



*God bless Harper Miller, who was baptized by Monsignor Becker at the 11:00 Mass last Sunday.*

**APRIL 22, 2018**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
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**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

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

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**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

- April 22 - Mass of Anointing - 2:00PM
- April 29 - First Communion - 11:00AM Mass
- May 6- May Crowning at 11:00AM Mass
- May 13 - Second Sunday Food Collection
- May 27 - Second Mass on Sunday begins at 10:00AM
- June 3 - Graduate Mass/Reception - 10:00 AM

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ACOLYTES**

- Sat. Apr. 28 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED
- Sun. Apr. 29 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Amber Yasolsky
- Sun. Apr. 29 - 11:00 AM - NOT FILLED

**LECTORS**

- Sat. Apr. 28 - 4:00 PM - Maria Spayd, David Andrews
- Sun. Apr. 29 - 8:00 AM - Ronan Adams, Tim Rea
- Sun. Apr. 29 - 11:00 AM - Jim Campbell, Patrick Schurr

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- Sat. Apr. 28 - 4:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling, Jenna Jenkins
- Sun. Apr. 29 - 8:00 AM - Mary Truesdale, Darlene Scarpaci
- Sun. Apr. 29 - 11:00 AM - Debbie Dougherty, Susanna Tomlinson, Donna Moyer, Bill Foose, Norma Foose, Lou Ann Clark

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

- Sat. Apr. 28 - 4:00 PM - Mary Frances Stokan, Wally Wargo, Barb Aubrey, Connie Baker
- Sun. Apr. 29 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Charlie Moore, Carolyn English, Ed Stoltz
- Sun. Apr. 29 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Pauline Adams, Walter Bloom, Mary Grace Horton

**SACRISTAN**

- Sat. Apr. 28 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
- Sun. Apr. 29 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham
- Sun. Apr. 29 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

**SCRIP**

- Sat. Apr. 28 - 4:00 PM - Joan Price, Nancy Weimer
- Sun. Apr. 29 - 8:00 AM - Jim & Wendy Campbell
- Sun. Apr. 29 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph



*Many thanks to all for the warm welcome extended to Father Banive, pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Mar-mont, Haiti. Special thanks to the Social Committee for organizing the receptions for Fr. Banive's visit.*

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Mass of Anointing of the Sick** – *This Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM*, our parish will celebrate a special Mass of Anointing of the Sick. This Sunday Mass will include the administration of the Sacrament of the Sick for all who desire it. We especially encourage the senior members of the parish, and those who may be regularly homebound or not able to get to Mass regularly. Perhaps you know someone for whom you could offer transportation.

**An Amazing Parish!** – Many thanks to our Social Committee for arranging for the receptions for Father Banive, pastor of our Sister parish in Haiti. He expressed to me personally how much he appreciated the graciousness of our parish, and the warmth with which he was received.

**Pre-Cana Classes** – Beginning this Tuesday and continuing for three consecutive Tuesday evenings, our Marriage Prep Team will be leading sessions for those preparing for marriage. We are most grateful to Chuck and Mary Haenig, Pat and Susie Podoletz, and Mike and Ashley Greslick for sharing their wisdom and insights with the couples who will be participating!

**First Communion Next Sunday** – We look forward to welcoming our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to receive their First Holy Communion next Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. This is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday. We are grateful to their parents and teachers who have prepared them for this most sacred moment in their young lives.

**Saint of the Week** – On Wednesday of this week we celebrate the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist. Saint Mark is the traditionally ascribed author of the earliest written gospel. Mark is said to have founded the Church of Alexandria, one of the most important episcopal sees of Early Christianity. He was not one of the original Apostles, and he probably never knew Jesus. However, we believe that he was a member of the first Christian community, and in his writings St. Peter refers to Mark as his “son.” Peter may have used this term to show his love for Mark, or he may have used it because he was the one who baptized. It is believed that St. Peter was the primary source for Mark’s Gospel.

**OUR PARISH FAMILY...** Fred & Donna Fornwalt were married here at St John’s in 1974, but Fred’s connection here goes back to 1955 when his parents became members. (His mother, Helen, is still a member here at age 97.) Fred is a St John’s and BGHS graduate, then obtained a degree in Music Education from Penn State where he was a member of the Penn State Blue Band. He is a Registered Piano Technician and the owner of Fornwalt Piano Service & Sales. He said that he grew up around pianos and learned tuning from his father, who co-owned the former Cadle & Fornwalt Pianos & Organs on 4<sup>th</sup> St in Altoona. Fred is also a professional musician, playing the bass trombone and the string bass which you’ll see him playing most Sundays at the 11:00 Mass. Donna graduated from IUP and taught German for five years, then obtained her Masters in Social Work from Pitt. She holds the MSW/LCSW certifications, and is retired from the Altoona VA Medical Center. She is fluent in German, and Fred & Donna have visited Germany together five times. Their love of Germany extends to their choice of pet, and shown with them above is “Teddi”, the 4<sup>th</sup> miniature schnauzer that they’ve owned over the years. Fred & Donna are both choir members, and Fred is a past Parish Council member. He was also very involved with the building committee for our current worship space and helped insure the wonderful acoustics that allow us to enjoy the many types of music here at St John’s. Fred said they have remained members here because “it’s family” and that also he finds it “very uplifting” to be a part of our “wonderful music ministry”.



Have you ever admired our beautiful piano? It is a 1923 Mason & Hamlin Semi-Concert Grand, which Fred found in one of the fraternity houses at Penn State. He had been called in to service it and discovered it “standing on one leg” and needing to be totally rebuilt. He took it on trade, and later when we were building our present worship space, transported it to East Hartford CT to be rebuilt by “one of the top rebuilders in the world”. About nine months later, it was shipped back to us and put in place. Fred estimates that a new similar piano would cost about \$75,000 today!

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Last Class 9:15-10:45

### **CONFIRMATION**



Congratulations to our 9 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament: AJ Abraham, Alex Auerbeck, Alycia Auerbeck, Pam Lund, Makayla Langenbacher, Rachel Resick, Nathan Ringkamp, Tyler Rossi and Nathan Rudolph.

### **FIRST COMMUNION MASS**

Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00AM Mass.

**ARISE Together In Christ:** Bishop Mark has invited all parishes in our diocese to participate in this spiritual renewal program. Our parish is in the beginning stages. The *ARISE Together in Christ* process begins with a period of formation for the *ARISE* Parish Team, a group of 8-10 parishioners who will lead the parish through this process of spiritual renewal. If you would like to be a part of this team and the early planning, please call *Debbie Johnson in the parish office at 942-5503 or email dj219@msn.com. Our planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 in the Parish Center.* Next fall there will be an opportunity for parishioners to participate in small faith-sharing communities that meet in homes and other locations throughout the parish over the course of six weeks.

### **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](mailto: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  
JoAnne Gerardine • Dianna Green • Brian Kopp  
Sherri Maffettone • Kathy Matthews • Bryson Miller  
June Miller • Karan Pasquariello • Ron Peschock  
Dave Petrak • Bob & Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker  
Olga Romerowicz • Maureen Smithe • Dianne Stultz  
Tim & Dina Temofonte • Patty Teufel • Lois Werfel  
Bonnie Williams • Noah Wills**

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

**Genie Semko - mother of Jo-Ann Semko**

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

**WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP:** This month's discussion group continues a video series on women theologians, focusing on Catherine of Siena's theology of incarnation, highlighting the sacredness of all people and nature. Join us in the parish center this Monday, April 23, at 6:30PM. All input welcome. Study guides are on the kiosk.

**LOVE FEAST: Saturday, June 9, at Simpson Temple.** On the kiosk in the gathering space, you will find sign-up sheets to prepare food, serve, or buy needed items. Your generosity responds to Jesus' command: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matt 25:40)

**ST. PATRICK SCHOOL 200 CLUB:** Saturday, May 12 at 6:00PM at Park Hills Country Club. Tickets are \$100 and include dinner for 2 and dozens of chances to win cash prizes up to \$2000! For tickets, contact Steph Krug at 934-6752 or [stephaniekrug@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniekrug@gmail.com). Thank you for supporting Catholic education!

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Good stewards are like good shepherds. Jesus, the good shepherd, willingly offered his own life for us. The perfect model of Christian stewardship is found in the example of Jesus. What are you prepared to offer? It is in our willingness to give of ourselves that we discover a life filled with purpose and meaning – a life of significance.

### **Stewardship at St. John's**

**OFFERTORY for April 15, 2018**

Envelopes	\$ 3,541.00
Loose	\$ 663.00
Children's	\$ 4.00
Catholic Education	\$ 10.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 41.00
SubTotal	\$ 4,259.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,818.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,077.00</b>

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**Liturgical Reflection...** Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who looks after his flock with love. When a brother or sister dies, the Shepherd watches over the grieving sheep with compassion. At the Funeral Mass the community gathers with the family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ's victory over sin and death. As the priest blesses the casket with holy water at the beginning of the Funeral Mass, the formal prayer acknowledges that the deceased, in the waters of baptism, died with Christ and rose with him to new life. The prayer of the church is that our dead share eternal glory with the Easter Lord. 2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

**MARY'S ROLE IN OUR LIVES:** Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> - Continental Breakfast at 8:30AM. Retreat - 9:00AM to 3:00PM Bethany Retreat Center, Frenchville. Our Mother Mary's greatest role is to lead us closer to her son, Jesus Christ. This one day retreat will offer many ways of looking at our relationship with Mary. For more information or to register call 263-4855 or email [www.bethanyretreatcenter.org](http://www.bethanyretreatcenter.org).

**MOTHER'S DAY DINNER:** Star of the Sea Council 4245, Hollidaysburg, will hold its 4th annual Mother's Day Dinner at the council hall (324 Bedford Street) on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 11:30-1:30PM. Tickets remain \$10 and include stuffed chicken breast or ham, choice of two potatoes, choice of two vegetables, salad, roll, desert, iced tea/punch/water and coffee. Tickets are limited and take out is available. Call Dennis at 695-1509 for tickets or questions; email address: [dinopapt@aol.com](mailto:dinopapt@aol.com).

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL:** This collection will be taken up next week. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Go to [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions) for more information.

**BISHOPS NIGHT FOR VOCATIONS:** The Serra Club of Cambria County invites you to the Bishop's Night for Vocations dinner on Friday, May 11, 2018 at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, 728 Ben Franklin Highway, Ebensburg, PA. A social hour begins at 5:30 PM and dinner follows at 6:30 PM. The event is sponsored jointly by the Serra Club and the Diocesan Vocation Office. The theme for the event is: "Listening, Discerning, Living." Guest speaker is Sister Joseph Andrew, Vocation Director of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Tickets can be purchased by calling Marjorie Lechene at (814) 255-9797 or (814) 241-3736.

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday April 22 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM-Mass for *John Schmidt* requested by Richard & Joyce Lowe

11:00AM-Mass for *Teresa Geishauer* requested by Michael & Lois Mignogna

### Monday April 23 - Easter Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

### Tuesday April 24 - Easter Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Ida Proserpi* requested by John Proserpi

### Wednesday April 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions

6:00PM-Mass for *Shirley Millin* requested by Sharon & Sean Beckel and Carol Partsch

### Thursday April 26 - Easter Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Mark Kopp* requested by Anthony & Marlene Fubio

### Friday April 27 - Easter Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

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

### Saturday April 28 - Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

3:00PM-Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *Charles Koehle* requested by the Henry, Lloyd & Luensmann Families

### Sunday April 29 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM- Mass for *Margaret Dzimiera* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

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

#### **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.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26;

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6



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