



Community of Faith

March 29th – April 11th

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

Tuesday, 3/30

9:00am M † Raymond Nestor r/o wife, Victoria Nestor

8:00am J St. Mary & St. Joseph Parishioners

Wednesday, 3/31

9:00am M † No Daily Mass

8:00am J † No Daily Mass



Holy Week

(Please note the additional Mass added on Easter Sunday and the Easter vigil time change)

Temperatures will be checked before entering church.

Holy Thurs: 7pm @ J;

Adoration @ Rc until 10pm.

Good Friday: Stations: Noon @ M.

Passion Service: 3pm @ J

Holy Saturday: Basket Blessing:

11:00am @ J; noon @ M

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass: 8pm @ M (gather by 7:45)

Easter Sunday • Year B

8:30am @ J † Eugene & Helen Recla
r/o children & their families

11:30am @ J † dec'd members of

St. Mary & St. Joseph Parishes

10:00am @ M † Irene Piaskowski r/o Piaskowski family



Tuesday, 4/6

9:00am M † Helen Molchany

8:00am J † Roy Gius r/o Dolores Gius

Wednesday, 4/7

9:00am M † Mary Serensits

8:00am J Ann Careyva r/o Marie Martz

Thursday, 4/8

9:00am M St. Mary & St. Joseph Parishes

8:00am J Paul & Ann r/o Ann Careyva

Friday, 4/9

9:00am M † Rosemarie Reenock

8:00am J † Anna Csencsitz

Saturday, 4/10

8:00am J † Carl & Suzie Yeager r/o niece

2nd Sunday of Easter • Year B

4:00pm J † Louis A. Ceci Sr. r/o Ceci/Fuehrer family

5:30pm M † Patricia & Ferdinand Piccolo r/o Kathy Lorah

Sunday, 4/11 2nd Sunday of Easter • Year B

8:30am J † Thomas Gulash r/o Donna Gulash

10:00am M † Victor Cicioni r/o Ray & Arlene Sachleben

+ Liturgy & Worship

Christ is Risen and life reigns!

The day on which Jesus died is known as Good Friday.

On the morning of the third day, Sunday, there was a great earthquake. Jesus rose from the dead, triumphant and glorious, by His own almighty power.

In today's Good News we read "the stone was taken away." The women came to the tomb. First Mary Magdalene and Peter and John go to the tomb. One of the things all the resurrection accounts have in common is the stone rolled back from the entrance to the tomb. Have we allowed a stone to prevent us from meeting the risen Jesus? Have we allowed the stone of becoming engrossed in what we have and own and what others have and own to block our ways to Jesus?

What is the stone we would like to have taken away so that we can go forth with Christ, bright and powerful? Is it impurity, dishonesty, laziness, pride, anger, envy?

The disciples never believed that Jesus would rise until they saw the evidence: the empty tomb and littered clothes. There seemed to be no hope of a new beginning. The resurrection of Jesus offers hope to us in the grave of misery. Hopelessness was destroyed by hope. With hope, we know that light will outshine darkness and life will exceed death.

The resurrection is the greatest and most important of Christ's miracles. This miracle alone proves that He is God.

The entire Church celebrates Easter Sunday in memory of Christ's glorious resurrection.

Jesus' resurrection reminds us that there is life beyond the grave, that is more to each of us than meets the eye, and that we have an immortal soul. Although our body will return to dust, our soul will live forever with God.

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May the Lord in His goodness open our minds and hearts so that we may believe the good news of Christ's victory over death. In His love for us, God draws us outward into the unknown, the infinite, the eternal. We go forward more confidently and hopefully because Jesus has gone ahead of us.

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:** M: \$2092 J: \$2162

Upcoming Collections: April:

Holy Thursday, Easter, Weekly, Dues, Bldg. Mother's Day



Jaden Leiby • J.P. • J.A

❖ **2021 Mass Book:** Remember your loved ones who have passed away or those who are special to you with Masses for their birthdays, special occasions, etc. The diocesan Mass stipend is set at \$10. Your requested dates for the Masses will be recorded upon receiving the stipend. *Any questions please contact the parish office.*

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✝ Holy Saturday is a day without any official liturgy intended for this day alone. The administration of sacraments today limited. Holy Eucharist is not celebrated during Holy Saturday. It is the only day of the year that no Mass is celebrated. Wedding and funeral masses are forbidden while the sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion are given only as a viaticum to a dying person. Altars are stripped bare or decorated in violet, tabernacles lie open and empty. The whole Church is one with Christ in His death.

✝ Easter Vigil services begin with the blessing of a fire by a priest outside the Church. This marks the beginning of the observance of the Easter Vigil. It is a time for joy and great expectation as we await in joyful anticipation the resurrection of Jesus. This fire is called the "Service of the Light." This light dispels the darkness done by our sins and the crucifixion of Christ to redeem the world. Tonight's Easter Vigil liturgy we are asked to reaffirm our faith: "Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth? Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord? Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?" It is by responding "we do" that we prove that we are ready to celebrate the event precipitating newness of life for ourselves, the resurrection.

❖ **K of C Happenings:** Council 16072

- ▶ 4/11 @ J Rosary prior to mass
- ▶ 4/18 @ M Rosary prior to mass Meeting following Mass
- ▶ Knights of Columbus Council 16072 **Scholarship** – Due date is April 16th – Information can be found on the parish website. Seniors from either of our parishes are encouraged to apply.

▶ **40 Cans for Lent/40 Days for Life!**

40 cans for 40 days food drive is on – canned and non-perishable dry goods as in past years – GOAL is 1000# - donations go to local Food Pantry.



❖ **SJ Altar/Runway Rug(s)** sponsors are being sought for St. Joseph's Church/Chapel rugs. The cost is approx. \$1,000.00 Form of payment can be cash/checks made payable to: St. Joseph Church. **Thank you for your generous donations!**

Anonymous	\$30
Linda Kellock	\$25
Anonymous	\$500
Total donated to date	\$555

❖ **Thank you** to everyone who helped with and supported our **Shoo Fly Pie sale** at St. Mary's! It was greatly appreciated, **we sold 238 pies!**

▶ **Marian Catholic High School** Parent Ambassadors will be hosting a drive-in gift card Bingo on Sunday, April 18th. Lot opens at 12:00pm and games begin at 1:00pm. Event is rain or shine! \$25 package (15 regular games & 5 specials). Park in the rear lot, purchase your package, and play from your car! Hot food & Bake Sale- delivered to your car.

⇒ Bishop Alfred Schlert and the **Because We are Catholic** Trust Advisory Board, invite you to attend the 2021 **Because We Are Catholic** Annual Appeal Virtual Kickoff. **TO ATTEND VITURALLY, VISIT:**

BECAUSEWEARECATHOLIC.org/kickoff on **Thursday, April 8, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.** Please join Bishop Schlert to learn about the Diocese of Allentown ministries, schools, parishes, and partners funded with support from the Because We Are Catholic Appeal. RSVP by April 6, 2021 at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org/kickoff. For more information please contact the office of Stewardship and Development at 800-831-4443 or stewardship@allentowndiocese.org.

⇒ **April 9-10, 2021: Always Blooming:**

A VIRTUAL Retreat for Catholic Women Healing from Betrayal Trauma

This retreat is for women seeking healing from betrayal trauma, that is, discovering a spouse's or significant other's pornography use, infidelity, and/or sex addiction. Gather with us this Divine Mercy weekend as we lay our pain, our sorrow and our betrayals at the Lord's feet. With expectant faith, let us open our hands and our hearts to receive His merciful outpouring. Join us for this powerful virtual retreat experience: talks, meditations, sacred movements, small group healing prayer, Mass and Adoration. Retreat leaders are Father Allen Hoffa, Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry, Bonnie West and Marian West Veilleux. Find the full schedule and register at <https://hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-healing-retreat-april-2021> or email De: de@youaremadenew.com



Spring/Summer Mass Times

	St. Mary	St. Joseph
Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	4:00pm
Sunday Masses	10:00am	8:30am
Daily Masses	9:00am (Tues-Fri.@ M)	8:00am (Tues-Sat @ J)

☀ As warmer weather approaches we will continue with outdoor Masses. We are asking parishioners to follow the CDC guidelines. **Please come dressed for outside weather and bring a chair if standing will be an issue.**

Please pray for our

First Communion Candidates:

@M: Josh Lorah: 4/3, Kennedy Dillman: 4/25

@J: Owen Titus: 5/16



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