



HE IS NOT HERE,  
FOR HE HAS BEEN

*raised*

JUST AS HE SAID.  
COME AND SEE THE  
PLACE WHERE HE LAY.

MATTHEW 28:6 | EASTER 2024

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST – EASTER SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. **PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED**

11:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel



**MONDAY, APRIL 1st**

8:30 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd**

8:30 a.m. **EILEEN DeLUCIA** by Jacquie Whetstone

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd**

8:30 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4th**

8:30 a.m. **JOSEPH SHAKER** by Anthony Shaker

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5th**

8:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6th**

4:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7th – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. **MIKE NICHOLAS ~ 4th Anniversary**

by Family

11:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel



**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

**MARCH 24, 2024**

Parish Goal: \$4,700 per Sunday

Attendance Sunday: 180

Envelopes: 94

SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$3,950 00
MAINTENANCE	\$35.00
CEMETERY	\$33.00
EASTER FLOWERS	\$200.00
EASTER	\$125.00
HOLY LAND	\$135.00

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, April 7th**

Sacristan	TOM FRICKER
Lector	MIKE SYLVESTER
Eucharistic Minister of Bread	SHERRIE SYLVESTER
Eucharistic Ministers of Cup	NORA HLAD/ JACQUIE WHETSTONE
Altar Server	JEFF BURKE
Greeters	MARY ANN MCMAHON/ CAROL SYLVESTER

**ATTENTION: LAY MINISTERS**

**YOU ARE REMINDED TO PLEASE CHECK IN WITH THE SACRISTAN 20 MINUTES BEFORE MASS TO LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE THERE FOR YOUR ASSIGNMENT. THANK YOU.**

**THEME: YES, CHRIST MY HOPE IS ARISEN; TO GALILEE HE GOES BEFORE YOU.**

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Not even death could keep Him from us. So mighty is His love that He transformed the evil of the cross into a blessing through which He can eternally unite us to God. He is here. He is Risen, alleluia!

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the first reading, Peter tells the story of Jesus' ministry, death, and Resurrection. In the second reading, Paul tells the Colossians that since they were raised with Christ, they must seek what is above. In the Gospel, Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. The other disciple arrived at the tomb first; he saw and believed.

**ETERNAL FLAME INTENTION ~ WEEK OF MARCH 31st**



**IN MEMORY OF MATTHEW CREPPAGE**  
by Tim & Cass Abraham



**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION**  
**HEALING FOR FRIENDS**  
by Mary Ann Hudzik



**REST IN PEACE**

Our sympathy and prayers for comfort are extended to the family and friends of **Shirley Shonk** (mother of Kathy Grolemond), and **Mary Ann Byrom**, who died this week. May they rest in eternal peace.



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL REMAIN CLOSED THROUGH EASTER MONDAY, AND WILL REOPEN TUESDAY AT 9:00 A.M.**



**PRAYER LIST:** We would like to offer everyone the opportunity to pray for our fellow parishioners and friends who are ill or in need of prayer for any reason. If you would like to add someone to the list, please call the rectory and leave a message and we will add the requested person. Please

remember the following in your prayers : **Dorothy Bianco, Alida Lendvay, Mary Beth Havasi, Janet Kandrac, Sue Kopetsky, John Wilson, Kathy DeCristofaro, Mitzi Malvasi, Lou Lukz, Jennifer Cable, Michelle Howard, Jo Medovich, Kevin Grafton, Mary Catherine Freel, Kara Stanford, Arlene Wilson, Mary Miller, Bob Leonard, Mike Kozak, Bob Adler, Joe Smaltz, Sandy LaMonica, Karen & Richard Slanina & Family, Carri R., Pat Hines, Bill Smith, Debbie Kovell, Lois DiFrancesco, Jeff Burke, Jack DiTunno, Tammy C., Faith Harnack, Paul Lapolla, Jim Orsine, Connie Hake, Michael Edward Thompson, Pat Spisak, Chuck Durig, Tucker Paul Clark, Martha Williams, Marie Perfette, Denise Burke, Sue Mollis, Chuck & Bonnie Jorza, Connie Brandt, Rachel Tarr, Steve & Dee Cvengros, Rita Mae Dodosovich, Al Conti, Rosalie McGinnis, Dick Bedio, Gavin Lengle, Peg McGinnis, Larry Batovsky, Sr., Steven Medovich, Mary Jane Tripodi, Roberta Williams, Mary Jane Hileman, Todd Beedy, John Daubner, Father Murphy, Peter Ford, Pat Sylvester, Sr., Hudson Joseph (Janice Rayle's 2-year old grandson), Nanette Ball, Rick Cool, Clair Darby Camp, Bridget Darby Flores, Eli Flores, Paul Saban, Sr. and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.**



**2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**

The reality of the Resurrection is shocking. Everyone dies; that’s the rule. But someone...finally... beat... death! Not just anybody – Jesus.

The good news gets better. Not only did He find a way to destroy death, but Jesus also gave everyone access to His tried-and-true path.

If there was a way out of the one tragedy that none could escape, love would share it! Our neighbors need to hear about the Resurrection. Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal, so we can help others find the way to eternal life. God will reward you with Easter graces! **As of March 25, 78 St. Stephen donors have pledged \$16,975 of our goal of \$26,900.**

**NILES INTERFAITH BANQUET**

The Niles Interfaith Committee will hold its annual scholarship award brunch on April 7 at Ciminero’s. Doors will be open at 12:30 p.m. and brunch will be at 1:00 p.m. for those who made reservations.

**OTHER NEWS**

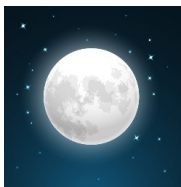


**NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES FOOD COLLECTION ~ PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY**

**COMMUNITY SUPPERS – APRIL – NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
21 Fairview Avenue, Niles. Suppers are free and open to the public on Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

**COCKEYE CARES PINT PROGRAM**

From now until March 31st, 100% of the proceeds from pints of Love Thy Neighbor (fresh strawberry puree super premium ice cream with chocolate covered strawberries, brownies and dark chocolate chunks) sold at our scoop shop and restaurant (1805 Parkman Road NW, Warren) will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul to help their mission: bring hope to those in need so they may achieve stability and move toward self-sufficiency. A member of our St. Vincent de Paul Society tried it and highly recommends it! Do something sweet for yourself... and your neighbor!



**NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES PRESENTS THE FULL MOON ALL-STARS DINNER-DANCE FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2024**

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*Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war. Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel, every angel, and saint: Please pray for peace. Pray for unity amongst nations. Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful. Pray for those most in need. Pray for us all. Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers. Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.*



*On this holy day, and in this season of renewal, we pray in thanksgiving for the many blessings You give us.*

*May our words and deeds today, and always, serve as reminders of the transformative power of Your love.*

*Amen*

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