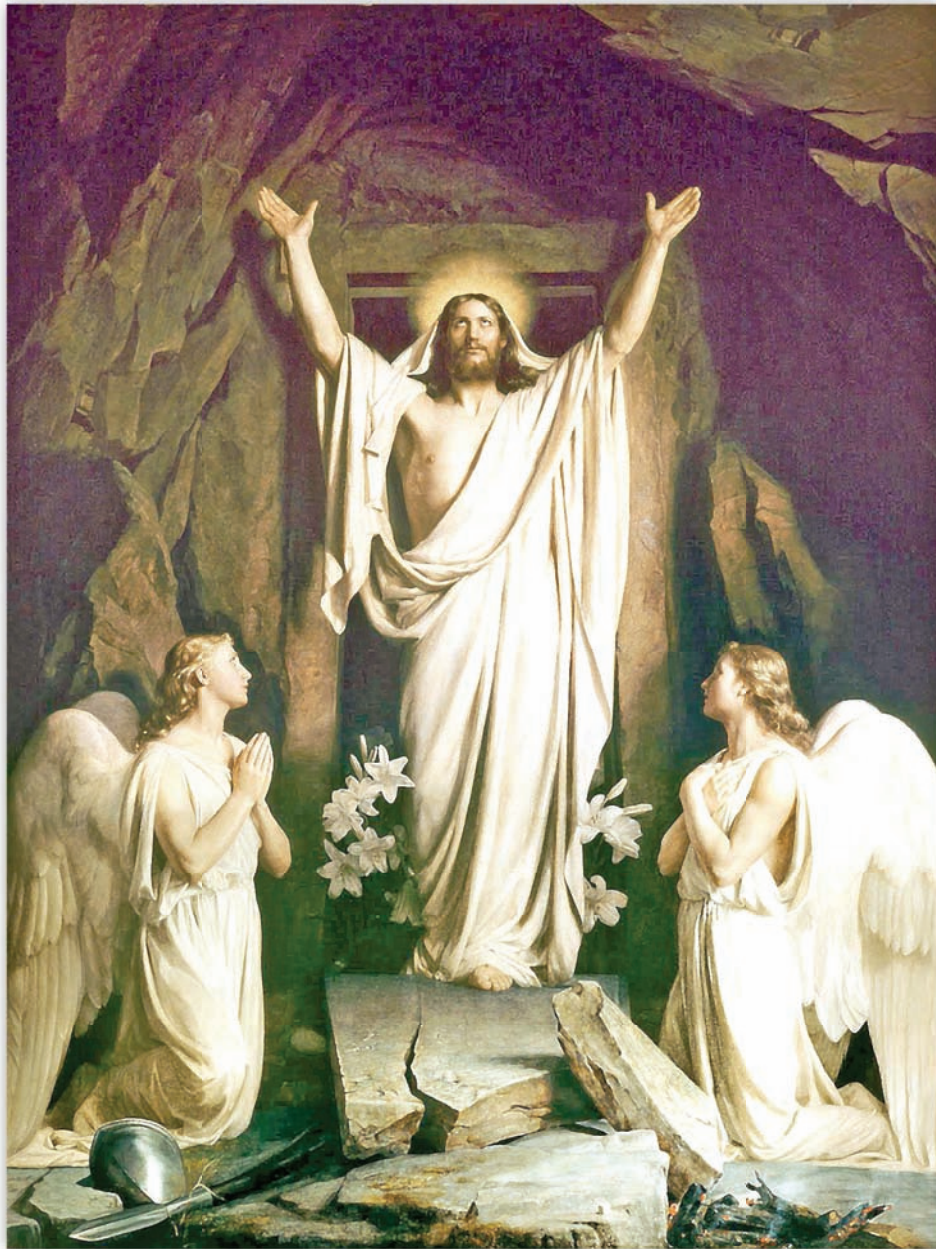


# EASTER SUNDAY

## OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



**Ascension Parish and Saint Katharine Drexel Parish  
Forest City, Pleasant Mount and Rock Lake, Pennsylvania**



## MASS INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

Week of April 6, 2026

### Monday, April 6

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Joanne Wychowanec by Nancy Non & Family

### Tuesday, April 7

9:00 AM-St. James Communion Service

### Wednesday, April 8

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Communion Service

### Thursday, April 9

9:00 AM-St. James Communion Service

### Friday, April 10

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Communion Service

### Saturday, April 11

4:00 PM-St. Joseph Thomas Risboskin by Svecz Family

### Sunday, April 12

8:00 AM-St. Juliana Communion Service

9:30 AM-St. Joseph Courtney McCarthy by The Litz Family

11:00 AM-St James Les Lotz by SKD Altar & Rosary Society

Hymns for April 4-5 Easter Sunday	4:00 pm & 9:30 am
Entrance Hymn	#330 Jesus Christ is Risen Today
Readings and Psalm	#827
Sequence	#334 Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today
Gifts	#313 Alleluia No. 1
Communion	#486 Draw Near
Recessional	#317 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise

*Please take a moment to silence or turn off your cell phones or other electronic devices before Mass begins.  
Thank you in advance for your consideration.*

## PARISH FINANCES

### Ascension Parish Collection Report March 7-8, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	\$2726
Other Parish Envelopes	\$1298
Loose	\$168
Parish Second Collection	\$0
<b>Total Parish Collection</b>	<b>\$4192</b>
Diocesan Second Collection	\$342
Diocesan Envelopes	\$45

### Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report March 8, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	\$1804
Other Parish Envelopes	\$890
Loose	\$403
Parish Second Collection	\$0
<b>Total Parish Collection</b>	<b>\$3097</b>
Diocesan Second Collection	\$384
Diocesan Envelopes	\$100

**This weekend: Care and Education of Priests  
Next week: Deficit Reduction**

### DIOCESE OF SCRANTON ANNUAL APPEAL 2025-26 UPDATE

#### Ascension Parish

DAA 2025-26 Goal: \$23,450.00  
% of Parishioners Giving: 31.96%  
Total Raised: \$23479.00  
(Over) Under: 29.00  
% of Goal: 100.12%

#### Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

DAA 2025-26 Goal: \$16,117.00  
% of Parishioners Giving: 33.33%  
Total Raised: \$16975.00  
Over (Under): \$858.00  
% of Goal: 105.32%



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### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

- St. Joseph: Monday, Wednesday 8:00 – 8:20 AM
- St. Joseph: Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 PM
- St. James: Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 – 8:50 AM
- St. Juliana: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month before Mass
- Also by appointment – please call the office.

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### A&RS OF SKD PARISH

**Food Pantry:** canned & boxed items, paper products.

**\*\*Please leave ONLY NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** in the donation baskets at the churches. Please do not drop off books, clothing or fresh food, unless arranged beforehand. THANK YOU for your generosity and your consideration.

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### BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, you can learn more about the biblical and historical evidence of Jesus. Continue the Easter season with informative and inspirational words about our Lord and Savior on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm at the Parish Office. Please know you do not have to make a commitment to attend every session so feel free to stop in on any Tuesday evening.

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### ROCK LAKE PICNIC ANNUAL BOOKLET

You are requested to contact Deb Biondo if you have submissions that you may have for this year's booklet, i.e. photographs of church events that occurred between August 2025 and July 2026, including those from last year's picnic, pierogi making, church repairs, children's activities within the parish, Christmas, Easter, etc. and also any vintage flashbacks (baptism, first communion, confirmation, youth ministry awards, wedding or photos of the interior or exterior of the churches and rectories, also past priests and parishioners.) This booklet reflects the past and ongoing history of our churches and is an opportunity to share, with others, the dedication and love we have toward them and the parish. Deb can be reached at 579-798-2107.

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### DIOCESE 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2026 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a light reception. The registration deadline for this event is Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. To register, please go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org> or contact Bridget Maille at (570) 207-2213 x 1133 or [familylife@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofscranton.org).

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### ROCK LAKE PICNIC MEETING

The next Picnic Meeting will be Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in St. James Hall.

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### CASA DE MARIA GARDEN OF HOPE

Personalized engraved bricks are available to purchase for Providence Pregnancy Center's Garden of Hope. Your brick will be permanently placed in the Garden, bearing words of encouragement, remembrance, or celebration for generations to come. Your engraved brick will not only enhance the grounds of the maternity home but will also serve as a visible reminder of community support that uplifts every resident. This gift goes beyond the garden—it directly funds Phase 2 renovations at Casa de María, the maternity home in Scranton, and will improve the shared living spaces. More donation options are trees, benches, statuary, lighting, and other garden features, each one helping create a peaceful space of healing while strengthening the home where lives are being rebuilt. Donations are through our trusted and secure partner, Bricks R Us. For more information: <https://www.ppcscranton.org/hope-garden>.

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### MARYWOOD CHAMBER SINGERS CONCERT

The Marywood University Chamber Singers will have a concert on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Cathedral of Saint Peter (315 Wyoming Avenue; Scranton). The program for this concert will feature J. S. Bach's motet "Komm, Jesu, Komm"; The Blue Estuaries by David Ashley White; compositions by Levente Gyöngyösi, Paweł Łukaszewski, Ivo Antognini, and Owain Park; and several spirituals. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations to our Sacred Music Concert series may be made by contacting the Cathedral Parish office so that we may continue to offer these programs to our community. Your support is most appreciated.

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### COME SEE NUNSENSE!

Lackawanna College proudly presents *Nonsense!* This lighthearted and hilarious musical will be performed on April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at the Peoples Security Bank Theater at Lackawanna College (501 Vine Street, Scranton). *Nonsense* is a beloved comedy that follows a group of nuns putting on a variety show to raise funds—filled with music, laughter, and heart. It's a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and an enjoyable outing for parishioners of all ages. For ticket information or group inquiries, you can contact us at [grasonk@lackawanna.edu](mailto:grasonk@lackawanna.edu) or visit <https://www.ourcabaret.com/nonsense>.

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### CTV IS ON NEP!

The Catholic Television Channel from the Diocese of Scranton is now available on NEP! Tune in to channel 120 on NEP!



## CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

The readings for the Easter Sunday remind us of our call as witnesses to the Resurrection, and that we, too can experience renewal and healing through Christ. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter proclaims that God shows no partiality and that through Jesus, all who believe receive forgiveness and new life. This message echoes the invitation of Easter, a reminder that the resurrected Christ opens the door not just to a select few, but for all of humanity. In the second reading St. Paul in Colossians, encourages us to seek the things that are above, for we have been raised with Christ. Easter is a time for renewal, urging us to lift our eyes beyond the struggles of this world and embrace the life that comes from knowing the risen Lord. In the gospel of John, we witness Mary Magdalene's sorrow transform into joy as she discovers the empty tomb. She goes from being a grieving disciple to a messenger of hope. This is a powerful reminder: Jesus meets us in our grief and despair transforms it into joy and purpose. When Mary sees the empty tomb, she does not yet fully comprehend what has happened, but she experiences as glimpse of a new reality, one where death no longer has the final say.



*As we approach this season filled with hope and promise, let us embrace Easter with peace in our hearts. I hope you and your family have a very blessed Easter. Pray for me, as you are all remembered in my prayers.*

~ Fr. Arun

	SERVERS	LECTOR	E. MINISTER
<b>St. Joseph Church</b> 4/11 Saturday 4:00 PM 4/12 Sunday 9:30 AM	any Paul Schror	Darlene Hamlyn John Risboskin	Joseph Janezic M. McCusker & B. Bennett
<b>St. Juliana Church</b> 4/12 Sunday 8:00 AM	Communion Service	Roger Aguinaldo	Carol Kneier
<b>St. James Church</b> 4/12 Sunday 11:00 AM	Oliver, Seamus & Macson Murphy	Family Mass	Carrie McCormick

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord: *To add a name call 785-3838.*

**Prayers for the Sick:** Kathy Spencer, Jessica Moser, Brian Walawender, Lindsey "Ruby" Gorel, Nancy Lewis, Chuck Spencer, Julia Whitney, Patricia Striefsky, Zack Hilburn, Michelle Criscera, Jeff Sheldon, Joey Grecco, Richard Burleigh, Mary Giles, Kathy Demianovich, Donna Foster, Dottie Baysa, Megan Spaulding, Donna Feduck, Mel Sherry, Kayleen O'Hara, Tom Doheny, Mary O'Neill, Catherine Tasso, Diane Kimberley, Barbara Sprovkin, Danny Gales, Dorothy Usher, Ann Marie Furdock, Jean Cyrilin, David Hamlyn, Bucky Biondo, Peggy Newak, Stephanie Dunn, John J. Jurkiw, Christopher Trusky, Maria Koslosky, Tom Zologa, Celestine Cicco, Dave Babich, Marge Armstrong, Dorothy Jones, Thomas J. Madridal, Heidi Rowe, Brendan Clune, Kate Magalski, Mollie Konczyk, Jean Welicka, Dan Kimberley, Carmen M. McClelland, Susan Glinkowski, Louise Brockdorf, Ruthie Sterchak, Robert Polinsky, Marilyn Perine, Joseph Gugliucci, Fulton Joseph Hood, Jessica Vigorito, Mark Polednak, Charlie Matthews, Maury Urmanec, Phyllis Flynn, Caitlyn Vauter, Susan Carpenter, Mary Connors, Amelia Giorgano, Ella Pearson, Erin Andersen, Kerry Henderson, Carol Bishop, Geri Duplatre, Brian Rock, Walter Welicka, Gerrit Vanderwell, Patricia Simpson, Ruth "Rudy" Peterka, Barbara Scott, Mary Lynott, Patricia Connor Mader, and Cheryl Williams. To submit a name, call 785-3838.

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## Gospel Today

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | John 20:1-9

On Easter morning Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and found it empty. She hurried to get Peter and John. Peter entered first, and when John entered he "saw and believed."

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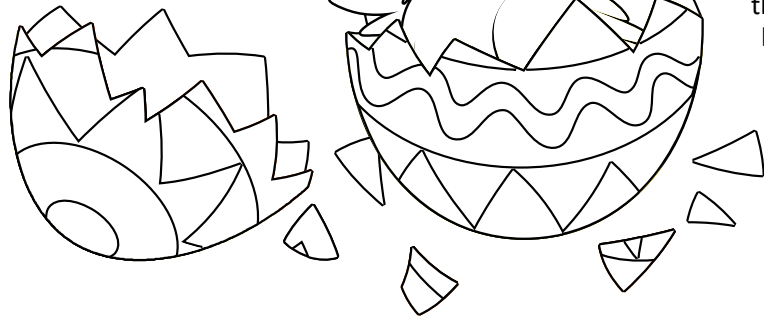
## A-MAZE-ING



Help little chick find the way back to bunny & lamb.



## CELEBRATE NEW LIFE THIS EASTER!



Color the newly hatched chick.

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



Jesus	Y	R	A	M	S	T	O	N	E	A
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Tomb	E	C	S	D	E	P	P	A	R	W
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Entrance	U	A	O	L	O	L	S	O	M	T
Mary	S	R	V	E	H	E	I	H	O	O
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