

***Easter Sunday of the  
Lord's Resurrection  
April 9, 2023***

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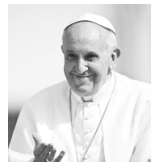
***MASS SCHEDULE***

***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. 15 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, Maria Spayd  
 Sun. Apr. 16 - 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Susan Podoletz  
 Sun. Apr. 16 - 11:00 AM - Bob Olson, James Krug

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat. Apr. 15 - 4:00 PM - Sadie Swope, NOT FILLED  
 Sun. Apr. 16 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley  
 Sun. Apr. 16 - 11:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat. Apr. 15 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED  
 Sun. Apr. 16 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark  
 Sun. Apr. 16 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

Sat. Apr. 15 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Karen Moughemer, Dennis  
Moughemer, Billy Sweet  
 Sun. Apr. 16 - 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Mike O'Neill, Mary  
Truesdale  
 Sun. Apr. 16 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti, Mary  
Grace Horton, Wendy Campbell

**SACRISTAN**

Sat. Apr. 15 - 4:00 PM - Ray & Mary King  
 Sun. Apr. 16 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
 Sun. Apr. 16 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

**SCRIP**

Sat. Apr. 15 - 4:00 PM - Becky Merilli, Julie Beiswenger  
 Sat. Apr. 16 - 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky  
 Sun. Apr. 16 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**EASTER JOY** - We have never needed Easter more than this year, when we are worn down and worn out by a pandemic which has turned our lives upside down and inside out! The promise of the Resurrection is the assurance that God's love, in every circumstance, is victorious, and that a new heaven and a new earth have come down out of heaven from God. We pray that with the eyes of faith we can see in our daily lives the radiant presence of the Redeemer, who in his Resurrection has made all things new!!!

**GRATITUDE, GRATITUDE, GRATITUDE** - With thankful hearts we acknowledge the gifts of time, talent and treasure which have been displayed for the parish in this most sacred time. Our music ministry, our church decorators, our liturgical ministries, and the countless parishioners who contributed to the purchase of flowers for the Feast – to you all we owe our love and gratitude.

**EASTER SUNDAY** - The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes it this way: "Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts', the 'Solemnity of solemnities', just as the Eucharist is the 'Sacrament of sacraments'. St. Athanasius calls Easter 'the Great Sunday' and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week 'the Great Week'. The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him."

**A PRAYER CANDLE FOR EASTER** - We are making available this Easter small votive candles which will remind us during the Easter season of Christ's presence as the Light of the World. They can be a small reminder of the beauty of the Easter candle, and can be placed next to an icon or crucifix. They can be lit at Easter dinner or anytime a person praying privately, aware that it is Christ who is our Light.

**"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."

**CONFIRMATION THIS SPRING** - On Tuesday of this week our candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation will be confirmed by Bishop Mark at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. We are very proud of our young people as they continue their journey of Discipleship: *Joseph Colombo, Ava Dolphin, Nicholas Helsley, Jacob Kormanski, Nevaeh Langenbacher, Emily Miller, and Trenton Wandersee*. We keep them in our prayers as they prepare for this important moment in their lives.

**A SPRING TRIP TO LONGWOOD GARDENS** – On Monday, May 15, we are planning a bus trip to Longwood Gardens, one of the premier gardens in the United States. We will be departing at 7:00 AM from our parking lot, with a rest stop on the way, and will be returning by 10:00 PM. You are encouraged to take a lunch on the bus. For lunch or dinner, there is a wonderful restaurant at the Gardens which is open until 4. The cost per person is \$115, which includes travel, entrance to the gardens, and a tip for our driver. To make reservations, call the parish office. Reservations are to be made by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**BUS TRIP TO PADRE PIO SHRINE:** The Mount Carmel Church Altar & Rosary Society is sponsoring a Bus Trip to Padre Pio Shrine in Barto, PA, on Saturday, May 20, 2023. The bus will depart from Mt. Carmel Parking lot at 7 am. We will have lunch, on your own, in Allentown and Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Carl at the Shrine. You will have time to visit the Shrine. We will depart from the Shrine at 4:30 pm. There will be a dinner stop, on your own, on the way home. The cost of the trip is \$55.00. To make reservations, please call the Parish Office (814) 942-8501, during the week.

**DIOCESE SPONSORING MEN'S CONFERENCE:** An inspiring Catholic priest and a nationally recognized author will headline the 2023 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown men's conference STRENGTH IN CHRIST – Be Not Afraid. The conference is scheduled for April 29 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. Speakers will be Father Joe Freedy, a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and Gary Zimak, a Catholic evangelist and author. Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass at 4:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated, and lunch will be provided. *Registration is required by April 14.* The cost is \$20 per person; \$10 for college and high school students. Register online at [dioceseaj.org](http://dioceseaj.org) or pick up a registration form at any parish in the diocese.

## Schedule for the Week of April 9

### Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

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

### Monday, April 10 - Monday within the Octave of Easter

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

### Tuesday, April 11 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 AM - Mass for *Grace Moore* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

### Wednesday, April 12 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Tom Semelsberger* requested by Ray & Mary King

### Thursday, April 13 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 PM - Mass for *Mary Catherine Majestic* requested by Barbara Bundy

### Friday, April 14 - Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 AM - Mass for *Fred Mazzearella* requested by Karen Mazzearella

### Saturday, April 15 - Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

4:00 PM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

### Sunday, April 16 - Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

8:00 AM - Mass for *Alex Marchi* requested by Ed & Debbie Ergler

11:00 AM - Mass for *Charlie Moore* requested by Dan & Mary Mealey

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** The next session of Adult Faith Formation begins on Sunday, April 16th and continues through Sunday, May 21st. The Easter Season is a perfect time for us to delve into The Acts of the Apostles. During the Easter Season we read from the Acts of the Apostles, where we learn about the early church and how it is propelled into mission, just as we are today. All are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and faith on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 in the St Johns school cafeteria. For more information call Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** The great feast of Easter has begun. Let us rejoice Christian Stewards and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. Let's make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace for the whole Easter Season! St. Peter says that our Lord, "commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead." How do we do this? We do so through how we live our ordinary lives, through the intentional use of our time, talent, and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony. We are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love. ([www.CatholicSteward.com](http://www.CatholicSteward.com), 3/08/2023)

#### March 25/26

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| Envelopes              | \$ 3,301.00        |
| Loose Offerings        | \$ 884.75          |
| Children's Offerings   | \$ 3.10            |
| Catholic Education     | \$ 5.00            |
| Easter Offering        | \$ 20.00           |
| Parish Development     | \$ 197.00          |
| Easter Flower Offering | \$ 82.00           |
| Food Bank Donations    | \$ 60.00           |
| Online Giving          | \$ 1,827.00        |
| <b>Total Offertory</b> | <b>\$ 6,379.85</b> |

2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal - \$41,761



**Saturday, April 22, 2023**

**Holy Trinity Middle School Gymnasium**

**Doors open at 5:30pm**

**Dinner is at 6:00pm**

**Horse Races start at 7:00pm**

Tickets are \$50.00 per person and include: food, drinks and ownership of one horse, jockey or trainer.

The evening's format is 11 pre-recorded horse races available for betting.

There are only bets to "win" the race, with each race being random.

Bets will be accepted in \$2 increments.

For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code below.



### **ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST**

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at [giny.reeder@gmail.com](mailto:giny.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 Dancho • 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 • Neveah Langenbacher • Lisa  
Elsie MacCullagh • Sherri Maffettone  
Genevieve Mathias • Angela Mazzei • Susie Miller  
Karrie McCall • James McLaren • 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:

**Karen A. Pleva, sister of Mike (Loane) Maier**  
*May she rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.*

**GRIEVING IS LONELY:** Consider joining other adults who have experienced loss for **Sharing the Journey**. We meet on the **third Tuesday** of each month. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Parish Center from 6:00 – 7:30. These are informal gatherings intended to provide the opportunity to share, or to listen, and to open our hearts to Jesus. There is no need to pre-register. You are welcome to come as often as you would like. If you have questions call Mary Petrak, 814-502-6076

**CASH BA\$H:** Our Knights of Columbus is holding a Ca\$h Ba\$h at the East Freedom Fire Hall on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Tickets are \$40 each and include two dinners, beverages and one entry in the drawing. A basket raffle, multiple 50/50's and pull-tab tickets will also be offered throughout the evening. Cash and prizes valued at over \$2,500! Contact Chris Ringkamp (814-330-4074) or see any Knight for tickets.

**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:** Today's gospel instructs us Jesus "had to rise from the dead." The dying we experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long. *Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.*

### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

- April 9: NO CLASS
- April 10: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Practice at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (Candidates and Sponsors)
- April 11: 7:00 PM Confirmation at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
- April 16: 9:15 - 10:45 AM Class

*If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503 or email [stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net](mailto:stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net).*

**SELL YOUR OWN STUFF SALE:** Holy Trinity is having a "SELL YOUR OWN STUFF" event Saturday June 3rd. If you are interested in renting a space inside the Maria Parish Center for \$20.00 to "SELL YOUR OWN STUFF", please contact Jan at 814-942-7835.

**BUS TRIP TO SALAMANCA NEW YORK CASINO:** The Mount Carmel Social & Administration Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Seneca Casino in Salamanca, NY, on Saturday, April 15th. We will depart from the Mt. Carmel Church Parking Lot at 9 AM and depart from the Casino at 7 PM. The cost of the trip is \$40/person. We get back \$25 slot play (subject to change). To receive the Bonus please bring to the Casino a valid photo ID. To make reservations, please call the Parish Office at 814-942-8501 during the week.

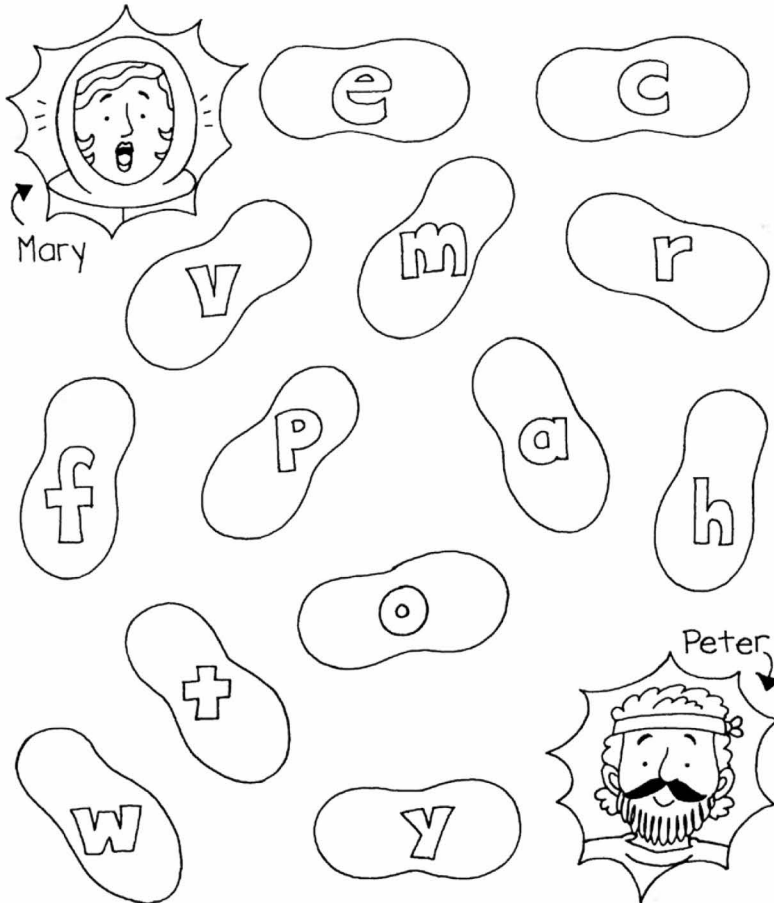
**GARVEY MANOR SALE:** From now until May 9, friends of the community at Garvey Manor, will be collecting items for a sale that will benefit residents on the campus. If you have household items, garage items, decorations, books, paintings that you want to donate, take those items to the Sarina house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

**SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL** is now enrolling students for grades Pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> for the 2023/24 school year. Interested families can contact the principal, Tara Steinbugl, at the school, 814-695-3819.

**EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE: JUNE, 2024:** Msgr. Becker will be leading a sacred pilgrimage to Rome, Lisbon, Fatima, Lourdes and Paris from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This pilgrimage will include the celebration of daily Mass at each site, with a papal audience in St. Peter's Square. In addition to the shrines of Fatima and Lourdes, our pilgrimage will take us to the beautiful Sacred Heart Cathedral in the heart of Paris. The full itinerary can be found on the St. John's website ([stjohnsaltoona.org](http://stjohnsaltoona.org).) For further information, contact Mr. Jim Roccio, of Festival Travel (814.241.1641), or Msgr. Becker at [mbecker253@aol.com](mailto:mbecker253@aol.com)

# God's Word for Children

Mary of Magdala has gone to Jesus' tomb.  
But it is empty; Jesus is not there!  
Help Mary get to Peter to tell him the news by following  
the footsteps that spell **empty**.

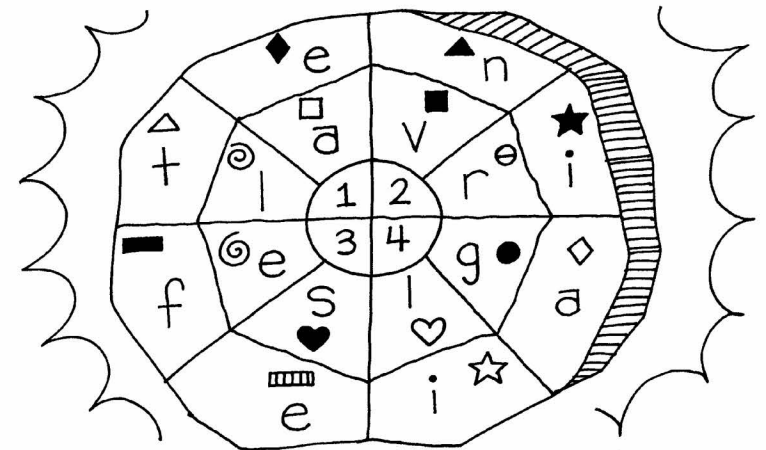


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## Easter

We believe that God raised Jesus from the dead  
three days after his death.

This incredible event proved he truly was the Messiah!  
The scriptures promise if we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son  
of God we'll be given something amazing, too!  
Use the tombstone to solve the code that reveals the answer.



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“They have taken the Lord from the tomb.”  
John 20:2



## TRULY RISEN!

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia!  
(Easter entrance antiphon)

All during Lent the first readings of the liturgy were drawn from the Old Testament and told stories of the family of those who came before Jesus. When Jesus rose on Easter the people who loved and followed him in his life became part of the new family known as Christians. On the Sundays of Easter we will read about their stories from the New Testament book called the Acts of the Apostles. You are one of these Christians. Each Easter, we have the chance to imagine ourselves standing at the empty tomb with the apostles. Together we believe that Jesus is not among the dead but is “truly risen” and with us today.

Draw a picture of yourself next to the tomb. Write a message about how you feel when you know Jesus is with you.

