EASTER SUNDAY

RISEN

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. —Jn 20:6-7


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MASS INTENTIONS

Public Masses are currently suspended, but priests of the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping are offering private Masses each day during which the scheduled intention is being honored. The Sunday Mass at Saint Joseph Church will be video-taped and available at LAVCatholic.org.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

**SATURDAY**
4:00 pm  
April 11—Easter Vigil  
Living & Deceased parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

**SUNDAY**
9:00 am  
April 12—Easter Sunday  
† Richard DeNinno (Family)
11:00 am  
The people of Saint Joseph Parish

**MONDAY**
8:00 am  
April 13—Monday in the Octave of Easter  
† Alice Stuart (Susan Stuart)

**TUESDAY**
8:00 am  
April 14—Tuesday in the Octave of Easter  
The people of Saint Joseph Parish

**WEDNESDAY**
8:00 am  
April 15—Wednesday in the Octave of Easter  
The people of Saint Joseph Parish

**THURSDAY**
8:00 am  
April 16—Thursday in the Octave of Easter  
The people of Saint Joseph Parish

**FRIDAY**
8:00 am  
April 17—Friday in the Octave of Easter  
† George Sinnott (Family)

**SATURDAY**
4:00 pm  
April 18—Sunday of Divine Mercy  
† Syl Finke (The Johnson Family)

**SUNDAY**
9:00 am  
April 19—Sunday of Divine Mercy  
The people of Saint Joseph Parish
11:00 am  
The people of Saint Joseph Parish

SAINT PADRE PIO PARISH

**SUNDAY**
April 12—Easter Sunday
Saint Francis of Assisi Church
8:00 am  
† James & Pearle Devlin (James R. Devlin)
Saint Edward Church
10:00 am  
The people of Saint Padre Pio Parish

**THURSDAY**
April 16—Thursday in the Octave of Easter
Saint Edward Church
9:00 am  
† The Houston Family (Arlene)

**FRIDAY**
April 17—Friday in the Octave of Easter
Saint Edward Church
9:00 am  
† Sarah Temmel (Joan McKay)

**SATURDAY**
April 18—Saturday in the Octave of Easter
Saint Edward Church
9:00 am  
† John Jesih (Mr. & Mrs. James Hudepohl)

**SUNDAY**
April 19—Sunday of Divine Mercy
Saint Francis of Assisi Church
8:00 am  
† Lynn Pivarski (Marilyn Welsh)
Saint Edward Church
10:00 am  
Michael Osche & Family (Esther)

SAINT SCHOLASTICA PARISH

**SATURDAY**
April 11—Easter Vigil
7:30 pm  
† John Henry (Kathleen McAndrews)

**SUNDAY**
April 12—Easter Sunday
9:30 am  
† Sharon Arnone (The Arnone Family)
12:00 Noon  
The people of Saint Scholastica Parish

**MONDAY**
April 13—Monday in the Octave of Easter
9:00 am  
† Joanne D. Vey (Dr. E. Kenneth Vey)

**TUESDAY**
April 14—Tuesday in the Octave of Easter
10:00 am  
† Dr. Mary Frances Ricketts (The Ricketts Family)

**WEDNESDAY**
April 15—Wednesday in the Octave of Easter
10:00 am  
† Charles Edward Dunlea (Kathy Murray)

**THURSDAY**
April 16—Thursday in the Octave of Easter
10:00 am  
† Anna Suman (Ann Marie & Bill Kiszka)

**FRIDAY**
April 17—Friday in the Octave of Easter
10:00 am  
† Alice Goetz (Tish Marsico)

**SATURDAY**
April 18—Sunday of Divine Mercy
5:00 pm  
† Gerard DaVia (The Gonzalez Family)

**SUNDAY**
April 19—Sunday of Divine Mercy
9:30 am  
† Virginia Kelsesky (Mr. & Mrs. Tim Hayes)
12:00 Noon  
The people of Saint Scholastica Parish

TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

Week of April 12
Saint Mary:  
† The Swierczynski & Smyst Families (Loretta)
Saint Scholastica:  
For the Churches of the LAV: New Life, Health and Hope (Kathleen McAndrews)

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REST IN PEACE

Saint Juan Diego  
† Carl Corriere (brother of Mary Dyer)
SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday—April 12

Monday—April 13
Acts 2:14, 22-33  Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday—April 14
Acts 2:36-41  John 20:11-18

Wednesday—April 15

Thursday—April 16

Friday—April 17

Saturday—April 18

Sunday—April 19
Acts 2:42-47  1 Peter 1:3-9  John 20:19-31

PRAYER AT HOME
Give Us This Day, a prayer resource published by Liturgical Press, is making its digital version available to all. Visit GUTD.net and select "Digital" in the upper right of the screen.

There are many reflections and prayers available on the Creighton University Online Ministries “Praying Lent” page at onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent.

Living with Christ is offering online daily resources at www.livingwithchrist.us.

We have a weekly handout called “Keeping the Season” that includes a prayer, reflection on the Sunday Scriptures, and shorter reflections for each day of the week. You can download a PDF of this week's edition at lavcatholic.org/news/resources-for-prayer-at-home.

Watch a Live Daily Mass offered by Bishop Zubik every day at 10am. Go to diopitt.org.

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter at @Pontifex.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES
Visit https://diopitt.org/coronavirus-safety-precautions for up-to-date information from the Diocese.

Visit alleghenycounty.us/healthdepartment or health.pa.gov for local health information.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

The people of God have a sense of knowing where the Spirit is, of knowing the paths of salvation. The people of God follow Jesus. They can't explain why, but they follow Him. And they never tire.

We are one human family. Let us bring all hostilities to a halt. May our joint fight against the COVID-19 pandemic bring everyone to recognize the great need to reinforce brotherly and sisterly bonds.

When we stand before the crucified Jesus, we see the depth of His love, which restores our dignity and sustains us.

The Lord frees and heals the heart, if we call on Him with humility and trust.

Parish Support

Harsh Economic Times: Each of the parishes in the Lower Allegheny Valley rely on the contributions of the faithful. In this interim period when the collection basket cannot be passed, you are asked to make whatever sacrificial contribution that you can. Your envelopes may be mailed to the parish to which you are currently registered.

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To donate online to Saint Scholastica go to: saintscholastica.weshareonline.org
My dear parishioners,

EASTER SUNDAY. But it hardly feels that way. No scent of Easter flowers; no sightings of Easter bonnets; no searching for Easter eggs. Yes, even the Easter Alleluia seems to ring hollow.

Coronavirus has stolen our attention. It occupies our thoughts. It consumes our conversations. It interferes with our routines. It prevents our public worship. And sadly, it claims lives on a daily basis.

The response? Medical professionals apply their skills, journalists express their opinions, newscasters report the devastation, economists make predictions, scientists share knowledge, religious leaders offer hope. Everyone is trying to do something, including those creative energetic souls finding ways to engage us in being together while socially isolated.

In the midst of this madness it would be all too easy to get stuck at GOOD FRIDAY. Darkness and death and seeming defeat. Crying out: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27: 46). Or to echo the human emotion of Martha when speaking to Jesus about the death of her brother Lazarus: “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died…” (John 11: 21).

Thousands upon thousands are dying... from the coronavirus... from the scourge of cancer... from cardiac disease and stroke... from addiction, abuse and starvation... from accident and violence... from frailty and old age.

And Jesus’ response? To Martha and to all of us: “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die” (John 11: 25).

My dear sisters and brothers, our faith can’t allow us to get stuck at Good Friday. We aren’t defeated by a virus or any other darkness. We are an Easter people. We take Jesus at his word, at his promise, at his example. The grave is empty. He is Risen! With him we are destined for life. LIFE forever.

An unknown poet penned these words: “And we shall never be as once we were, this life will never be what once it was!” Life with God, life in glory promises to be so much more than we can know or understand. That is the great hope to which we are called. It is that same hope by which we cry out, full-throated:

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Along with Fr. Mike Decewicz and Fr. Bill Siple, I extend to you and all the members of your family the great blessings of this Easter season. Through the intercession of our beloved patrons - Saint Joseph, Saint Juan Diego, Saint Padre Pio and Saint Scholastica - may we grow ever strong in our faith, hope and love.

Father Dale DeNinno

A Prayer for Protection
In Time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
health of the sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.
O loving Mother, you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.
Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

The Palm Branches have been blessed and are currently
in cold storage. When the time is right they will be
available for distribution. The how and the when is yet to
be decided, but in time you’ll be able to make your palm
crosses and place them where you wish.

“Oh God, grant us patience!”
Go to lavcatholic.org/faith-formation-from-home for resources to engage your kids at home!

First Reconciliation and First Communion – The Diocese has announced that all First Reconciliation groups and First Communions for the month of April are to be postponed and rescheduled for a later date.

We will need to rescheduled the First Communion at St. Joseph on Sunday, April 26th at 3:00 pm to Sunday, May 10th at 3:00 pm at St. Joseph. (We realize this is Mother’s Day) The First Communion at St. Scholastica on May 3rd at the noon Mass will still be held.

The new dates for Rehearsal and First Communion are as follows:

- St. Scholastica Rehearsal-Saturday, May 2nd 2:00-3:00 pm
- St. Scholastica First Communion Mass-Sunday, May 3rd noon Mass (for those students at CDTCA and the St. Scholastica Faith Formation Program).
- St. Joseph Rehearsal-Saturday, May 9th 2:00-3:00 pm
- St. Joseph First Communion Mass-Sunday, May 10th 3:00 pm (for those students at the St. Joseph Faith Formation Program).

We are so looking forward to these dates when the students will receive the Sacrament of First Communion!!

Believe it or not, summer will be here eventually! Mark your calendars for the LAV Vacation Bible School program that will be held at Saint Joseph Church from 9:00 am-12:00 noon on June 22-26. More details to follow.

Thank you for your support for our Appalachia Mission Trip! If you would still like to make a donation to our June mission trip, you can do so online at saintscholastica.weshareonline.org.

Teens, while you’re spending your time inside on your computer, check out our Life Teen Blog at lavcatholic.org/our-grouping.

All of the students, faculty and staff at CDTCA send well wishes to all of the parishioners of LAV. We are busy with at home on-line learning and are doing are best to adjust to our new school days! We will keep you in our daily prayers.
Members of our community who are in need of short-term assistance can contact the LAV Saint Vincent de Paul Society at loweralleghenyvalleysvdp@gmail.com or 412-254-4446.

The United Way has a COVID-19 Community Economic Relief Fund that can help with bills, rent and food. You can call 211 to receive a list of local agencies that provide assistance.

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank has information about food assistance at pittsburghfoodbank.org.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Sharpsburg: Even though the pantry is closed, we have partnered with Roots of Faith to feed those in need in our area. Every week 500 families are receiving bags of food. While we are not taking food donations at this time, please consider supporting us monetarily so those in need can continue to be served. Donations should be sent to: The Society of St Vincent de Paul, 201 9th Street, Pittsburgh PA 15215. Thank you in advance for your support.

Saint Vincent de Paul donation bin at Saint Francis Church: As a result of the Covid-19 crisis the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is unable to service its the donation bins at this time. For now, please keep your valuable donations at home and we will gladly accept them once this crisis is over. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to help the most vulnerable members in our community. If you or anybody you know needs assistance, please call (412) 254-4446.

ADDITION RECOVERY MINISTRY NEWS
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As we conclude our Lenten journey to Easter, I encourage you to include these Lenten Stations for Addiction as part of your Lenten prayers.

Fifteenth Station – The Resurrection

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices that they might go and anoint Jesus. Very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had just risen, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, “Who will roll the stone back from the entrance of the tomb for us?”, for it was very large. But looking up they saw that the stone had been rolled back. And upon entering, they were amazed to see a young man sitting at the right side and clothed in a white robe. He said to them, “Do not be terrified. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him.”

Lord, I am free. Your light shines brightly on me, enfolding me in your love, warming me with your mercy. I begin today to live in the freedom of recovery and sobriety. I know the road ahead will be difficult and I will not always do the next right thing. I may falter, or even relapse, but the glory and majesty of your love will always call me to a new life, a life that is HAPPY, JOYFUL and FREE!

Maturity includes:

Knowing myself

Asking for help when I need it and acting on my own when I don’t

Admitting when I’m wrong and making amends

Accepting tough love from others, even if I’m having a tough time loving myself

Recognizing that I always have choices, and taking responsibility for the ones I make

Seeing that life is a blessing

Having an opinion without insisting that others share it

Forgiving myself and others

Recognizing my shortcomings and my strengths

Having the courage to live one day at a time

Acknowledging that my needs are my responsibility

Caring for people without having to take care of them

Accepting that I’ll never be finished – I’ll always be a work in progress.
Prayer to Stem the Scourge of the Pandemic

God our Father,
We come to you in our need to ask your protection against the COVID-19 virus that has disturbed and even claimed lives.

We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission. Protect the medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion.

We pray for those afflicted. May they be restored to health soon. Protect those who care for them. Grant eternal rest to those who have died.

Give us the grace in this trying time to work for the good of all and to help those in need. We implore you to stop the spread of this virus and to save us from our fears.

Grant all these petitions through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petition in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, oh glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.

- O Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.
- Saint Joseph, protector of the Holy Church, pray for us.
- Saint Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.
- Saint George the Martyr, pray for us.
- Saint Corona the Martyr, pray for us.
- Saint Roch, pray for us.
- Saint Rosalia, pray for us.
- Saint Sebastian, pray for us.
- Saint Gregory the Great, pray for us.
- Saint Charles Borromeo, pray for us.
- Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.

Prayer of the Elderly, Saint Pope John Paul II

Grant, O Lord of life,
That we may savor every season of our lives as a gift filled with promise for the future.

Grant that we may lovingly accept your will, and place ourselves each day in your merciful hands.

And when the moment of our definitive “passage” comes, grant that we may face it with serenity, without regret for what we shall leave behind.

For in meeting you, after having sought you for so long, we shall find once more every authentic good which we have known here on earth, in the company of all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and hope.

Mary, Mother of pilgrim humanity, pray for us “now and at the hour of our death.”

Keep us ever close to Jesus, your beloved Son and our brother, the Lord of life and glory. Amen!

Prayer For Renewed Strength

O Lord, my God,
Please give me the grace to maintain my hope in You through all of life’s changes and to taste and see your goodness.

I praise you for the gifts you have showered on me for so many years.
Help me find joy in a renewed strength of spirit.

Please bless me with good health, and inspire me to be a good example to others.
For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.