

Ascension of Our Lord Church

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Fourth Sunday of **LENT**

March 31, 2019

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“This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again;
he was lost, and has been found.”

Luke 15:24

Ascension of Our Lord

Liturgies for the Week

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Sunday, March 31, 2019

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † Dolores Olker - Diane Cynowa
† Gloria Power - Estelle Graham
† Julia Kubacka - Bill & Barbara Cizek
† Dr. Nunilo Rubio - Caridad Cuasay
† Maria C. Ignacio - Daughter

Monday, April 1, 2019

12:00 PM † Joseph Dattilo - Ellen Dattilo

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

12:00 PM † Robert Albiani - Family

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

12:00 PM † Ann Klazura - Loving Son

Thursday, April 4, 2019

12:00 PM † Frank Tumino - Loving Mother

Friday, April 5, 2019

12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the
Tumino and Demma Families - K&M Demma

Saturday, April 6, 2019

4:00 PM † Joan Mullins - Darlene and Sue
† Ludovic Paul Cogozzo - Klazura Family
† Julia Gallegos - Klazura Family
Living and Deceased Members of the
Vacco and Varco Families - Connie

Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † Bernard Shedor - Diane Cynowa
† Rita Riedel - Family
† Mike & Katie Loizzi -
Frank & Verna Vlach
† Frieda Procido - Emily Kelly

† Denotes Deceased



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*Calendar***Monday**

APRIL 1

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

APRIL 2

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

APRIL 3

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

APRIL 4

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

Friday

APRIL 5

*Lenten Weekday*Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30**Saturday**

APRIL 6

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

APRIL 7

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11

Dear Padre,

**Going to confession has lost its meaning for me.
I wish I could get more out of this sacrament.**

The Catholic Church has always treasured the sacrament of reconciliation. But as adults we need to center on the spiritual depth of this sacrament and gain a new appreciation of it.

Reconciliation is a healing sacrament, meant to mend the rift created between ourselves and God and ourselves and others by our sins. God does the healing; we seek to open ourselves to God's power by asking forgiveness from God and from others. It can be a powerful experience to receive the words of forgiveness, spoken by the priest, as the very words of Jesus healing us and sending us forth to live a more loving life.

This sacrament helps us confront weakness and malice in our life. We all do some shameful things. Sometimes we think, "If others only knew what I think or what I have done, they would not accept me!" When we come to confession

with sorrow for our sins and a desire to amend our lives, we are assured of God's complete pardon and acceptance no matter what the sin. If God accepts and loves us, surely we can accept and love ourselves.

Reconciliation also is a beacon to help keep our life on a straight course. We all have faults centering on gossip, selfishness, impatience, and anger. At penance time we take stock of our direction in life and, with God's help, recommit to a more loving path. I hope you can fully unite yourself with the forgiving Jesus and the forgiving Church and receive the grace of the sacrament this Lent.



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**Know Someone
Overly Anxious About Sin?**

For more than fifty years, Redemptorists have ministered compassionately with those struggling with scrupulosity.



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A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus takes from us our diseased humanity and we take from him his sound and healing humanity. This happens each time we receive a sacrament with faith: the Lord Jesus "touches" us and grants us his grace....We think especially of the sacrament of reconciliation, which heals us from the leprosy of sin.

—Angelus, February 15, 2015



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Parish News

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 - 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Bob
Euch. Min.: McGreevy, Bane, Lugo
Lector: Santucci

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 - 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose
Euch. Min.: Morrissey, Stephens, Vacco
Lector: Bojan

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 - 10:00 AM

Presiders: Father Jose
Euch. Min.: Ciaccio, Neffke, Racila
Lector: J. Butkovich

This week's calendar

Wednesday, April 3: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, 1:00 p.m. in Corpus Christi

Thursday, April 4: Legion of Mary Prayer Group, 10:30 a.m. in the Founder's Foyer

Friday, April 5:

Grief Support Journey, 10:00 a.m., Teen Zone
First Friday Holy Hour, 10:30 a.m. in the Church
Good Shepherd Intercessory Prayer and Rosary, 7:00 p.m. in the Church
Good Shepherd Prayer Group meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Teen Zone

Saturday, April 6: St. Vincent DePaul Conference Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Parish Conference Room

York Township FOOD PANTRY

NEXT PICK UP: MONDAY, APRIL 8

DURING LENT AT
Ascension of Our Lord

**CONFESSIONS EVERY FRIDAY
AFTER NOON MASS
OR BY APPOINTMENT.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY
FRIDAY AFTER NOON MASS
THROUGH APRIL 12TH.**

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, April 18

7:30 P.M.

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19

3:00 P.M.

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death

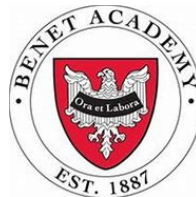
HOLY SATURDAY, April 20

Blessing of Easter Food: 12:00 NOON

Easter Vigil: 7:30 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 21

Mass: 8:00 A.M. ~ 10:00 A.M. ~ 12:00 NOON



**BENET ACADEMY
THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL**

**ROBERT BURJEK
RILEY CONWAY
KATHLEEN KELLY**

CONGRATULATIONS!

STEWARDSHIP

March 17, 2019 - \$6,862

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



DIOCESE OF JOLIET LIFE ADVOCACY DAY

Please join the
Office for Human Dignity ~ Respect Life Ministry
Wednesday, April 3, 2019
At the Capitol Building in Springfield
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Schedule of the Day:

- 10:00 AM – Briefing at Cathedral of Immaculate Conception School in Cafeteria, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, IL 60703
- 10:30 AM – Lobby with Legislators
- 1:00 PM – Lunch Provided at Cathedral of Immaculate Conception School in Cafeteria, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, IL 60703
- 2:00 PM – Depart Springfield to return home

REGISTRATION FORM

To register online visit: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/

Please choose your departing location:

_____ Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill
(Bus departure time approximately 6:45 AM)

_____ Corpus Christi Parish, 1415 W. Lies Road, Carol Stream
(Bus departure time approximately 5:45 AM)

Cost per person \$10.00. Make checks payable to "Diocese of Joliet", and mail to Diocese of Joliet, Attention Respect Life Ministry, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403

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City: _____ Zip Code _____

Email address: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Dietary Need: _____

_____ Check here to be added to our email list

Please check:

_____ I agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and personal representatives, to hold harmless and defend the Diocese of Joliet, its officers, directors, agents, employees, or representatives from any and all liability for illness or death arising from or in connection with my participation on this trip.

In event that I should require medical treatment and I am not able to communicate my desires to attending physicians or other medical personnel, I give permission for the necessary emergency treatment to be administered. I understand that I or my insurance company will be responsible for any charges incurred.

Please register by Thursday, March 28, 2019

Consider fasting on Wednesday, April 3, to join in solidarity with those from our diocese who will be traveling to Springfield.

Prayer for Life Advocacy Day

Gracious and merciful God, we ask that you send your Spirit among us to guide us and direct us in order to inspire all of our political leaders to advance the culture of life in their duty to uphold the common good for all the people they serve. You sent your Son Jesus to teach us how to pray, how to serve you in obedience and how to be the people you are calling us to be. You inspire us each and every day to appreciate the gifts you bestow upon us and to use them to change the hearts and minds of all people. The most precious gift you have given us is the gift of life and you call us to be good stewards of all our creation. Help us to cultivate a spirit of prayer and of reconciliation for the lack of due diligence in protecting the most vulnerable among us; the children who are forgotten, abandoned and thought of as an inconvenience to the welfare of societies. Inspire all those in public office to protect the dignity of the unborn and those who are living who are deemed unfit to receive our care. Help us to receive your wisdom so that we may know how best to serve you and your people. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

We ask the faithful of the Diocese of Joliet to pray this prayer daily.

OFFICE FOR HUMAN DIGNITY Respect Life Ministry

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www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/

This advocacy campaign is part of a larger effort by all the dioceses in Illinois, and is coordinated by the Catholic Conference of Illinois.

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

St. Vincent de Paul Society

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

As a parish, as a community, as a Catholic Church we all need to work together if we are to fulfill our Christian commitment to serve one another as Christ asks us. Our organization needs your help and invites you to consider joining us as a Member, Associate, and friend in our work to assist the poor and disadvantaged of our area. We only ask you to consider joining our ranks and provide what you can to jointly lead the work for the needy and others seeking our help.

Next Saturday, April 6, 2019, at 9:30 AM in the parish Office our Members will hold our monthly gathering to explore new ideas and ways to assist others coming for help and provide trusted advice on moving out of poverty and forward on a path to self-reliance. To do that we need your help, your fresh ideas, and work to resolve the difficulties we see in others and their lives in our community. We want INDIVIDUALS -- YOUNG and OLD -- and FAMILIES with their CHILDREN working alongside their parents in ways that exemplify the true Christian spirit of serving those in need. We invite you to join us in this brief meeting to help us find new and innovative ways to help serve others, especially those who seek our help and support in meeting demands often beyond their own capacities. Consider attending this meeting on Saturday at least to listen and see if there is something you can offer to others and to our parish ministry to the poor.

PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING are the **THREE PILLARS** of the LENTEN SEASON. We all need to do as much as we can of these to truly participate in this time of remembrance of Christ's sacrifices for us.



TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

WJYS channel 62 at 10:00 a.m.
WCUU channel 26.2 at 6:30 a.m.
WMEU channel 48.1 at 6:30 a.m.

Easter Triduum Vocation Discernment Retreat

Catholic men between the ages of 18 and 45 are invited to a vocation discernment retreat at St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, IL during the Easter Triduum - from Holy Thursday, April 18 (4:00 p.m.) through Easter Sunday, April 21 (1:00 p.m.). Join the monks for prayer, work and meals as they prepare for and celebrate these holy days. The retreat is an excellent opportunity to discern God's calling while participating in the monastic life at St. Procopius Abbey. Learn more about seeking God in community life according to the Rule of St. Benedict. Attendance is free, but space is limited. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Fr. James Flint at vocations@procopius.org.



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Lenten Reconciliation

18 HOURS OF CONFESSION

The priests of our Deanery will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on

Friday, April 5, Noon - 10:00 p.m. and
Saturday, April 6, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Church
132 Arthur Street, Elmhurst

All are invited to receive God's grace

We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity to receive God's forgiveness during the holy season of Lent.



“I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the first Friday for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment.” — Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary

How to complete the First Friday’s Devotion:

1. Receive Holy Communion on each First Friday;
2. The nine Fridays must be consecutive;
3. They must be made in honor and in reparation to His Sacred Heart.

12 Promises of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will give peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.
5. I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
9. I will bless those places wherein the image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.
10. I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
11. Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.
12. In the excess of the mercy of my heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.