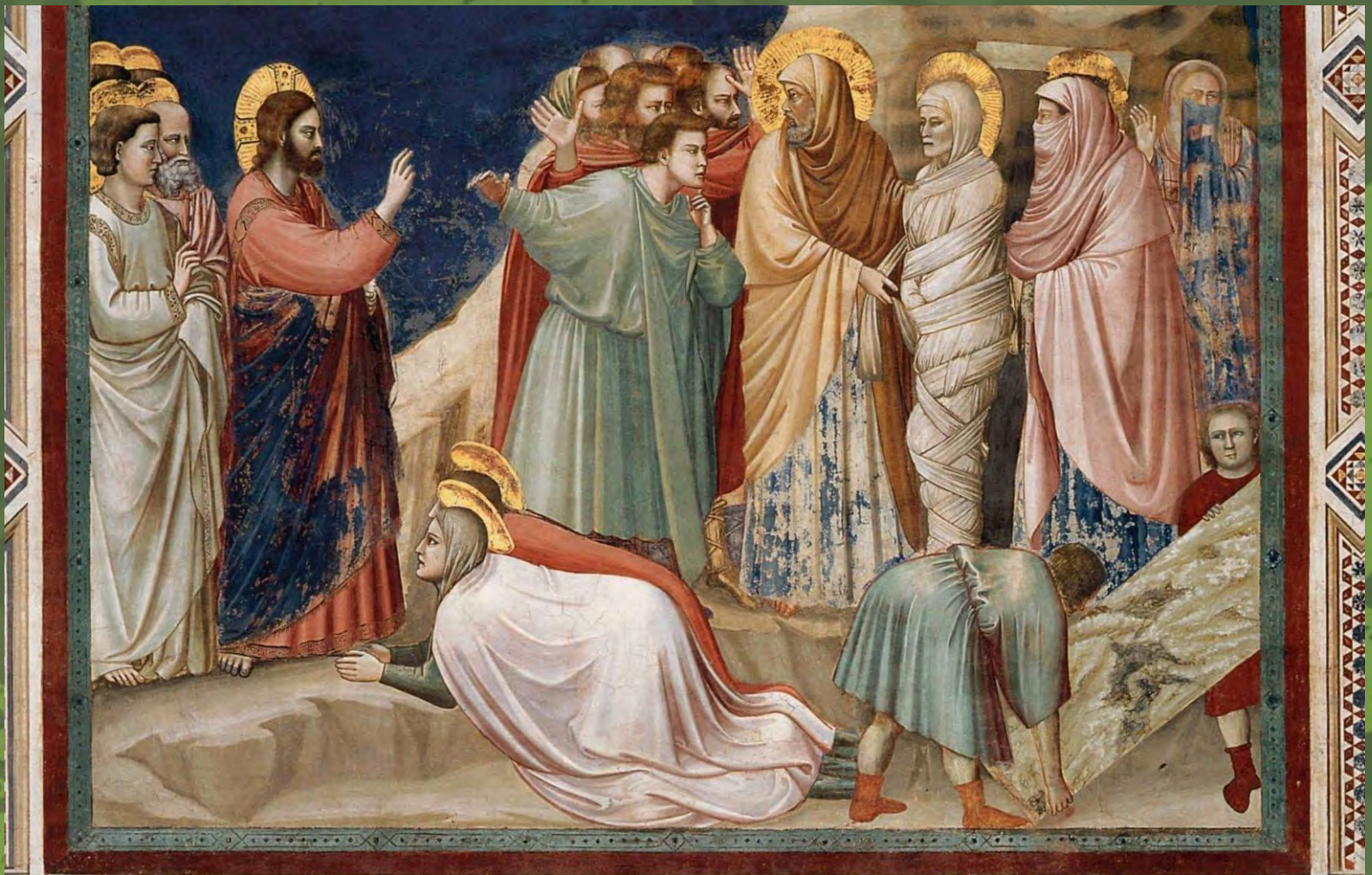


The Fifth Sunday of Lent
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The circumstances that we find ourselves in are certainly unprecedented in our lifetime. Throughout history, I don't recall a time when churches were prohibited to have Liturgy without the assembly for such a long period of time. (Although, it was used as a punitive action by the hierarchy from time to time in some places). This, however, is not a punishment from God or from the Church.

I want to be completely honest with you and tell you now that from what I have been hearing, we shall not be able to gather as a community for Holy Week or even Easter this year. That may be hard to hear. It is for me to think about and say out-loud.

There are many questions that arise from this announcement, and the rest of this bulletin will aim to address your concerns for the good of your souls. Some of the things are novel, many of them are prohibitive, but all seek to help you keep the faith.

If you have a more specific problem or concern, please do not hesitate to email me or call me. I am at fatherjoey@aol.com and extension 105 at the rectory, 570-287-6624.

Finally, the best way that I can communicate with you is on-line through Facebook and the website. (setonpa.com) Please, if you can log onto our Facebook page at least once a day, you will know the latest from our parish. The situation remains fluid and is constantly changing and we must change as circumstances dictate. Let's keep in touch often.

Father Joe

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A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday:

8:30am-5:00pm

Friday: 8:30am-3:00pm

Weekend and evenings by appointment

The parish offices are closed on all Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays

3:30 to 3:50pm or by appointment



PARISH OFFICES

For everyone's well-being and safety, the Parish Office Hours are omitted until further notice. Lori and Monica will work from home whenever possible and will be checking their messages remotely, so please, do not hesitate to call and leave a message. They can also be reached via email:

Lori's email: setonpa@aol.com

Monica's email: seton.swoy@aol.com

As always Father is able to be reached at the rectory at 570-287-6624 ext. 105 or email: fatherjoey@aol.com



Palm Sunday

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. There will be blessed palms in front of the church for you to

take or if weather prohibits that we shall place them on the rectory porch. They will be there after 8:00 am.

Please watch Facebook announcements for the time of the live-streaming Mass on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Church Hours

Unless permission is revoked our church is open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm for your personal prayers and devotions. Say the rosary, pray the stations of the cross, novena prayers or just visit Jesus in the tabernacle. Please limit it to no more than 10 people at a time in church.

SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

Confessions: If it is a matter of urgency, please call Father Joe and make arrangements to meet "outside," in the open air at least 6 feet away.

First Confession and First Holy Communion and Confirmation: will be rescheduled once we return to normal operations.

First Friday and Visits to Homes, Nursing Homes, and Hospitals: Visits will resume when we get the "all-clear." We do not want to put anyone in danger of getting sick. Sr. Jane and Father will be happy to speak to anyone over the telephone during this time. Please call the rectory and follow the prompts to reach either of them.

HOLY WEEK



With the probability that there shall be no public liturgy for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday, that would include no blessing of the Easter Baskets this year. You may bless your own basket with your family. Here is a version of the blessing.

*All Gather and make the sign of the cross. Someone can read: John 6:1-14--
Multiplication of the loaves*

Leader says the following prayer:

God of glory, the eyes of all turn to you as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death.

Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal. May we who gather at the Lord's table continue to celebrate the joy of his resurrection and be admitted finally to his heavenly banquet.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

*Blessing of the Basket with Holy Water (optional)
Pray the Our Father together.*



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March Building & Maintenance: \$734.00

LENTEN REMINDER

Fridays are days of Abstinence — Good Friday is a day of Abstinence and Fast.



Remembering at Eucharist

While no public Liturgy is being celebrated in the church, we are usually satisfying two intentions privately each day. Father Urban and Father Joe both take an intention each. They are listed below.

Monday, March 30

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| 1. Carol Oliver | Aunt Barbara & Family |
| 2. Charlotte Demko | Anita & Cindy Brown |

Tuesday, March 31

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| 1. Special Intention | Martinsky-Bagnall Family |
| 2. William McGough | Nice Family |

Wednesday, April 1

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| 1. Margaret Yadrnak | Daughter, Diane & Family |
| 2. Anthony Leptuck | Felix Wawer |

Thursday, April 2

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| 1. Dolores & Tony Paratore | Roy & Joanne Baker |
| 2. Carmella Uter | Robert Popek & Family |

Friday, April 3

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| 1. Stephen R. Hudak | Wife, Eleanor |
| 2. Chester Kuzma | Joe & Bonnie Simcik |

Saturday, April 4

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| 1. Marie Shampack | Husband, Michael |
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Sunday, April 5th

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| 1. Joseph Kosisher | Wife, Mary Ann & Daughter & Son-in-law |
| 2. Birthday Blessings for Marge Palmer | Family |



The Sunday Eucharist will be attempted to be on-line each weekend from our Parish Church. Check Facebook for the livestream times on Saturday after 4 or Sometime Sunday, then it shall be posted on our homepage at setonpa.com. This is a way we can virtually keep connected each week. Share the feed if you would like so others may tune in as well.



With no public masses being celebrated in our parish there are, of course, no collections. All Fundraising has been cancelled. There is no source of income for our parish. Please, if you can help, send in your envelopes regularly or use a plain envelope and put your name on it for credit. Even with no usage bills continue to accumulate for the three buildings. Again, we are asking only if you are able to do so. Many are unemployed at this time and we understand if you cannot help. Thank you for even considering this request.

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Sanctuary Candles



This week's Sanctuary Candles

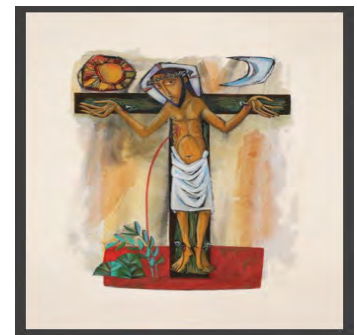
- ~In Memory of Stephen R. Hudak offered by wife, Eleanor
- ~In Memory of Louis Michaels offered by Family



JMJ CATHOLIC RADIO
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at 98.9FM & 750AM, Hazleton at 1490AM & 100.1FM, and Dushore at 91.7 FM. Reflect with us on the "Journey Home" with host, Marcus Grodi. It features the conversion stories of extraordinary men & women who have entered into full communion with the Catholic Church. On Fridays throughout the year at 7pm, pray with us a moving version of the Stations of the Cross.

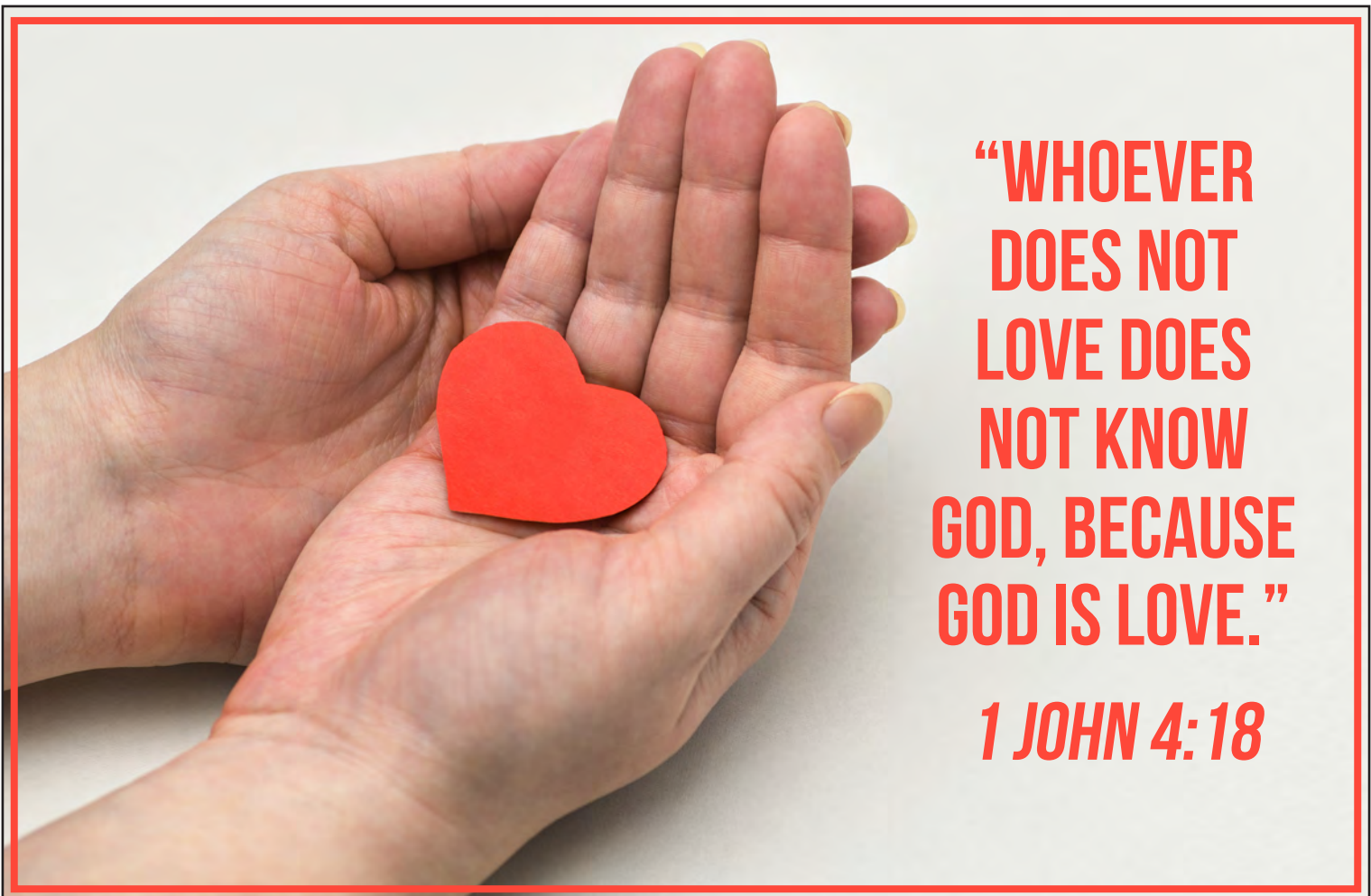


LET US PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE
DIED FROM THE CORONA VIRUS.



NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



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1 JOHN 4:18



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