

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to join our parish, please contact the church office at 814-942-5503. Also, please remember to notify us if you move or will be moving out of the parish.

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Thurs. April 18 - 7:00 PM - Camille Krug, Rylee Hershey,
Amber Yasolsky
Fri. April 19 - 7:00 PM - Ethan Miller, Emily Miller, NOT FILLED
Sat. Apr. 20 - 8:30 PM - Brody Partner-Gore, Claire Nackley,
Keaton Swope, Ryan Donoughe, Jack Donoughe
Sun. Apr. 21 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nicholas Helsley,
Sarah Geishauser
Sun. Apr. 21 - 11:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

LECTORS

Thurs. April 18 - 7:00 PM - Jim Campbell, Mark Krepich
Fri. April 19 - 7:00 PM - Jo Ann Semko, Diane Turcovsky,
Dan Turcovsky
Sat. Apr. 20 - 8:30 PM - Norma Foose, Bill Foose, Mark Krepich,
Mary Petrak, Bob Olson
Sun. Apr. 21 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham, Francene Boland
Sun. Apr. 21 - 11:00 AM - Susanna Tomlinson, David Andrews

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Thurs. April 18 - 7:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling, Daniel Turcovsky,
Diane Turcovsky, Connie Baker, Pam Klobuka, Joseph Klobuka
Sat. Apr. 20 - 8:30 PM - Dorothy Yingling, Connie Baker, Daniel
Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky, Fran Semelsberger, Barbara Bundy
Sun. Apr. 21 - 8:00 AM - Mary Truesdale, Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Apr. 21 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom,
NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Thurs. April 18 - 7:00 PM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger,
Mary Truesdale, Marilyn Bevan
Fri. April 19 - 7:00 PM - Ed Stoltz, Helen Miller, NOT FILLED
Sat. Apr. 20 - 8:30 PM - Carolyn English, Ginny Reeder,
Mike O'Neill, NOT FILLED
Sun. Apr. 21 - 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Ed Stoltz,
Ray Kennedy
Sun. Apr. 21 - 11:00 AM - Patrick Podoletz, Marilyn Bevan,
Peg Madden, NOT FILLED

SACRISTAN

Thurs. April 18 - 7:00 PM - Barbara Bundy
Sat. Apr. 20 - 8:30 PM - Dolores Capriotti
Sun. Apr. 21 - 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED
Sun. Apr. 21 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

April Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

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Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord

— John 12:13



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APRIL 14, 2019

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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Office hours: Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 16 - Mass 8:30 AM

Tuesday, April 17: Mass - 8:30 AM • Tenebrae - 7:30 PM

Holy Thursday, April 18: Morning Prayer - 8:30 AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM

Adoration until 10:00 PM

Good Friday, April 19: Morning Prayer - 8:30 AM

Stations of the Cross & Meditations - 12:00 PM

The Passion of the Lord - 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 20: Morning Prayer - 8:30 AM

Blessing of Easter Baskets - 12:00 PM

Easter Vigil - 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 21: 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM

A Few Words from the Pastor:

The Season of Sacramental Life is Upon Us – With the Easter Season just around the corner, we celebrate the glorious life of Christ and his Church, particularly as the sacramental life of God's people comes to the fore. On Wednesday, April 24th, 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 19th at 2:00 PM, and our First Communion will be celebrated here at St. John's on May 12th at the 11:00 Mass.

Tenebrae – Please join us for the prayerful observance of "Tenebrae" this Holy Week. The word itself is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness." The service is unique among our religious practices, because of its focus upon the gradual darkening of the church. Candles are extinguished, one by one, while a series of readings and psalms are chanted or recited. The church is left in only the darkest of shadows. It is meant to capture the looming darkness which comes upon the world at the death of Christ. *We will be celebrating Tenebrae here at St. Johns on Tuesday evening, April 16th, at 7:30 PM.*

Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration – the Mass of the Lord's Supper is a beautiful time to renew our love for the Eucharist. Following Mass, there is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Day Chapel until 10. This time of adoration coincides with the time that Jesus spent in the Garden of Olives after the Last Supper. "Could you not watch with me one hour?"

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross will be prayed at noon on Good Friday, with a time of prayer before the cross throughout the day. The Solemn Commemoration of the Passion will be observed at 7:00 on Good Friday evening.

The Blessing of Easter Baskets: - The blessing of the Easter Basket has been a cherished Catholic ritual for centuries among families of Eastern European origin and adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom. On Holy Saturday, families prepare their Easter Baskets to be later blessed at church. After Easter Sunday's Resurrection Mass, the family and guests would share this blessed fare and exchange good wishes. **Our Easter Basket Blessing here at St. John's will take place on Holy Saturday at noon.** Please come and bring your baskets!

The Easter Vigil – Considered the "Mother of all Liturgies," our Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 8:30 PM on Saturday, April 20th. At this liturgy we will be celebrating the Holy Sacrament of Baptism of Mandy Angst, and Ashley Thomas will be received into full communion with the Catholic Faith. Both will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and will make their First Holy Communion. We rejoice with them and their families, and are most grateful to Mark Krepich and his RCIA team and sponsors for all the work they have done in preparing our candidates!

Easter Masses - the Glories of the risen Christ will be celebrated at our Easter liturgies on Sunday morning at 8 and 11 o'clock. He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confessions This Week – I will be available for Confessions this Holy Week on Wednesday both before and after the 6:00 PM Mass. Have you made your Lenten confession?

Restore! Repair! Rejoice! – We are most grateful for the generous response we have gotten thus far to our 100th Anniversary capital campaign. We have received 80 gifts/pledges, and we are still early in our campaign. Brochures and pledge cards are still available in the Gathering Space. A visible result of this campaign will be the replacement of the padding on our kneelers, which has been worn thin over the years and about which many have expressed concern. We have been in contact with the company which installed them, and are proceeding.

Trip To Longwood Gardens – Take a leap into spring by coming on a bus trip to Longwood Gardens on Saturday, April 27. Our chartered bus will leave the St. John's parking lot at 7:00AM, returning by 11:00PM. The cost per person is \$90. You may sign up in the Gathering Space.

Adult Ed – This Sunday will be our last adult Ed until the Sunday after Easter. Our focus is on the "Two Men Named Francis – the saint from Assisi and the current pope in Rome." Come learn more about their teaching and their way of life! We will resume on the 28th of April.

Operation Rice Bowl – Rice Bowls can be returned to the parish at the end of Lent by placing them in the basket provided in the Gathering Space. Your generosity is so much appreciated!

Religious Education Schedule

April 14 - Palm Sunday- No Class /Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt for children up to age 9 after 11:00 Mass
April 21 - Happy Easter!
Any questions regarding Religious Education classes or schedule, please contact Megan Swope at mswope726@gmail.com or (814)631-8273

CHRISM MASS: The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will gather on Monday of Holy Week, April 15, at 11:00 A.M. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for the annual Chrism Mass. Bishop with gather with his college of presbyters assisted by his deacons with the assembled faithful from throughout the Diocese. Bishop will bless the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and Scared Chrism. These consecrated oils will be used for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick; also, new altars will be consecrated with Sacred Chrism. Each parish community will take a portion of the three oils back to the parish for use in the appropriate liturgical celebrations. The entire diocesan family is invited to participate in the annual Liturgy.



GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MEDITATIONS: Each year, St. John's has a unique celebration of Stations of The Cross and Meditations on Good Friday. The Meditations come from a writer's idea of the reactions Jesus may have received from people He met along His way to Calvary and reactions of people after His death. The power in this celebration is that they encompass human emotions we all have experienced: disgust, anger, conversion, bigotry, hatred and a mother's letting go of her Son. They help make the Passion of Our Lord come to life and allow us to walk beside Jesus on His way to Calvary. Come, celebrate with us on Friday, April 19 at 12 noon.

Liturgical Reflection... Focusing our attention to the reserved Sacrament reminds us that the Eucharistic Sacrifice is the source and culmination of the whole Christian life. Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, both private and public, is always centered in the celebration of Mass. Being grounded in the Eucharist, the faithful strive to lead lives strengthened by this heavenly food. As sharers in the death and resurrection of the Lord, all should be eager to do good works and to please God. Imbued with the Christian spirit, in the midst of human affairs, believers become witnesses of Christ in our daily lives. Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, Introduction, Numbers 4 and 6. 2019, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at ginny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from 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 • Baby Aiden • Cari Ann • Judy Baird Jen Buda • Robert Cole • Millie Grace Capon

Mary Lee DeStefano • Michael DeStefano • Jim Duffy Charlie Elder • Helen Fornwalt • Leann Frazier

Fran Fulare • Dianna Green • Ken Hartman Karen Horton • Boni Javier • Brian Kopp • Lisa

Sherri Maffettone • Ron Merilli • Bryson Miller June Miller • Barbara Moore • Patricia Olson

Mary Oricko • Jeff Price • Karen Price • Ron Peschock Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker • Olga Romerowicz Mike Rudolph • Anne Showalter • Dianne Stultz

Patti Sweet • Tim & Dina Temofonte • Patty Teufel Lois Werfel • Noah Wills • Amber Yasolsky Milan & Family

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

Bishop Joseph Adamec

**Irene Sloan, mother of Mark (Joanne) Sloan
May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.**

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- April 16 - Tenebrae - 7:30 PM
April 18 - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM
April 19 - Stations of the Cross/Meditations - 12:00 PM
April 19 - The Passion Of The Lord - 7:00 PM
April 20 - Blessing of Easter Baskets - 12:00 PM
April 20- Easter Vigil - 8:30 PM
April 24 - Confirmation - 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
May 12 - First Communion at the 11:00 Mass
May 19 - Mass of the Anointing of the Sick - 2:00 PM

SACRED RELICS: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of over 150 Sacred Relics. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Teresa of Avila, St. Theresa of Lisieux (the Little Flower), St. Francis of Assisi, a piece of a veil which belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. This will be held in the Church on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30PM with a presentation followed by the showing of the relics. This is truly once in a lifetime experience.

BABY ITEMS: Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 of St. Rose of Lima, Altoona are asking for your support in their collecting baby items to benefit our local Catholic Charities and other organizations. Our court will be collecting these items April 12th through May 20th 2019. You may place your donated items in the box provided in the gathering space of the church. Again, our court thanks you for your caring and generosity of this mission. God bless you all.

DIOCESCAN PRAYER DAY/LUNCHEON FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A SPOUSE THROUGH DEATH: Remember your loved ones on **Wednesday, May 8 with Mass at 11:00 am.** Theme of the day: "Where there is darkness, let there be light." All spouses will be mentioned and remembered at Mass. Luncheon to follow. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and hosted by the Immaculate Conception Church, 1640 New Germany Road, Summerhill. *Reservations required by May 1.* A \$5 donation is suggested. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551 or familylife@dioceseaj.org.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS: * HTCS students will be participating in the following STREAM challenges in the month of April at Penn State University! KidWind Challenge & IEEE Robotics

* 4th Grade will spend a day at the middle school preparing for next year this month. It is an exciting day for everyone.

* Our 8th grade boy basketball team represented the Altoona – Johnstown Diocese at the CYO tournament and took 7th place in the state!

* 2nd grade will celebrate Earth Day on April 23rd with the help of students from BGCHS.

* HTCS YARD SALE! Saturday, June 1st Drop off at the middle school any donated items during school hours.

* Guardian Golf Classic on May 18th at King Valley Gold Course! Register a team of 4 by calling the school office at 942-7835. New this year... "Hole In One" - Win a Car!!

* Summer Preschool starts the week of June 17th

* Call the school for more information. 942-7835



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Palm Sunday of
the Passion of the Lord
April 14, 2019

The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7a

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday April 14 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Carlos Gungon & Robin Stead*
requested by Martha Gungon

Monday April 15 - Monday of Holy Week

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Tuesday April 16 - Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for Frances C. Brown requested by
James & Rita Stabley
7:30PM-Tenebrae

Wednesday April 17 - Wednesday of Holy Week

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM- Mass for *Mary Catherine Majestic* requested by
Dan & Diane Turcovsky
6:45PM- Confessions

Thursday April 18 - Holy Thursday

8:30AM-Morning Prayer
7:00PM-Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:15PM-10:00PM-Adoration

Friday April 19 - Good Friday

8:30AM-Morning Prayer
7:00PM-Observance of the Lord's Passion

Saturday April 20 - Holy Saturday

8:30AM-Morning Prayer
8:30PM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday April 21 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

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; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
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

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