



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 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

May Prayer Intention of Pope Francis ***For Church Movements and Groups***

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. May 6 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, David Langguth
 Sun. May 7 - 8:00 AM - Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky
 Sun. May 7 - 11:00 AM - Dave Auerbeck, Susan Podoletz

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. May 6 - 4:00 PM - Lexi Tatar, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 7 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Emily Miller
 Sun. May 7 - 11:00 AM - Liam Schurr, Aidan Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. May 6 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 7 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. May 7 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Bob Olson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. May 6 - 4:00 PM - Karen Moughemer, Dennis Moughemer, Betsy Lloyd, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 7 - 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Lou Annn Clark, Ed Stoltz
 Sun. May 7 - 11:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Walter Bloom, Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. May 6 - 4:00 PM - Ray & Mary King
 Sun. May 7 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. May 7 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. May 6 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merrill
 Sat. May 7 - 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. May 7 - 11:00 AM - Jane Byrne, Carolyn English

A Few Words from the Pastor:

HELPING THE HOME MISSIONS! - Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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 next 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.

RCIA: A NEW NAME, A RENEWED SPIRIT - For many years, RCIA has indicated the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults." It has become apparent, however, that this process of becoming a Roman Catholic is much more than a "Rite." It is a process of preparation for entrance into the church which entails prayer, study, and the companionship of committed Catholics. The American Bishops have encouraged us to now speak of it as the OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. The traditional categorization of those petitioning for full acceptance into the Church has also been changed. The new revision includes: catechumens (who are unbaptized adults); baptized non-Catholic Christians, and adult baptized Catholics in need of Confirmation. With Covid behind us, it is most appropriate that we renew our commitment to our outreach to those wishing to learn more about the Faith, and who may seek full initiation into the Church. We are most grateful to Mark Krepich, who for several years has directed this ministry. We are now seeking additional team members who can share in this work of evangelization. This ministry is fundamentally one of accompaniment: Catholics willing to accompany those desiring to be Catholic. Please consider this invitation to share your faith with others. You may contact Mark (mark.krepich@gmail.com) or Msgr. Becker with your interest.

BUS TRIP TO 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.



Congratulations to Timothy and Patricia Jimenez, who were received into the Catholic church, receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist and renewing their marriage vows on Sunday, April 23 at the 11:00 Mass.

Schedule for the Week of April 30

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*

Monday, May 1 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Sister Andrea, OSB* requested by Linda Weyandt

Tuesday, May 2 - St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM - Mass for *2023 Confirmation Students* requested by Pat & Sue Podoletz

Wednesday, May 3 - Saints Philip & James, Apostles

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by Deacon Gene Neral

Thursday, May 4 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Helen Baca* requested by Family

Friday, May 5 - Easter Weekday

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

Saturday, May 6 - Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, May 7 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi

11:00 AM - Mass for *Robert Cole* requested by Mary Ann Cole

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today's readings offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life. Jesus' description of Himself as the "Good Shepherd" shows us our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us. We can express our gratitude to Him by embracing the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent, and treasure to his flock.

Embracing this way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and is the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm. He tells us "I came so that [you] might have life and have it more abundantly." This Easter season, let us resolve to entrust ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.

(www.CatholicSteward.com, 3/29/2023)

April 15/16

Envelopes	\$ 3,181.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 454.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 10.10
Parish Development	\$ 95.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 15.00
Good Friday Holy Land	\$ 15.00
Easter Offering	\$ 650.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 10.00
Food Bank Collection	\$ 50.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,938.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,418.10

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

HOLY SPIRIT MINISTRY NIGHT OF WORSHIP & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesday, May 2nd at 7PM.

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Hollidaysburg. **Fr. Mike Pleva** will share "My vocation story and the Eucharist". All are welcome.

CHICKEN BBQ: Sunday, May 7, 2023. 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. Pick up the dinners at Star Council Hall at 324 Bedford St., Hollidaysburg. 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 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 Dancha • 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.***

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!

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 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CANCELLED SUNDAY, MAY 7:
There will be no Adult Faith Formation class on Sunday, May 7th. Our class will resume on Sunday, May 14th.

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!

ST. MARY'S 19TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: 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, which includes the round of golf, cart, beverages, skill prizes and a spaghetti dinner 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.

DEACON GENE TO GIVE WITNESS TALK IN CRESSON: Come and join us on First Friday, May 5, 2023 for Praise and Worship at 6 pm, Confessions at 6:30 pm, and Healing Mass with Rev. Fr. Julio Rivero TOR at 7 pm at St. Aloysius Church 7911 Admiral Peary Highway, Cresson, PA 16630. Our Witness Talk will be given by Deacon Gene Neral from his book and website. It's a "work of many years of prayer and discernment, attempt to give back some of what I have received from God, especially over the last forty plus years. It is also meant to be a recurring resource to enrich a person's faith and prayer" *Deacon Gene LifeInFocus.net - Deacon Gene P. Neral - Altoona PA.*

SCHOOL REGISTRATION: St. Patrick School is now enrolling students for grades Pre-K-8th for the 2023/24 school year. Interested families can contact the principal, Tara Steinbugl, at the school, 814-695-3819.