



APRIL 16, 2017
EASTER SUNDAY
ST. JOHN THE
EVANGELIST CHURCH
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- April 23 - New Parishioners Luncheon
- April 30 - First Communion at 11:00 Mass
- May 6 - Spring Fling after 4:00 Mass
- May 7 - Mass of Anointing - 2:00PM
- May 14 - May Crowning at 11:00 Mass
- May 21 - Scam & Fraud Protection Program
- May 27 - Love Feast
- June 11 - Chicken Barbecue

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

- Sat. Apr. 22 - 4:00 PM - Jack & Kelsey Donoughue
- Sun. Apr. 23 - 8:00 AM - Emily & Ethan Miller
- Sun. Apr. 23 - 11:00 AM - Nathan Ringkamp, Kaelab Ruggles

LECTORS:

- Sat. Apr. 22 - 4:00 PM - Heather Nackley, Maria Spayd
- Sun. Apr. 23 - 8:00 AM - Cora Bacon, Victor Rizzo
- Sun. Apr. 23 - 11:00 AM - David Petrak, Mary Petrak

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

- Sat. Apr. 22 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Joyce Cunningham
- Sun. Apr. 23 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
- Sun. Apr. 23 - 11:00 AM - Ginger Cooney, Debbie Dougherty, Pam Klobuka, Joseph Klobuka, Donna Moyer, Bob Olson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- Sat. Apr. 22 - 4:00 PM - John Lloyd, Betsy Lloyd, Bill Stokan, Mary Frances Stokan
- Sun. Apr. 23 - 8:00 AM - Helen Miller, Charlie Moore, Ed Stoltz, Mary Truesdale
- Sun. Apr. 23 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom, Dolores Capriotti, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN:

- Sat. Apr. 22 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet
- Sun. Apr. 23 - 8:00 AM - Michele DeFrancisco
- Sun. Apr. 23 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY•TUESDAY•THURSDAY•FRIDAY: 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY: 6:00PM
SATURDAY: 4:00PM • SUNDAY: 8:00AM•11:00AM

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Our Beautiful Easter Flowers – Many, many thanks to all those who so generously donated to provide our beautiful flowers for Easter. We also express our gratitude to Barb Bundy and her team of decorators! As always, the church looks splendid!

Our Lenten Display – A shout-out to our Director of Religious Education, Mary Haenig, for the beautiful Lenten display in the Gathering Space throughout the Lenten season. On Ash Wednesday it was the desert, and ever so gradually that desert bloomed! Thanks, Mary!

Angelic Voices! – Our heartfelt thanks to all those who have participated in our music ministry during this Holy Week and Triduum. Under the exceptional direction of Debbie Johnson, our choirs enabled our hearts to soar with praise for the risen Christ! He is risen! Alleluia!!!

The Season of Sacramental Life is Upon Us – On Wednesday, April 19th, our high school juniors will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation through the ministry of Bishop Mark, and in fellowship with young people from the other city parishes. Our First Communion will be celebrated here at our 11:00 Mass on April 30th. We applaud the efforts of those who have made these celebrations possible – parents and sponsors and catechists!

Mass of Anointing of the Sick – Mark your calendars for this beautiful celebration of the compassion and healing grace of Christ. This Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 7 at 2:00 PM.

SCRIP NEWS: Do you enjoy eating out? You could be earning the church between 4% and 15% of your dining out bill by using scrip. We have Applebee's, Arby's, Burger King, Chili's, Chipotle's, Cracker Barrel, Denny's, The Dream, Dunkin Donuts, Eat N' Park, Hoss's, Jethro's, Olive Garden (Red Lobster and Longhorn), Outback, Panera Bread, Papa John's, Pizza Hut, Subway, Texas Roadhouse, TGIFriday's, Wendy's and Zach's in stock. Locally owned restaurants will need to be purchased at the scrip table. Sign up online for scrip now with Presto pay and you could order scrip at the restaurant to pay the bill using any smart phone. Or order from a home computer and print the e-card out to use at the restaurant. Using Scrip makes supporting the church with your everyday budget easy.

Remember your Rice Bowls – Throughout the Lenten Season families have been participating in Operation Rice Bowl as a way of supporting our sister parish in Haiti. Thank you for your kindness, and we ask that these rice bowls be returned to the basket in the gathering space of the church at your earliest convenience. I know how much the people of Haiti appreciate what we do for them!

Sight and Sound – We are planning a day trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see their terrific production of "Jonah" on Friday, May 19th. The trip would include travel, ticket and dinner. We will be leaving from the parish parking lot mid-morning, and returning in the evening. The cost per person will be \$125. Don't miss this wonderful spring get-away! You can call the office to make reservations.

An Easter Gift for Our Children – The greatest gift we can give to our children is our Catholic Faith, which is nourished by the prayers we teach them! At our Easter Liturgies each of our children will receive a special "Children's Prayer Book," so that their relationship to Jesus may be strengthened by their daily prayer!

OUR PARISH FAMILY... will return next week. Happy Easter!

CALLIGRAPHER NEEDED Have you seen the "St John the Evangelist Parish Album" in the gathering space? This beautiful book was a gift from a parishioner, and is a place to record and commemorate special events that occur in our parish such as baptisms, weddings, anniversaries, etc. Many parishioners have asked about it, and we would like to begin using it again. But we need a talented, willing person to make the entries. If this is something that you could do, please let us know by calling Cecelia Bloom at 695-2806.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: Today Christians remember the glorious resurrection of our Savior. Death could not keep the Lord in the tomb. Christ has conquered death and new life is ours. On Easter Sunday we stand and renew our baptismal promises. We reject evil and sin, and profess our faith in God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are claimed for Jesus Christ who died and rose. For fifty days we will sing our alleluias and praise God for the gift of resurrection. Sorrow leads to joy; despair fades into hope, and apathy is overcome by divine love. Happy Easter!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The students in religious education collected \$450 during their Lenten Alms Giving to "Living Waters", an organization that brings clean drinking water to people in El Salvador.

Please pray for our 17 Confirmation students who will be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit on April 19th at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

April 23rd: Last class of the year 9:15:10:45

First Eucharist Retreat

Saturday April 22 1-2:30 meet in church

Religious Education Parent Meeting

April 23rd at 9:15 in gym. Important information about changes in religious education next year.

First Communion Mass

SUNDAY APRIL 30TH AT 11:00 MASS

14 children will be receiving First Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.



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ROAST BEEF DINNER: St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold its 41st Annual Roast Beef Dinner / Spring Festival on Sunday, April 23rd. It will feature games, baskets, a bake sale, and of course our delicious roast beef dinner. Location: Church hall at the top of Church Street. Time: 11:00 a.m. to ...? Tickets: Adults (eat-in or take-out) \$10.00; Children 6-to-12, \$6.00; 5 and under FREE.

St. John's Prayer List

It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the sick. If you know of someone in the parish who is ill or has passed away and in need of prayers, please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at ginnen.reeder@gmail.com to add their name to the prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

Millie Bilski • Vicky Buda • Yolanda Buda • Robert Cole
Michelle Fasline • Carol Field • Wayne Flanagan
Bob George • JoAnne Gerardine • Judy Hurm
Brian Kopp • Bill Loth • Jim McLaren • June Miller
Anne-Marie Norris • Ron Peschock • Dave Petrak
Bob & Mary Rajnish • Olga Romerowicz
Madison Shura • Justine Wareham Smith • Patty Teufel
Noah Wills • Young people

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS: Registration is now open for all campus locations. Forms are available at each site. Call for more information. Altoona: 381-7011, Middle School: 942-7837, Hollidaysburg: 695- 6112

We will our first Holy Trinity Yard Sale – June 3rd. We have begun collecting those unwanted treasures. Items can be dropped off anytime now and throughout the remainder of the year at St. Rose's Maria Parish Center. We will not be selling clothing. Our yard sale funds will be used for student-centered activities throughout the new school year. Be watching for more information.

STEWARSHIP CORNER May your heart burn with desire to celebrate Jesus Christ present today in Scripture and in the breaking of the bread. Come back to the Eucharistic feast. Stay with us!

Stewardship at St. John's

Because of the early bulletin deadline this week, the weekly offertory report for April 9 is not available.

ONLINE GIVING: You now have the option to use Online Giving for contributions to our parish. The application provides you a convenient option that you may access at any time. Your gift will be transferred from your preferred method of payment directly to our parish. There's no need to share any sensitive account information with parish staff. We have implemented Online Giving because it is convenient, safe and secure, and simple. You can start, stop and change your contributions at any time. Sign up by visiting our parish website: stjohnsaltoona.org. Click on the Online Giving link under Parish Information on the left side of the page. Complete the online registration form.

HANDS & HEART HAITI FÈT: The Carmelite Community of the Word invites you to our 15th Annual Hands & Hearts Haiti Fèt (formerly known as the Paschal Festival), on Sunday, April 30, 2017, at Our Lady of Loretto Hall, 279 St. Elizabeth St., Loretto, PA 15940. The afternoon will include a buffet dinner, silent auction, and a program featuring Francois Victor, a popular presenter for NickyNick Community TV in Brooklyn, NY. Mr. Victor grew up in Haiti and his sister is Sr. Emmanuelle, the foundress and superior of the Little Sisters of the Incarnation in Haiti. He will share stories of growing up in Haiti as well as shedding light on Haitian family values. Doors open at 1:45PM. Dinner will be served at 2:30PM and the program will begin at 3:30PM. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children under 13. Participants are asked to contribute a new item of children's and/or teen's underwear or socks. Contact the CCW Incarnation Center at 814-886-4098 for tickets or for more information. Ticket deadline is April 21, 2017. All proceeds will help us continue our ministry in Haiti.



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday April 16 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

Monday April 17 - Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for the Faithful

Tuesday April 18 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Bud Bloom* requested by Mag Wieland

Wednesday April 19 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

5:00PM- Confessions
6:00PM- Mass for *Connie Stoltz* requested by Ed Stoltz

Thursday April 20 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Clarence Becker

Friday April 21 - Friday within the Octave of Easter

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for the Faithful

Saturday April 22 - Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter

3:00PM- Confessions
4:00PM-Mass for *John Schmidt*

Sunday April 23 - Second Sunday of Easter

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by Ron Boland

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

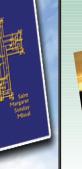
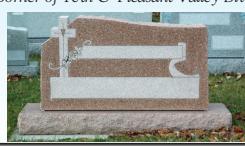
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 -- 53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
Jn 18:1 -- 19:42

ATTENTION GOLFERS: *The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Youth Ministry will hold its 9th Annual Golf Outing on Thursday, June 8 at Park Hills Country Club.* The entrance fee is \$75 per golfer (\$300 per foursome) and includes green fees, cart, skills contests, on-course refreshments and luncheon. Registration begins at 9:00AM and tee time is 9:30AM. Tee sponsorship for businesses and organizations is \$100. To register an individual or a foursome or for more information, call 814-659-8773 or email avcdepaul@atlanticbb.net

The Carmelite Community of the Word will hold its 13th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 9, at Scotch Valley Country Club in Hollidaysburg. Tee time for the scramble-format shotgun is 12:00PM. Costs are \$115 per golfer (\$425 per foursome) for golf, lunch, on-course refreshments, prizes and dinner. A live auction and dinner begin at 5:30PM. For information, call Sr. Jane Miller at 886-4098, or email jmseashell@msn.com.

PRAYING WITH ICONS CLASS: Icons are not simply art; they are a way into contemplative prayer, and therefore one way to let God speak to us. The class, *Praying With Icons*, focuses on the Festal Icons (the major events in the life of Christ and the Theotokos) and the Sacred Scripture that speaks to us through the sacred images. Deacon Michael Russo will be presenting this eight week course Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30PM at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, beginning May 16th. The cost of the course is \$35. For the complete schedule of class dates and registration, please contact Marybeth at the Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries at (814) 361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

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