



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY



April 11, 2021

Rev. Bert S. Kozen, V.F., Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

We have celebrated the great Octave of Easter and now we come to the Second Sunday of this glorious Easter Season; and yet in the church's liturgy we have not journeyed far. Today we find ourselves still on the Day of Resurrection as the sun slowly fades on that first Easter Day. The Apostles, at first, are in the upper room. They have heard reports from the women about the Risen Christ, Peter and the Beloved Apostle have seen the empty tomb. We can only imagine what thoughts go through their heads and hearts. Then, suddenly, Jesus appears before them- "Shalom" he says, "Peace be with you."

Now a week later we pick up the story. Strangely the Apostles have not ventured very far. They are still in the upper room and Thomas is with them. Thomas, for some reason, was not with them that Easter night. He has been told by the others that Jesus is risen, but he does not believe, "Not until I can probe the nail holes with my fingers and place my hand into his side- then I will believe."

Suddenly, Jesus appears again- "Shalom" he says again and then to Thomas, "Take your fingers probe my hands, put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe." Thomas responds, "My Lord, and my God." Thomas is forever known as the doubter, but to his credit he did nothing other than what the other Apostles did. They too did not believe until they had witnessed the Risen Christ.

What is our experience of the Resurrection? How do we encounter the Risen Christ? Do we have to "see" in order to believe? Jesus makes his presence known to us daily. We need to have "eyes of faith" to recognize him. May the glory of the Resurrection help guide us, strengthen us and enable us to proclaim the power and truth of Easter. Alleluia!

May God Bless You,

Father Bert



ANNUAL MAY DEVOTIONS AT BASTRESS

May Devotions will be held each Sunday of May at 3:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church. They will include a rosary procession to the grotto, Eucharistic

Adoration and a homily.

IC CCD PROGRAM

The Immaculate Conception CCD program runs from 9:25-10:35am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 13 SL/IC Vespers 6:30pm IC Church
Apr 13 SL/IC Adult Education Class 7:00pm IC Parish Hall
Apr 14 IC Parish Hall Cleaning 6:00pm IC Parish Hall
Apr 18 Confirmation, 8 Grade 3:00pm IC Church
Apr 25 First Communion 8:30am IC Church
Apr 25 First Communion 10:30am SL Church
Apr 25 SL Spaghetti Dinner SL Parish Hall
June 6 SL/IC Graduating Senior Liturgy 10:30am SL Church

ST. LUKE MARY STATUE

The Mary Statue has been returned to its honorable place in the sanctuary of St. Luke Church. Please thank the Altar & Rosary Society and Holy Name Society for sponsoring the refurbishing of this statue.

COME VISIT AND PRAY

Our churches are open for prayer each day, St. Luke from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and Immaculate Conception is open as usual. Please come visit our Eucharistic Lord in the Tabernacle! Feel free to either arrive early for morning Mass or remain afterwards to offer thanksgiving prayers. While doing your morning errands, make some time to stop by our beautiful churches and enjoy the tranquil silence. Feel free to make a Holy Hour or spend but a few moments in prayer giving adoration and praise to Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Come with a heavy heart, leave consoled.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Francis McConnell and Theresa Peluso, parishioners of St. Luke Church who died recently. Pray for the consolation of their loved ones. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

COVID PROTOCOLS IN PLACE

No reservations are needed to attend daily or weekend Masses. A reminder that our Covid protocols are still in place. That means masks are required to be worn coming into the church building and also during the entirety of Mass. Also, hand sanitizing and social distancing are both still being followed. Help us to maintain a safe environment for all our parishioners.

ST. LUKE

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saint Luke's Catholic Church 74th Annual

Authentic Italian Spaghetti Dinner

CURB SIDE PICK-UP ONLY

No dine in

Sunday, April 25

Pick-ups from 11:30am – 3:00pm

Spaghetti, 2 Homemade meatballs, tossed salad,

Italian bread & cake

Adult \$10.00, Children 6 – 12 years \$4.00, Under 6 –

Free!

No tickets will be sold. Pay at door only.

See you then!!

2021 GRADUATES



Our parishioner High School graduates from St. John Neumann, Jersey Shore High School, South Williamsport High School and Lock Haven High School will be honored at a "Graduates Mass" on Sunday, June 6 at the 10:30am Mass in St. Luke Church. A reception will immediately follow in the St. Luke Parish Hall.

ST. LUKE CCD

We would like to thank the St. Luke CCD children for their donations toward the Rice Bowl Collection. They raised a total of \$114.00.

EASTER FLOWER DONOR LIST

A list of Easter Flower donors is posted in the vestibule at Immaculate Conception and St. Luke Churches.

Mass Intentions

Monday (April 12) Easter Weekday

8:00am (SL) Frank DeFonzo
by Gene & Rosann Pelleschi

Tuesday (April 13) Easter Weekday

8:00am (IC) Ed Shuhler
by Helen & Steve Noon

Wednesday (April 14) Easter Weekday

8:00am (IC) Ernest & June Airgood
by Nancy Russell

Thursday (April 15) Easter Weekday

7:00pm (IC) A. Yates Schilling
by Rose & family

Friday (April 16) Easter Weekday

8:00am (SL) Poor souls in Purgatory
by Mike & Tammy Packer Family

Saturday (April 17) Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

4:00pm (IC) Carl Lorson
by his family

6:00pm (SL) Rose & Gennaro D'Amato
by Gene & Marilyn Kurzejewski

Sunday (April 18) Third Sunday of Easter

8:30am (IC) For the people of our parishes

10:30am (SL) Intentions of Scott & Mary Jane Bennett
Celebrating their 35th Wedding Anniversary
by their family

A link is available on our parish website to view the weekend Mass celebrated by Fr. Kozen: icslchurch.net

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2021 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 6 at the Cathedral of St. Peter. The Mass will begin at 2:30, and attendance will require advance reservation. To register for the celebration please use the following link: [here: https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/](https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/). For questions or concerns, or if there are issues registering online, please reach out to Jen Housel, Director for Community and Family Development. (jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, 570-207-2213 x 1104)

CONFIRMATION

Please pray for the following candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from St. Luke and Immaculate Conception on The Third Sunday of Easter, April 18 at 3:00pm in Immaculate Conception Church: Avery Androvette, Collin Berguson, Landon Chappel, Peyton Dincher, Blaine Farr, Isabella Fleege, Duan Forsythe, Zachary Hill, Kaidance Meixel, Zaccheus Miller, Cailyn Schall, Trent Severino, Hannah Sweet, Jude TenEyck, Kaden Walker, Alyssa Wright & Aneesa Wright. Confirmation Mass will be closed to the general public. Those attending may only be immediate family.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

Rehearsal for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 11 at 5:00p.m. in Immaculate Conception Church. This, of course, includes the candidates as well as sponsors. If the sponsor is unable to attend the rehearsal then a responsible adult must be present in order to relay the necessary information onto the sponsor. The dress code for the celebration for girls is dress, or skirt and blouse, and shoes- no sneakers or flip flops. The dress code for boys is dress slacks and shirt, tie and shoes- no sneakers. **Please note the candidates will not be wearing a robe or gown.**

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Thank you to all parishioners that gave in their Easter Flower Envelopes: SL-\$735.00 & IC-\$919.00. This money helps pay for the flowers that beautify our sanctuaries for the Easter Season.

EASTER VESPERS

During the Lenten and Easter seasons, Evening Prayer (Vespers) will be prayed in common between both our churches. Evening Prayer (Vespers) is one of the two "hinge" hours, together with Morning Prayer (Lauds) that help form the foundation of the prayer life of the church. Commonly referred to as the Divine Office and the obligation of the ordained clergy, these prayers are truly the prayer of the entire church. Evening Prayer consists of song, psalms, canticles, scripture and prayers and are deeply rooted in the tradition of our Judaic-Christian faith. They will begin at 6:30pm Tuesdays of the Lenten and Easter season: (4/13-IC), (4/20-SL), (4/27-IC), (5/4-SL), (5/11-IC) and (5/18-SL). If you have never experienced the beauty of this prayer, we encourage you to come and join us. All are invited.



EASTER MASS INTENTION ENVELOPE

Easter Mass Intention Envelopes have been placed on the altar and the intentions will be remembered in all the Masses celebrated Easter day and the entire Easter Season.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

The Lenten/Easter Adult Education Classes with Fr. Bert will be a sojourn through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Classes will be on Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00pm following vespers in the parish halls: (April 13-IC), (April 20-SL) and (April 27-IC, & Social).

NOVENA OF ROSARIES



For 9 weeks, starting Tuesday, February 23 through and including Tuesday, April 20, 15 decades of the rosary will be prayed in common for pro-life intentions at Immaculate Conception Church starting at 7:15 am. (10 decades will be prayed prior to the 8:00 a.m. Mass and 5 decades after Mass). All are welcome.

A PRAYER OF THANKS AT EASTER

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son to earth as a baby so many years ago. Thank you that He paid the punishment for my sins by dying on the cross. And thank you that He rose again to prove that death was truly defeated. I place my trust in You to be my Savior. Guide me through the dark times of my life and give me courage to live for You. Amen.



CANDLE REQUESTS



The sanctuary candle will burn during the month of April at **St. Luke** for: *Edward & Isobel Kogut requested by Dale & Christine Fink, Mary Lou O'Neill as requested by Doris & Larry Bush and the intentions of Mike, Diana & Shaun Persun as requested by Harry & Evelyn Rall. Immaculate Conception* for: *Bernard Rell as requested by Pat & family, Carl Lorson as requested by his family, In loving memory of Dave Baier as requested by Eric & Cheryl Palski and People with cancer as requested by Mike & Diana Persun.* Please consider sponsoring a sanctuary candle in either of our churches for a week in 2021 for \$10. There are 4 sponsors for each month. Candles available are: SL-April, June, July, September, October, November & December. IC – July, October, November & December.

IC PARISH HALL CLEANING

The parishioners of Immaculate Conception are urged to help house clean the parish hall on Wednesday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. This is a very large undertaking so many hands are needed to complete the upstairs and downstairs on the same evening.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SPRING DINNER

DATE: Sunday, May 23, 2021 **PICNIC CHAIRMAN:** Mark Vanderlin – 570-745-3753, Taite Mahosky – 570-337-2643 & Jonathan Eck – 570-560-5115. **MEAT COLLECTION:** May 8 & 9. **WORK FROLICS:** **Set-up:** Wednesday, May 19, 6:00 pm **Tear-down:** Monday, May 24, 6:00 pm. **VOLUNTEERS:** Please call Tracie TenEyck - 570-506-9699. **WORKER'S LIST:** The Workers' List will be posted in the vestibule of Immaculate Conception Church. If there are any additions or corrections, please call Tracie. **FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED:** Broad noodles, peeled potatoes, home-made chicken broth, corn, cakes for dessert, bread or rolls, garden lettuce or head lettuce, butter, milk and jelly. **BAKE SALE:** There will be no summer kitchen during the Spring Dinner. **FOOD COLLECTION:** The following are asked to collect food on the Dinner Day: Mountain: Dick Stopper and James Steppe, Bastress: Paul Meixel, Coldwatertown Road: Eric Eiswerth, Lorson Road: Keith Butterff, Oval: Andy Lorson, Ecktown: Vern Nau, Collomsville: Denny Haag, Between Collomsville & Bastress: Tom Wrench, Schwartzwald: Andy Steinbacher, Nisbet: Mike Long. *Please try to have the food at the Hall by 10:30 am.* **PARKING:** Please park away from the Hall area so that the curb side pickup can move smoothly. **Dinner:** Sunday, May 23: Dinner from noon until 6:00pm. Dinner includes turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, noodles, gravy, corn, salad, homemade bread. Price: \$10:00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 4 to 12 and free for children 3 and under. There will be no dine in, Curb side pick-up ONLY at the parish hall front door.

COUNSELING

The Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where your privacy is always respected. Counseling is about self-discovery and can be used for personal growth or when distressing conditions exist and you need a bit of extra support. Anyone who struggles with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, life transitions or a variety of emotional or psychological conditions is welcome. Catholic Social Services accepts Medicaid plans and some insurance plans and is made affordable for everyone. For more information or to make an appointment, call (570) 207-2283.

THE CAPUCHIN SISTERS OF NAZARETH YOUNG WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

(Ages 15-25)

Friday, April 23

through Sunday, April 25

Times: 3:00 p.m. Friday through 11:30 a.m. Sunday

Reservations required

Call Sr. Clare at 570-745-3334

Location: Mother of the Eucharist Convent

6100 Jacks Hollow Road

Williamsport, PA 17702

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The cleaning of IC Cemetery for spring has begun. All planters and decorations remaining on lots from last year are to be removed. Please do not throw anything over the bank near the cemetery.

We wish to remind you of the following regulations that assist in Cemetery Maintenance:

- Plants on any lot will not encroach upon or in any way interfere with adjoining lots. Trees and Shrubs are strictly prohibited. Any plants which become unsightly shall be removed by the cemetery maintenance workers per the request of the Cemetery Committee without the notification to the family.
- Decorations (flowers, statues, etc.) are to be placed no more than two feet from the headstones so that the grass will be able to be mowed.
- The only permanent fixtures on any grave will be the headstone.
- Flowers and or decorations of recent burials will be removed within 45 days after burial either by the family or the maintenance workers.
- Stone or granite chips are NOT PERMITTED because of safety concerns.

SOCIAL DISTANCING STILL IN PLACE

As warm weather returns and people are more inclined to come back to the celebration of the Eucharist, we remind you of the importance of maintaining social distancing. The taped-off pews may not be used and masks are still required. Hopefully these directives will soon change, but until then, we ask you to please comply with these directives for your own safety and that of others.

TEN REASONS FOR PARTICIPATING IN MASS

The Mass is the best means we have

- To render God the highest adoration.
- To thank Him for all His blessings.
- To obtain all the favors you desire.
- To shorten your own purgatory and that of others
- To preserve you from all dangers to soul and body.
- To increase your store of sanctifying grace.
- At the hour of death, the Masses you have participated in will be your greatest consolation.
- Every Mass you participate in will go with you to judgment to plead for pardon for you.
- One Mass you participated in during life will do you more good than many Masses for you after death.
- Nothing is more powerful for bringing down God's blessing on you for the day than to participate in Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY HOME VISITS

Home bound parishioners are reminded that they may have Holy Communion brought to them on the First Friday of each month by calling the Parish Office, 745-3301, and requesting this service. This spiritual care is offered to any parishioner who, because of illness or advanced age, cannot leave their homes and attend Mass. Home visitation may be requested for a certain period of recovery time or for a more permanent basis. The sacraments of reconciliation (confession) and anointing of the sick are offered to all home bound parishioners every Advent and Lent, and also upon request.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE & INACTIVE

If you are not receiving envelopes from one of our parishes that means that you are either not registered in the parish or that you have been classified as in-active. For better or for worse, this is one of the ways that we can monitor a person's participation in the parish. This may have an impact on a person's reception of the sacraments. If you wish to register in a parish or desire to have your membership reactivated please contact the parish office at 745-3301.

CONFESSION TIMES

Confessions are heard at the following times at St. Luke and Immaculate Conception Churches:
Thursday, Immaculate Conception 6:00-6:30pm
Saturday, Immaculate Conception 3:00-3:30pm
Saturday, St. Luke 5:15-5:40pm

SERVERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 17

IC	SL
4:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Altar Servers	
Grace Lorson	Lily Reid
Joseph Lorson	Sophie Reid
Cantor	
Karen Baier	Kateri Cohick
Lector	
Kyleigh Hager	Diane Johnson
Communion Ministers	
Denny Haines	Dee Todd

Sunday, April 18

IC	SL
8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Altar Servers	
DJ Steinbacher	Melanie Rdesinski
Cantor	
Lenny Stopper	Dona Price
Lector	
Connie Engel	Kim Crossen
Communion Ministers	
Dave Pistner	Denise Folmar

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

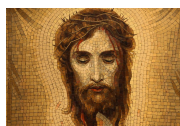
We are working on the next schedule for May, June & July, 2021. Please contact the appropriate volunteer for any scheduling needs:

ST. LUKE

Altar Servers, Lectors and Communion Ministers - Barb Fedele - jfedele2@comcast.net or Judy Morlock - jmorlock@verizon.net
Cantors - Kateri Cohick 570-398-1166.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Altar Servers - Lavern Nau 570-745-7696
Cantors - Karen Baier 570-745-3251
Lectors - Sue Sander 570-745-7687
Communion Ministers - Bob Winter 570-745-2255
Altar Pappies - Denny Haines 570-745-7529



The Golden Arrow Prayer
(To be recited before the Blessed Sacrament or an image of the Holy Face)

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and ineffable Name of God be forever praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on Earth, and under the Earth by all the creatures of God and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

JS LOVE CENTER FOOD PANTRY

We continue to have boxes located in the vestibule of both our churches for donations for the Jersey Shore Love Center Food Pantry: *For the month of April the pantry is in need of Mayonnaise for the cafe.* They are always in need of 15 oz. jars of peanut butter.



FINGER LAKES WINE FESTIVAL

As of now, the Wine Festival in Watkins Glenn is on and of course we are planning on attending. We will be making the journey on Sunday, July 11. If you are interested in joining us please watch the bulletin for further information.

SL WEEKLY SANCTUARY CLEANER

The following SL parishioner is scheduled to clean the sanctuary **April 16:** Barb Kozlowski.

IC CHURCH CLEANERS

The following IC parishioners are scheduled to clean the church on **April 17:** M.K. Gamble & C. Tacka.

ST. LUKE MEAT COLLECTION

St. Luke is accepting donations to help defray the cost of meat for the Spaghetti Dinner. If you are interested please put your donation in an envelope marked "Meat Collection" and drop it in the collection basket located at the back of St. Luke Church.

ENGAGED COUPLES

Engaged couples, remember that you should make an appointment with Fr. Kozen as soon as you become engaged. After you have had your initial meeting, you are to register for an Engaged Encounter weekend or diocesan Pre Cana conference and attend as early as possible. Choose a program scheduled at least six months before your anticipated wedding date so that there is time for follow up. Likewise, be sure to schedule Natural Family Planning instruction several months before your wedding. Marriage preparation information, program dates and a registration form are posted at www.dioceseofscranton.org (click on Marriage Preparation).

SJNRA REGISTRATION

Join Us! Register for the 2021-22 School Year at St. John Neumann Regional Academy! From Pre-Kindergarten to Senior Year and all the grades in between, St. John Neumann Regional Academy offers the academics, athletics, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities that form a well-rounded, faith-filled student. Tuition assistance is available. Don't delay—call this week to register: 570-323-9953.

ST. LUKE FINANCIAL REPORT

The information below is St. Luke's financial running total according to the Monthly Financial Reports. Actual money in and actual money out.

July	- 4,704.46
August	+ 675.74
September	- 2,980.76
October	+ 749.69
November	- 223.12
December	- 5,171.43
January	+4,441.74
February	- 959.50
Year-to-date Total:	-8,172.10

This information is being posted in the bulletin at the request of the St. Luke Finance Committee.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FINANCIAL REPORT

The information below is Immaculate Conception's financial running total according to the Monthly Financial Reports. Actual money in and actual money out.

July	- 1,419.85
August	+1,471.46
September	+1,025.33
October	+1,289.36
November	- 8,178.07
December	- 3,098.39
January	+4,885.41
February	+1,016.82
Year-to-date Total:	-3,007.93

WEEKLY OFFERING

	<i>SL</i>	<i>IC</i>
Weekly	\$ 1,875.00	\$2,967.00
Loose	126.50	60.00
Monthly	30.00	515.00
Easter	3,654.41	5,297.00
Sanctuary Candles	0	40.00
Utilities	170.00	736.00
Total Collection:	\$ 5,855.91	\$ 9,615.00
INCOME GOAL:	3,100.92	4,574.89
Over/Under Goal	\$+2,754.99	\$+5,040.11

Additional Collections

Building Fund	0	80.00
Care & Edu Priest	256.00	399.00
Rice Bowl	124.00	0
Annual Appeal	55.00	0
Holy Land	126.00	295.00
Home Missions	25.00	10.00
Ash Wednesday (SVDP)	0	1.00

May the Lord reward your generosity

*Love gives and serves
without expecting to be repaid*

