

Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023

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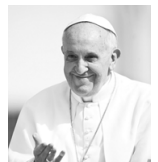
MASS SCHEDULE

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

April Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

*For a Culture of Peace
 and Non-violence*

We pray for the spread of peace and
 non-violence, by decreasing the use
 of weapons by States and citizens.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Apr. 29 - 4:00 PM - James Krug, Joyce Cunningham
 Sun. Apr. 30 - 8:00 AM - Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky
 Sun. Apr. 30 - 11:00 AM - Donna Moyer, Bob Olson

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Apr. 29 - 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Apr. 30 - 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Apr. 30 - 11:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Apr. 29 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Apr. 30 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark
 Sun. Apr. 30 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Apr. 29 - 4:00 PM - Karen Moughemer, Dennis Moughemer,
 Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
 Sun. Apr. 30 - 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Jane Strasser, Carolyn English,
 NOT FILLED
 Sun. Apr. 30 - 11:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Walter Bloom, Marilyn
 Bevan, Mary Grace Horton

SACRISTAN

Sat. Apr. 29 - 4:00 PM - Jane Byrne
 Sun. Apr. 30 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. Apr. 30 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. Apr. 29 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sat. Apr. 30 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. Apr. 30 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

HELPING THE HOME MISSIONS! The last weekend in April the Catholic faithful across the United States will “strengthen the Church at home” by giving to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. The annual collection through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) supports dioceses in the United States and its territories that are unable to sustain basic ministries without outside financial help. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

“OUR SUNDAY BEST” - This expression has its roots in the way churchgoers prepare themselves to worship Christ the King! We put on our “Sunday Best” as a sign of the honor with which we acknowledge Christ the Risen One. We certainly do it for Easter Sunday, when “we come dressed for an audience with the Living God.” The Church teaches us that **every** Sunday is Easter! Every Sunday when we come to celebrate the Eucharist, we are urged to come in our “Sunday Best.”

OUR BULLETIN’S PRAYER LIST - No doubt you have noticed the long list of names given in our weekly bulletin as our prayer list. Often names are submitted but we are not notified to remove a name after a person has gotten well. The list has become a bit unwieldy. We are going to review the list and start FRESH at the beginning of May. Please contact the office if you wish to have someone included for our May prayer list.

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE -- INFORMATION MEETING - Msgr. Becker will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome, Lisbon, Fatima, Lourdes and Paris from June 3 to the 16th, 2024. A special INFORMATION meeting will be held at St. Rose of Lima Parish on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 7:00 PM in the school library. All are welcome!

FIRST COMMUNION – We congratulate our First Communicants who will be making their First Eucharist on Sunday, May 7th. They are: Luke Ansley, Lena Ballos, Phaerah Gides, Roman Gides, Alexander Gillie, Aralin Guinard, Maura Hovance, Hoyt Langenbacher, Alec Martens, Dorian Tomchick, Nolan Veckov, and Avelyn Witt. Our May Crowning will occur at the same Mass!

MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - We will be celebrating a Mass of Anointing on May 21 at 2 PM in the afternoon. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us. Perhaps you know someone who needs transportation to this beautiful celebration.



Congratulations to Nevaeh Langenbacher, Ava Dolphin, JJ Colombo, Nick Helsley, Trenton Wandersee and Emily Miller, who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral on Tuesday, April 11.

Schedule for the Week of April 23

Sunday, April 23 - Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Mass for *Frank Ringkamp* requested by
Ginger Cooney

11:00 AM - Mass for *Patricia Ward-Johnson* requested by
Bob & Janet Nearhood

Monday, April 24 - Easter Weekday

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

Tuesday, April 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist

8:30 AM - Mass for *Lee Wilson* requested by
Barbara Bundy

Wednesday, April 26 - Easter Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Sclafani Family* requested by
Ray & Mary King

Thursday, April 27 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Marilyn Hartt* requested by
Robert & Diane Budd

Friday, April 28 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Margareta Goch*

Saturday, April 29 - Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - Mass for *Wayne Cunningham* requested by
Ron & Joyce Cunningham

Sunday, April 30 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Mass for *Tom Semelsberger* requested by
Mary Truesdale

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

FRIENDS OF LONG STANDING:

Hollidaysburg natives James White and Robert Long, who have been friends and musical collaborators for more than forty years, will present a recital at St. John the Evangelist

Catholic Church on Friday, April 28, at 7:00 PM. The program will include sacred works as well as musings about baseball. The centerpiece of their musical offering will be the premier of "Let's Marry Said The Cherry," a setting of whimsical poems by N. M. Bodecker with music by Bruce Trinkley (Professor Emeritus of Music Pennsylvania State University). The Concert is free and open to the public.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25;
Jn 10:1-10

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: The two disciples on the road to Emmaus are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. Hadn't they heard the Gospel message directly from His lips and heard the testimony of the women? How much more obvious could the Good News be? The reaction of the two disciples describes our own journey at times. We often lose our way and can fail to see all the gifts we have been given. But we can be like the two disciples when their eyes are opened once again. We can be transformed and our hearts set on fire with love for the Lord. We can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures and the Eucharist. In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on our journey towards heaven.
(www.CatholicSteward.com, 3/22/2023)

April 8/9

Envelopes	\$ 4,676.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 1,495.00
Children's Offerings	\$.20
Parish Development	\$ 60.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 792.00
Good Friday Holy Land	\$ 700.00
Easter Offering	\$ 5,242.00
2nd Sunday Food Collection	\$ 180.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,997.00
Total Offertory	\$17,142.20

2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal - \$41,761

January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023

Gifts/Pledges \$ 30,035

Pledge Balance (Not yet received) \$ 50

Total Gifts/Pledges (Received) \$ 29,985

BABY DRIVE: From May 6th through May 28th the Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will be collecting baby items for Catholic Charities and other agencies in need. If you would like to donate, please place your item(s) in the baby box provided in the Gathering Space. As always, thank you very much for helping with this endeavor. God bless you all. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Grace Horton @ 814-942-0397 or Jennifer Crum-Waite @ 814-215-1067.

CHICKEN BBQ: The Hollidaysburg and Altoona Knights of Columbus councils are joining forces for their 2nd Annual "Working Together" Chicken BBQ which will benefit St. Jude's Hospital. This will be a drive thru event at the Star Council Hall at 324 Bedford St., Hollidaysburg on Sunday, May 7, 2023. Tickets are \$10 each and include 1/2 BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Applesauce and a roll.
Contact Chris Ringkamp (814-330-4074) or see any Knight for tickets.

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:*

**Aiden • Seth Alexander • Janine Anna • Joshua Banks
Bernie Beiswenger • Diane Blyler • Scott Brenneman
Dan Burley • Cari Ann • Michelle Cooney
Ron Cunningham • Flo Danha • Mary Lee DeStefano
Michael DeStefano • Charlie Elder • Kathy Felty
Leann Frazier • Ed Garlena • Gerry Gonsman
Sherryl Hartman • Bill Hoefler • Don James
Nancy James • Lisa Jimenez • Tim Jimenez
Marianne Jones • Lisa • Elsie MacCullagh
Sherri Maffettone • Genevieve Mathias
Angela Mazzei • Susie Miller • Karrie McCall
James Mclarren • Sylvia Louise Mills • Donna Moyer
Ailani Myers • Deacon Gene Neral
Patricia Olson • Linda O'Sullivan • Sara Parrish
Mary Rajnish • Ryan Raybuck • Allison Recker
Bette Richards • Vicki Riley • John Rita • Carol Rodgers
Olga Romerowicz • Mike Rudolph • Bruce Shank
Anne Showalter • Betsy Slat • David Sunderland
Patty Swanson • Rick Swanson • Tim Temofonte
Marion Tessitore • Mary Truesdale • Kathy Wagner
Lois Werfel**

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

***Bud Shuster, father of Gia Dixon
May he rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.***

LONGWOOD GARDENS: There are a few seats still available for the Longwood Gardens bus trip on May 15th. Call the Parish Office for reservations or more information.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The St. Mary's 19th Annual Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, June 4th at the King Valley Golf Course. Registration is at 7:30 AM with a Shotgun start at 8:00 AM. It is a scramble and entry fee is \$75.00 per golfer. This includes the round of golf, cart, beverages, skill prizes and a spaghetti dinner served after the tournament. For more information or to sign up as a team or individual, please contact Terry Carnicella (814) 946-0672 or Terry Anderson (814)-932-0465.

GARVEY MANOR SALE: From now until May 9, friends of the community at Garvey Manor, will be collecting items for a sale that will benefit residents on the campus. If you have household items, garage items, decorations, books, paintings that you want to donate, take those items to the Sarina house between 8 am and 5 pm. **No clothes or shoes.** Please share this with friends.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

April 23: NO CLASS
April 30: 9:15 - 10:45 AM Class
April 30: 2nd Grade First Communion Retreat (All 2nd Grade Catholic & Public School Students/Parents)
May 7: 9:15 - 10:45 AM Last Class
May 7: May Crowning & First Holy Communion at the 11:00 Mass

If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503 or email stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net.

JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING CLASS: The following class will be an In-Person (not via ZOOM) and will be open to all! New Testament taught by Fr. Brian Norris at St. John Evangelist, Lakemont Tuesdays from 6:30-9:00 PM (Running for 8 weeks) beginning May 2nd. The cost for this class will be on the registration form. For registration please visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or via email at jgramling@dioceseaj.org All are welcome!

CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Carmelite Community of the Word sisters will hold our Annual Golf Tournament "in person" on Friday, June 2, 2023 at Scotch Valley Country Club. This year our tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. We will provide a continental breakfast in the morning, and after your round of golf, a BBQ picnic lunch will be served outdoors, followed by awards and an auction. Cost is \$425 for a foursome; \$125 for individual golfers. If you would like to attend the lunch and auction but not golf, that is \$15. Final deadline for Registration is May 24 or when we get 28 teams. To register, or for more information, contact Kelli Murphy at 814-886-4098 or email at communityofficeccw@gmail.com. Come and join us, this event has proven to be a fun day for all!

PARISH MISSION AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH:

806 11th Street, Altoona, PA 16602
April 24th thru April 27th

Theme: A Journey To Belong In Jesus
Daily Mass on April 24, 25, 26, 27 at 9 AM followed by Continental Breakfast
7:00 pm - Evening Prayer and Preaching
April 27, 7 pm - Closing Mass followed by social
Conducted by Fr. John Petrikovic, O.F.M. Cap Capuchin
Friars, Province of St. Augustine
ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED!!!