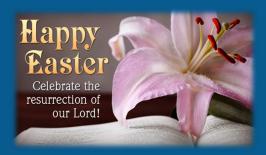
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Announced Masses for the Week

Monday, April 5^{nth}- Sunday, April 11th

Monday, April 5

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Beetel

8:00 a.m. Ray Waligorski

Tuesday, April 6

6:30 a.m. Josh Livermore

8:00 a.m. Woodrow Porrecco

Wednesday, April 7

6:30 a.m. Paul A. Marrella

8:00 a.m. Anthony Pichini

Thursday, April 8

6:30 a.m. Deby Bewley

8:00 a.m. Anthony J. Casamassa, Sr.

Friday, April 9

6:30 a.m. Deacon John A. Coffin

8:00 a.m. Michael Duddy

Saturday, April 10

8:00 a.m. John Buser

4:00 p.m. Tom Owens

Sunday, April 11 - Sunday of Divine Mercy

7:30 a.m. Stanley Romanowski

9:00 a.m. Gerald & Adelaide Parks

10:30 a.m. Nicholas Fasig

12:00 noon Cecilia Osinski

5:30 p.m. Our Parishioners

GOSPEL MESSAGE

On this day of days we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised His Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever we can.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for APRIL 10/11

Acts 4:32 - 35 / 1 Jn 5: 1 - 6 / Jn 20:19 - 31

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will be publicly prayed together

Monday, April 5 (Day Four) through Saturday, April 10 (Day Nine)

3:00 PM | St. Ignatius Church

Those wishing to begin the Novena on Friday, April 2 (Day One), should pick up a pamphlet at the Rectory.

Pope John Paul II believed that our world is particularly in need of God's mercy. A special devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy was revealed in 1931 to an uneducated Polish nun. Faustina Kowalska. On the first Divine Mercy Sunday in 2000 the humble nun was canonized a saint. Pope John Paul II in his homily on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2001 said: "Indeed the message she brought is the appropriate and incisive answer that God wanted to offer to the questions and expectations of human beings in our time, marked by terrible tragedies. Jesus said to Sr. Faustina one day: "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy" (Diary, 300). Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium."

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 11 | St. Ignatius Church

2:00 PM | Eucharistic Adoration and 3:00 PM | Divine Mercy Chaplet

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Journey through 54 Days Rosary Novena

The Legion of Mary in the Diocese of Allentown will pray a 54-Day Rosary Novena starting Sunday, March 21 through Thursday, May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

Daily on the Diocesan Facebook page facebook.com/DioceseofAllentown

Also available daily on the Legion Of Mary webpage legionofmaryallentown.org/54-day-rosary-novena

Please join the Columbiettes for a three week bible study entitled Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles.

We will meet in the Chapel of the Church following all social distancing guidelines. The meetings will be Thursday from 6 - 8 PM for three consecutive weeks:

April 8, 15, and 22.

This bible study is much like a book group.
We read the information in a booklet and discuss it.
You will need a booklet to read before the first session.
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before March 31.

You may also order directly from
littlerockscripture.org ~ enter Mary Magdalene in the search bar and you will find the booklet you need.

Questions? Call Marie Calderoni at 610.334.5736.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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- Reading Health System (Tower Health) 484.628.8186
- •AA 610-373-6500

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#2 - BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR LIGHT OF CHRIST COLUMBIFITES

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your participation can bring.

If interested please contact Tracey Lamoreux at 215.901.6395 or traceylyn30@yahoo.com.

#3 - Join the Columbiettes as we create "Baskets of Love" for the young ladies of Mary's Shelter.

Donations accepted in a box in the Narthex of the church March 1 through May 17.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! Our readings today reveal how we can live out the joy of Easter all year long in our day-to-day lives.

Our Gospel portrays the third day after Jesus' death when Mary of Magdala visits Jesus' tomb. Once she saw the stone removed, she ran to tell Simon Peter and John. They ran to the tomb as well, and upon seeing, they believed. We can tell the relationship that these disciples had with Jesus because of the way they responded about Him — they "ran." Mary didn't see the empty tomb and think, "someone else will figure it out." Peter and John didn't hear the news and think, "I will check on it later." They each responded with conviction as they "ran" for Jesus. We must ask ourselves, "Do I have a relationship with Christ to the point where I am running to Him each day?" The way these disciples responded is how we should respond to Christ. We must avoid complacency, and as intentional disciples, we must stop rationalizing our choices by telling ourselves we will someday get around to putting God first. Every moment throughout our day is an opportunity to respond to God in gratitude, compassion and eagerness. And although there will be moments when we do not "feel" like responding to Him, it is in those moments when we faithfully respond anyway that matters the most.

Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by how we respond to Christ each day. Happy Easter!

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK... LET US PRAY....

For all who have died, and that their families and loved ones rejoice anew in the hope of the Resurrection and the promise of eternal life.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM, 12 Noon, & 5:30 PM

Daily: Monday through Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM YEAR-ROUND 5:30 PM Advent/Lent ONLY

Saturday: 8:00 AM

First Friday: 7:00 PM ~ 5:30 PM during Advent / Lent

Eucharistic Day of Prayer:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Adorers: Please report your commitment status to
your Shift Captain as we prepare to resume Adoration.

Reconciliation/Confession: BY APPOINTMENT PLEASE CALL 610.678.3767

Baptism: By Individual Family and By Appointment Baptism Seminar: Currently via ZOOM by appointment. Seminar attendance is required for parents before Baptism. Please call the Rectory at 610.678.3767 to register for the Seminar.

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