars of peanut butter** to help support the Montoursville School District Backpack Program. Please help us feed the hungry. Drop off donations inside the church.

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord  
Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent  
4:00 p.m. Michael Sullivan (*Carol Sullivan*)  
*Is 7:10; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38*

#### Sunday, March 26

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
8:00 a.m. John Null (*Daughter Alicia & Family*)  
10:30 a.m. The People of the Parish  
*1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41*

#### Monday, March 27

9:00 a.m. Capuchin Sisters and their Intentions  
(*Romey Fagnano Family*)  
*Dan 13:41-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11*

#### Tuesday, March 28

9:00 a.m. Richard & Maria Cox (*Family*)  
*Num 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-21; Jn 8:21-30*

#### Wednesday, March 29

9:00 a.m. Carl & Kathryn Moore (*Zurinsky Family*)  
*Dan 3:14-95; Jn 8:31-42*

#### Thursday, March 30

NO MASS  
*Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59*

#### Friday, March 31

9:00 a.m. Pat Kelly (*Ann Kelly & Family*)  
*Jer 10:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42*

#### Saturday, April 1

First Saturday  
9:00 a.m. Patricia & David G. Bonus  
(*David P. & Wendy Bonus*)  
Vigil of Palm Sunday  
4:00 p.m. James & Helen O'Brien & James Nestlerode  
(*Jan & Karen Ransdorf*)  
*Ez 37:21-28; Ps Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56*

#### Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday  
8:00 a.m. Timothy J. Crotty (*Wife, Ruthanne*)  
10:30 a.m. The People of the Parish  
*Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt. 26:14-27:66*

### Prayer List for the Month of March

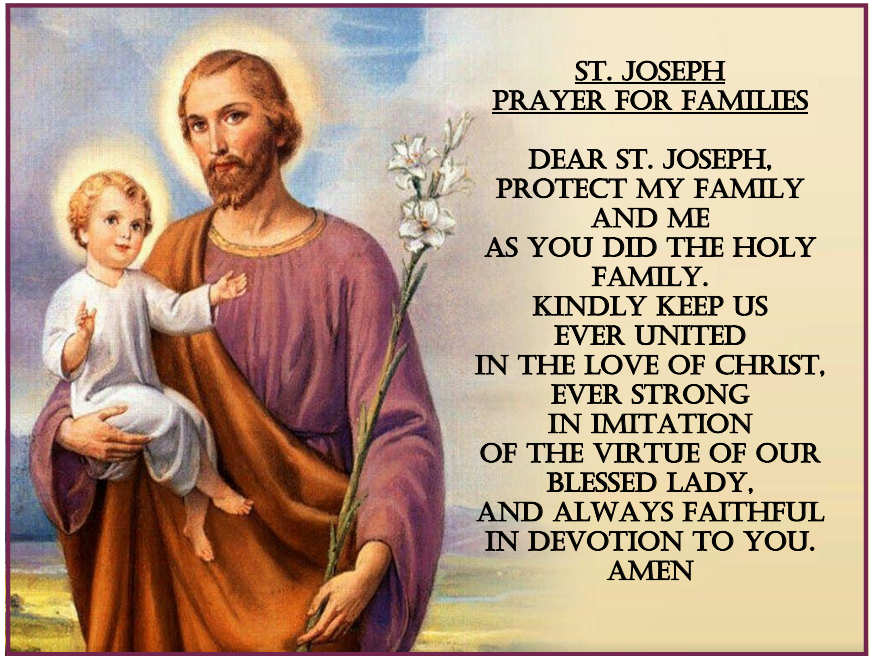
*If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the parish office.*

Dave Bonus, Karen Boyle, Ann Marie Dorin, Margie Foulds, Carissa Foulds, Charles Gries, Geraldine Hamm, Michael Hook, Cliff Hales, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Tyler Morton, Mary Myers, Linda Phillips, Nicole Selleck, Harry Specht, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Stanley Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer

**Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



**ST. JOSEPH PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

DEAR ST. JOSEPH,  
PROTECT MY FAMILY  
AND ME  
AS YOU DID THE HOLY  
FAMILY.  
KINDLY KEEP US  
EVER UNITED  
IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST,  
EVER STRONG  
IN IMITATION  
OF THE VIRTUE OF OUR  
BLESSED LADY,  
AND ALWAYS FAITHFUL  
IN DEVOTION TO YOU.  
AMEN

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