



# Around the Parish

April Newsletter

2025

## *Reflection for Good Friday, April 18th*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that after His crucifixion and death Jesus went to the realm of the dead and delivered the message of the Gospel. (no.634) He went to “free the just who had gone before Him.” (no. 633)

### **Limbo**

*By Sister Mary Ada*

The ancient greyness shifted suddenly and thinned like mist upon the moors before a wind.

An old, old prophet lifted a shining face and said:

“He will be coming soon, The Son of God is dead; He died this afternoon.”

A murmurous excitement stirred all souls. They wondered if they dreamed,  
save one old man who seemed not even to have heard.

And Moses, standing, hushed them all to ask if any had a welcome song prepared.

If not, would David take the task?

And if they cared could not the three young children sing the Benedicite,  
the canticle of praise they made when God kept them from perishing in the fiery blaze?

A breath of spring surprised them, stilling Moses’ words.

No one could speak, remembering the first fresh flowers, the little singing birds.

Still others thought of fields new ploughed or apple trees all blossom-boughed.

Or some, the way a dried bed fills with water laughing down green hills.

The fisherfolk dreamed of the foam on bright blue seas.

The one old man who had not stirred remembered home.

And there He was, splendid as the morning sun and fair as only God is fair.

And they, confused with joy, knelt to adore

seeing that He wore five crimson stars He never had before.

No canticle at all was sung. None toned a psalm, or raised a greeting song,  
a silent man alone of all that throng found tongue—not any other.

Close to His heart when the embrace was done, old Joseph said,

“*How is Your Mother? How is Your Mother, Son?*”

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

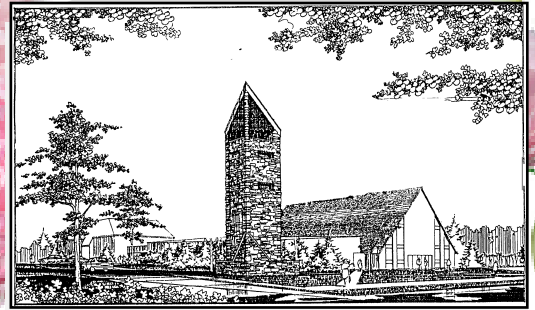
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

MAY THE SOULS OF OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**George Rivera 3-6-2025**

**Marie Lynch 3-14-2025**

THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE



### Sacred Heart Church

#### ✦ 2025 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ✦

##### Sacrament of Penance

**Saturday, 12 April: 3:30-4:30 pm**

**Monday, 14 April 6:30-7:15 pm**

**Tuesday, 15 April 6:30-8:00 pm**

~PALM SUNDAY 12/13 APRIL~

##### The Passion of the Lord

**Masses: 5:00 pm (vigil),**

**7:30 am, \*9:30 am, & 11:15 am**

~HOLY THURSDAY 17 APRIL~

##### Mass of the Lord's Supper

**7:00 pm—Church**

##### Adoration of the Most Blessed

**Sacrament until 11:00 pm Church**

**Night Prayer-10:45 pm Church**

~GOOD FRIDAY 18 APRIL~

##### Private Prayer Church

**NOON-3:00 pm**

~CELEBRATION OF

**THE PASSION OF THE LORD~**

**3:00 pm—Church**

**Confession 6:00-7:00 pm**

**Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm**

**Church, (Decorating the church  
following Stations 8:00 pm)**

~HOLY SATURDAY 19 APRIL~

**Blessing of food-NOON-Chapel  
no confession**

**EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

**8:00 pm Church**

~EASTER SUNDAY 20 APRIL

**7:30, 9:30, 11:15**

**CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT  
FOLLOWING 11:15 AM MASS**

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Treasures from our Tradition**

The Chrism Mass is celebrated in every cathedral in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the bishop's ministry to all who will be baptized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, the unscented olive oil for catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same liturgy and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum.

Remember when Noah's dove returned with the sign of the world's rebirth? The dove carried an olive branch, a pledge that God was breathing the world to life again. Yet olives require human nurture. Olives are inedible unless they are cured by human labor. Olive trees grow on sunny slopes, away from the shade of city walls, so they can only be properly tended, cured, and laboriously pressed in peace time. The Chrism Mass with its olive oils expresses God's deepest desires for us, and our resolve to place our lives in service to God's saving, healing, loving plan.

—James Field

*"I do not pray for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their word, that all may be one as you, Father, are in me, and I in you;*

*I pray that they may be [one] in us that the world may believe that you sent me.*

### **ADORATION OF OUR LORD**

#### **HOLY THURSDAY**

and every Thursday from 6:00-8:00 P.M. In Holy Family Chapel

**BE A DISCIPLE SIGN UP - HALF HOUR SLOT**

### **Welcome :**

#### **Our Newly Trained Servers**



**Amelia Bell, Amelia Kozak, Victoria Schaeffer, Noah Vu**

Thanks be to God you answered the call. It is a great privilege to be invited into the sanctuary during Holy Mass to assist the priest with the sacred rituals that take place there. This is not just an opportunity to serve our parish but to serve our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament who comes to His people at the Mass.

**To Register :** Please call the Rectory (610-372-4010)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

THEREFORE WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.  
Rom(15:7)

**James Seydel**  
**Steven Corona**

## THANK YOU SACRED HEART & HOLY ROSARY

for your overwhelming support of the 2025 Lifeline of Berks County baby bottle fundraiser. Your parish gift exceeded \$3,400! Thank you for your continued support of our mission: to make abortion unnecessary in Berks County. Your donations will be instrumental in building up a culture of life in Berks County by providing pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, medical information and parenting classes, diapers and formula and a variety of other services FOR FREE in our community. We are so grateful for your incredible generosity!



612 Reading Ave. West Reading, PA  
610-374-8545  
www.lifelineofberks.org



*Rev. Monsignor Joseph A. DeSantis*



With praise and gratitude to Almighty God the parishes of Holy Rosary and Sacred Heart will honor their pastor Sunday, 1 June 2025, in celebration of his 50<sup>th</sup> year of Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Time sensitive material and invitation's have been mailed. Please check your mailbox and reply as soon as possible.

We prayerfully ask you to consider Sponsorship of this event and/or placement of a congratulatory ad in the Commemorative Program to be published for this most significant occasion.

Jubilee Planning Committee

## April 2025 LECTOR SCHEDULE

|                    |                             |
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| <b>20 Apr. 5/6</b> | <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> |
| 5:00 PM            | Dean Reber                  |
| 7:30 AM            | Vince Moffitt               |
| 9:30 AM            | Lori Anewalt                |
| 11:15 AM           | Margaret Hueske             |

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| <b>Apr. 12/13</b> | <i>Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord</i> |
| 5:00 PM           | Sandie Wrable (1) Joe Tharp (2)               |
| 7:30 AM           | Mike Gallagher                                |
| 9:30 PM           | Kathy Nevel(1) Denise Mogel(2)                |
| 11:15 AM          | Patricia Ann Kos (1) Regina Doyle(2)          |

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| <b>Apr. 17</b> | <i>Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper</i> |
| 7:00 P.M.      | John Gleason                                   |

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| <b>Apr. 18</b> | <i>Good Friday of the Lord's Passion</i> |
| 3:00 PM        | Regina Doyle (1) Sandie Wrable(2)        |
| 11:15 AM       |  |

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| <b>Apr. 19</b> | <i>Holy Saturday—The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</i> |
| 8:00 PM        | Mary Ann Kase(1) Lou Sutherland (2)                     |

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| <b>Apr. 20</b> | <i>Easter the Resurrection of the Lord</i> |
| 7:30 AM        | Mike Gallagher                             |
| 9:30 AM        | Vince Moffitt                              |
| 11:15 AM       | Margaret Hueske                            |

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| <b>Apr. 26/27</b> | <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> |
|                   | John Gleason                   |
| 5:00 PM           | Regina Doyle                   |
| 7:30 AM           | JoAnn Schmura                  |
| 9:30 AM           | Karen Piraino                  |
| 11:15 AM          | Bill Wellock                   |







# JUBILEE YEAR OF

*Hope*  
2025

We invite you to partake in the Jubilee Year of Hope in the Diocese of Allentown.

This Jubilee Year will be marked by meaningful events, Anointing of the Sick Masses with Bishop Schlert, and the opportunity to visit and pray at our four designated Pilgrimage Sites.

Scan the QR below for Jubilee Events, information about the Pilgrimage Sites, and other exciting news!



## PILGRIMAGE SITES

♦ **Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena**  
1825 W Turner St, Allentown, PA 18104

♦ **National Centre for Padre Pio**  
111 Barto Rd, Barto, PA 19504

♦ **National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
501 Ridge Ave, Allentown, PA 18102

♦ **The Shrine of Saint Therese of Lisieux**  
15 E Garibaldi Ave,  
Nesquehoning, PA 18240





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[www.shrcparish.org](http://www.shrcparish.org)



## FIRST SATURDAY

### Fellowship

Saturday, April 5th

Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Faith, Food & Fellowship

Refreshments and light faire

## REJOICE !

HE IS RISEN

EASTER JOURNEY



**Little Books**  
of the Diocese of Saginaw, Inc.



## LITTLE WHITE BOOKS

These worship guides will be available at the entrances of the church, as well as the chapel. Donation of \$1.00 is greatly appreciated.

## SACRED HEART'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

Meet **Thursday at 1:00 P.M.** In the Bornemann Room. All are welcome. Skilled or a beginner. There is a place for you at the table. If you would like to learn pull up a chair and join us for fun and friendship while creating lovely prayer shawls for the Homebound. Come "unwind" with us.



## COFFEE & DONUTS

Please join us on the 1st & 3rd Sunday, from September— May **Next date April 6th** in the Wachter Room for fellowship, coffee, juice, and donuts: following the 9:30 & 11:15 AM Masses.



♦ A ministry with the focus of bringing together the recipients of Jesus' precious Body, Blood, and Divinity, and remaining just a little longer as **one**.

**Private Mailing Card**  
PLACE A ONE CENT STAMP HERE.  
AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS OF MAY 19, 1898.  
("POSTAL CARD - CARTE POSTALE")  
**Help with the Easter mailing.**  
**The Mailing Committee will meet.**  
**Monday, March 31, Wachter room,**  
**8:30 A.M.**  
THIS SIDE IS EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE ADDRESS

## FROM THE HEART CONSIGNMENT

A fun shopping excursion awaits you!

Do some of your Spring and Summer shopping and support the SVDP Society of Sacred Heart Church or donate items to the store and have the proceeds assigned to SVDP account.

Visit their website at:

<https://fromtheheartconsignment.com> For information of what they accept and when.

Clothing and Accessories Store, with its many choices and bargains.

Please visit the shop at:

4600 Penn Ave

Sinking Spring, PA 19608



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of the Monsignor Bornemann Council #16066 Sacred Heart Church and Holy Rosary Church are hosting a



## Spaghetti Dinner

**\$12.00 per dinner**



**Victor Emmanuel II**

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 4:30p.m. to 7:00p.m.**

**311 Hazel Street, Reading, PA**

**DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT**

**Dinner includes:**

**Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Bread & Butter**

**Cash bar: soda & other beverages**

**Bake Sale, Raffle Gifts, Baskets of Cheer!**

**Tickets on sale after Masses at both Church locations on these weekends:**

**April 12/13 ♦ April 26/27 ♦ May 3/4**

*Tickets will also be available at the door during the dinner.*

*Proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Bornemann Council #16066*