

"Do not be amazed!
You seek Jesus of Nazareth,
the crucified.
He has been raised;
he is not here."
Mark 16:6

APRIL 1, 2018
EASTER SUNDAY OF
THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

April 2 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
April 22 - Mass of Anointing - 2:00PM
April 29 - First Communion - 11:00AM Mass
July 22 - Parish Picnic

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Apr. 7 - 4:00 PM - Claire Nackley, Keaton Swope
Sun. Apr. 8 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, NOT FILLED
Sun. Apr. 8 - 11:00 AM - David Auerbeck, Alexandria Auerbeck

LECTORS

Sat. Apr. 7 - 4:00 PM - Mark Sloan, Heather Nackley
Sun. Apr. 8 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Ronan Adams
Sun. Apr. 8 - 11:00 AM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Apr. 7 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Jenna Jenkins
Sun. Apr. 8 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Apr. 8 - 11:00 AM - Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka, David Lee,
Barbara Bundy, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Apr. 7 - 4:00 PM - Judy Sneath, Billy Sweet, Wally Wargo,
Dorothy Yingling
Sun. Apr. 8 - 8:00 AM - Charlie Moore, Ed Stoltz, Larry VanSickel,
Paula VanSickel
Sun. Apr. 8 - 11:00 AM - Pauline Adams, Marilyn Bevan,
Walter Bloom, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN

Sat. Apr. 7 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet
Sun. Apr. 8 - 8:00 AM - Michele DeFrancisco
Sun. Apr. 8 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. Apr. 7 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Charlene Lancy
Sun. Apr. 8 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi
Sun. Apr. 8 - 11:00 AM - Jane Byrne, Carolyn English

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Celebrating the Easter Season – The season of Easter continues for the next 50 days, concluding on Pentecost. Remember to pick up the special Easter Bulletin which gives some wonderful ideas on how to observe this marvelous season of joy. Throughout this Easter Season our attention will be turning from the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection to the glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Inspiring Liturgies! – Our heartfelt thanks to all those who have participated in our liturgical celebrations during this Holy Week and Triduum. We are grateful to our lectors, who proclaimed the Scripture so well, to our servers who assisted at the altar with class, and to all in our music ministry, under the exceptional direction of Debbie Johnson, with accompanist Patti Jimenez. Music is the language of the prayerful heart! Our hearts soared with praise of our risen and glorious king! He is risen! Alleluia!!!

Welcome! Our hearts go out in welcome to the newest member of our Catholic Family, Ashley Greslick, wife of Michael Greslick, who was welcomed into the fullness of the Catholic Faith with Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We are especially grateful for the guidance which Mark Krepich has given her in preparing for this great day!

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, Rose Wargo, and their 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 around our Family Tree in the Gathering Space. We await the butterflies! Thanks, Mary!

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 church at your earliest convenience.

The Season of Sacramental Life is Upon Us – The Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord is the beginning of the 50 day Easter Season! We celebrate the glorious life of Christ and his Church, particularly as we experience God's life in us through the Sacraments. On Tuesday, April 17th, 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 annual Mass of the Anointing of the Sick is scheduled for Sunday, April 22nd at 2:00 PM, and our First Communion will be celebrated here at St. John's on April 29th at the 11:00 Mass.

Nocturnal Adoration - Adoration for the First Friday of the Month will be celebrated at Sacred Heart this Friday, April 6, from 8 PM until 11 PM. The hour for St. John's is from 10:00 until 11:00. Please join in this time of prayer.

Liturgical Reflection... Christians acclaim faith in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The crucified Lord, buried in the tomb, has risen to new life. By baptism we share in this new life. As we stand today and renew our baptismal promises, we acclaim a sure and certain faith in eternal life. Death no longer has power over us. We reject evil and sin, and profess faith in our God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Life Giver. We have been claimed for Christ. We are people of life. Our sung alleluias give witness to the Christian faith, we have died to sin and live in the Easter Lord.



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STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 1/1/18 to 03/17/18

Gifts \$10,518

Pledges \$6,800

Parish Goal \$44.438

Collection totals for March 25 were not available due to the early deadline for this Easter bulletin.

April Prayer Intention of Pope Francis FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY IN ECONOMIC MATTERS

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to explore new ways forward.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

April 1st – No Class – Happy Easter

April 8th - Classes resume 9:15-10:45

April 15 - No Class

April 22nd - Last Class 9:15-10:45

11th Grade Confirmation Class

April 8th Rite of Sending Mass at 11AM.

Following Mass we will have a short meeting in the school gym. Student and sponsor (or parent) are to attend.



A Very Big Thank You to Jim and Steph Krug, our youth ministers, for a fantastic job guiding our youth in the "Living Stations of the Cross".



More pictures of the Living Stations are posted on the kiosk in the gathering space!

ST. LEONARD'S HOME: Worried about a loved one? St. Leonard's Home in Hollidaysburg provides medication management, personal hygiene assistance, socialization, meals, housekeeping and a 24 hour staff in a home-like environment. We serve men and women 55+ for whom it is no longer safe to live alone. To tour our beautiful Victorian mansion or for more information, call Sr. Cynthia Meyer at 814-695-9581 during weekday business hours. We are a Catholic facility but accept all eligible applicants, and will assist with financial aid applications where applicable.

VISIT FROM FATHER BANIVE PERALTE: Father Banive, the pastor of our sister parish, Sts. Peter and Paul in Mar-mont, Haiti, will be our guest the weekend of April 13th to 15th. You will have a chance to hear from him at all three masses. Other social gatherings will be announced later. Also, there are a few more students waiting for sponsorship. Please check the display in the Gathering Space. The amount is \$150 for the school year. Thank you to all who have already sponsored students.

CONTACT ALTOONA is currently looking for volunteers with the power to listen. Sign up for the 2018 Spring Volunteer Training Classes now and obtain the skills necessary to help those in need. Volunteers of CONTACT Altoona are anonymous and take calls from area residents who simply need someone to talk to; a lonely senior, a person in crisis, someone who is limited when it comes to outside interactions. Spring training begins Monday, April 9 and will be every Monday and Tuesday for five weeks from 6:00PM – 8:30PM until it concludes on Tuesday, May 8. If you are interested in giving back to your community, please call the CONTACT Altoona Administrative Offices at 814-946-0531.

THE COLLECTION BASKET: Each month, the Family Life Office publishes a newsletter for families. Copies of the April edition are available in the gathering space.

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 gabby.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:*

**Baby Adam • Julie Beiswenger • Millie Bilski • Jen Buda
Robert Cole • Millie Grace Capon • Mary Lee DeStefano
Michael DeStefano • Keith DeMastens • Carol Field
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HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Dorothy Roberto

May she rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.



2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Making Christ A Home In Your Heart

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE: In 2017 more than 6,709 children and teens benefitted from Youth Ministry programs that were made possible by your support of the Catholic Ministries Drive.

The Youth Ministry programs offers spiritual education and enrichment programs that are both family based and parish centered. Religious Education programs are offered to all school age children, including sacramental preparation of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation; summer camps (Camp Zacchaeus & Camp Timothy); and retreats like Senior High Youth Convention (SHYCON) and Faith Day.

A story of Faith, Hope & Charity.

Fifteen-year-old Rob arrived at Camp Timothy with a bit of a chip on his shoulder, nervous about what to expect. He was being raised by devout grandparents and felt sure he had nothing in common with the other campers—at least that's what he thought. But by the end of the first day, he quickly learned other kids had similar stories and feelings too. He wasn't so different after all.

Camp Timothy is a fun-filled adventure that is deeply rooted in the belief of living a Christian life. Through various hands-on activities like zip lining, Rob was challenged to look at his life today and how to trust someone of how faith can be a guiding light. He only had to reach out. At week's end, Rob realized he had a great time, met some cool kids, and the chip had melted. He became especially close to one friend who he learned to confide in Jesus Christ. He also said that a miracle happened that week. "We didn't miss or want our cell phones!"

Your support today will empower our youth to live as today's disciples, encouraging them to embrace the personal and spiritual mission of their Catholic faith, and to carry it forward tomorrow into the world.

Your gift can be mailed to Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, P.O. Box 409, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; placed in your parish offertory; or made online at www.dioceseaj.org

ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE: On May 16th, join Fr. Dave Peles and Deacon Michael Russo on a one-day pilgrimage to the National Center for St. Padre Pio in Barto, PA. In their capacity as founders and staff at the National Center, the Calandra family annually hosts, educates and ministers to tens of thousands of devotees who yearly visit the center in Barto, Pennsylvania. Round trip bus transportation will be provided. The cost for the bus is \$55.00 Per person. Lunch is additional. There is no fee to visit the National Center. Please contact Deacon Michael for more information: Michael.russo@atlanticbb.net. 288-3036.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday April 1- 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 2 - Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Margie Dzimiera* requested by
Fran & Tom Semelsberger

Tuesday April 3 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by the
Becker Family

Wednesday April 4 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions

6:00PM-Mass for *Jeane McDowell* requested by
Tom & Nancy Weimer

Thursday April 5 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM - Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Friday April 6 - Friday within the Octave of Easter

7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM - Mass for *Hilda Neal* requested by
Julie & Bernie Beiswenger

Saturday April 7 - Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter

3:00PM-Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *Tiff Michens* requested by her
Aunt Linda

Sunday April 8 - Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by
Mike Traficante

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14





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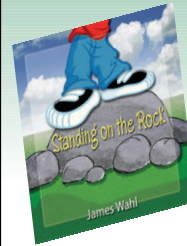
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