

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

St. John the Evangelist Church

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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

The Role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. April 20- 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Joyce Cunningham
 Sun. April 21-8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Mary Truesdale
 Sun. April 21-11:00 AM - Camille Krug, James Krug

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. April 20- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
 Sun. April 21- 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley
 Sun. April 21-11:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. April 20- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
 Sun. April 21-8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, NOT FILLED
 Sun. April 21-11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy,
 Dolores Capriotti, Kenneth Gorman, Bob, Olson,
 Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. April 20- 4:00 PM - Carolyn English, Betsy Lloyd,
 Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer,
 Sun. April 21-8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Diane Turcovsky,
 Daniel Turcovsky
 Sun. April 21-11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Lou Ann Clark,
 Mary Grace Horton, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. April 20- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
 Sun. April 21- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. April 21- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. April 20- 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Gary Johnson
 Sat. April 21- 8:00 AM - Chris Palazzi, Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. April 21- 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK – Next Sunday, April 21st, at 2:00 PM, our parish will celebrate a special Mass of Anointing. Whether due to age or illness, those feeling the need for Christ's compassion are urged to receive this important sacrament of healing and grace. Whether you are enduring physical or spiritual distress, chronic depression or melancholy, Christ extends his healing touch and embrace.

OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Our weekly bible study has resumed, gathering each Wednesday at 6:45 in the parish center. Our focus will be upon the readings for the following Sunday, so that we are well prepared to hear God's Word with hearts ready to receive Christ in both Word and Sacrament! Please plan on joining us!

WEEK 29 OUR SACRED STORY RETREAT: This week our author invites us to consider the importance of spiritual discernment. So often our decisions are not between what is good and what is evil, but rather, discerning which of two goods I should embrace. I need always ask myself, in this decision that I make, will it bring me closer and more fully in God's service. Choosing between good and evil can be a rather simple path, though difficult. Discerning between two goods, however, does invite me to discern more deeply how God is working in my daily life and what he is calling me to do. It is always important as we make a decision to ask ourselves: which will give greater glory to God. Both decisions are good! The important word is "greater."

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES - For the next three Monday evenings, our parish will be providing marriage preparation for 12 Catholic couples from around the area. I am most grateful to Michael and Ashley Greslick and Pat and Sue Podoletz who are giving of their time and energy to instruct young couples in preparation for marriage. We pray for all young couples who are preparing for marriage this spring and summer!

FIRST COMMUNION – We congratulate our First Communicants who will be making their First Eucharist on Sunday, May 5th at the 11am Mass. They are: Linh Huynh, Porter Schraff, Theresa Trieu and William Davis.

Our May Crowning will occur at the same Mass! Children are welcome to participate in the beautiful May crowning ceremony with a procession where a crown of flowers will be placed on Mother Mary's head and more flowers are placed at her feet.

SAVE THE DATES!

Parish Breakfast/Deacon Gene's Birthday: Monday, April 15th after the 8:30am Mass at Cracker Barrel

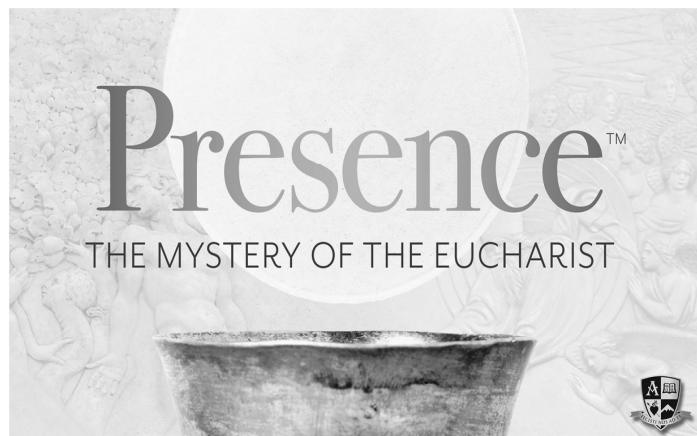
Finance Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 16th at 7pm

First Holy Communion and May Crowning: Sunday, May 5th at the 11am Mass

Ascension Thursday: Thursday, May 9th Mass at 8:30am and 6pm

Chicken BBQ: Sunday, June 9th-Knights of Columbus

Annual Parish Picnic: Sunday, July 21st in Fr. Bailey Hall after 10am Mass



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Schedule for the Week of April 14th

Sunday, April 14 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Mass for *Gordon Miller* requested by the O'Neill family

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

Monday, April 15 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Carlos Gungon* requested by his wife & children

Tuesday, April 16 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Fr. Terry Adams* requested by Joe & Paula Adams

Wednesday, April 17 - Easter Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Carol Bismark* requested by Ron & Maryann Hinkle

Thursday, April 18 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Regina & Margie* (sisters of Marian Monios) requested by Marian Monios

Friday, April 19 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *George Hickey* requested by the Mauk family

Saturday, April 20 - Vigil of 4th Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - Mass for *Mercia Crevecoeur* requested by Mimi Crevecoeur & family

Sunday, April 21 - 4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Mass for *Robert E. Reeder* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

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

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please email any upcoming bulletin announcements to Diane Ryan at stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net or call the Parish Office at 814-942-5503. Bulletin announcements need to be submitted by Wednesday to be included in the following weekend's bulletin.

DEACON GENE'S BIRTHDAY: Join us on Monday, April 15th after the 8:30am Morning Mass at the Cracker Barrel in Altoona as we celebrate Deacon Gene's birthday and enjoy good food and fellowship with your St. John's community. Sign up on the kiosk if you can attend!

DR. EDWARD SRI: The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown proudly presents Dr. Edward Sri, a nationally recognized theologian and speaker, for a 2-day event celebrating the eucharistic revival at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. Friday, April 19th from 7-9:30pm for High School, College and Young Adults and Saturday, April 20th from 9am-12:30pm for the General Public. Additional information and schedules for both days are available on flyers in the Gathering Space. There is no cost to attend but registration is required online at www.dioceseaj.org or mail in a form available in the Gathering Space. Please direct all questions to Sister Linda LaMagna by email at llamgna@dioceseaj.org or by phone at 814-742-7894.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: During this Easter season, in addition to celebrating all that Christ did for us, we are also reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives. The knowledge of His sacrifice should not only affect our minds but also our hearts, changing how we live. Through sin, we betray Jesus once again. It is like saying, "crucify Him!" Sometimes we deliberately turn away from Jesus out of pride and selfishness, and other times, we are not even aware of the gravity of our sin. Whether we know our weaknesses or are ignorant to them, let us ask God to reveal the areas of our lives in which we are betraying Him – maybe through addiction, materialism, and how we spend our money or time and putting things above God. And let us ask for the grace to repent and change our ways. As we are still in the midst of this Easter season, let us take some time to think about what Christ did for us and the changes we should make in our daily lives to help us grow closer to Him.

March 30/31

Envelopes	\$ 3,212.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 1,061.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 7.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 10.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 10.00
Easter	\$ 4,035.00
Holy Land	\$ 603.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 770.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,778.90
Total Offertory	\$ 11,486.90

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$42,400

January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024

Gifts/Pledges - \$37,725.00

Total Gifts Received - \$37,245.00

Pledge Balance - \$480.00

CMD UPDATE: We are already at 87% of our goal for 2024! We are only \$5,155 away from reaching our goal. Anything over that amount will come back to the church. Thank you to everyone who has donated!

RICE BOWLS: Thank you! Together we changed lives this Lent through the CRS Rice Bowl. Thank you for being part of this effort! Please return Rice Bowls to the Gathering Space basket by Sunday, April 14th.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: The apostles were afraid of Jesus until He ate with them and they touched Him. In your family the ordinary acts of eating, together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These "ordinary" moments contain the "Extraordinary."

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:*

All Garvey Manor Residents • Britta Albright
Charles Bassett • Idy Caporuscio • Eleanor Christine
Michelle Cooney • Betty Dennis • Mary Lee DeStefano
Devon McCarter Graham • Marlene Hartman
Sallie Langham • Bonnie & Mike Long
Connor McLaughlin • Kathy Mittermeier
Patricia Olson • Ryan Raybuck • Dan Roberts
Anne Showalter • Reed Stellabotte • Tim Temofonte
Mary Truesdale • Lois Werfel • Dorothy Yingling
Anne Zelnosky

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Dealing with a loss, whether in the past or recent, is difficult and lonely. Our support groups will allow you to acknowledge the pain and to learn positive strategies for coping.

Journey Through Loss is a seven-week program at St. John's for those who have lost a loved one through death. The next session will begin on June 18. Call Mary Petrak, 814-502-6076, for more information. *St. Michael and St. Mary Parishes* offer monthly meetings for those who have experienced a loss. Call Debbi Chapman, 912-713-5412, for dates and information.

BIRTHDAY CORNER FOR APRIL:

April 10th-Larry Field
April 12th-James & Barbara McLaren
April 15th-Deacon Gene Neral & Ray King
April 16th- Patricia Kenney
April 23rd-Donald Riley
April 24th-Betsy Lloyd

Something new-sending individual cards to our "senior" (80 and older) parishioners. If you wish to send a birthday card, use the address in your Parish Directory, place card in the Collection Basket or take to the Parish Office and the cards will be forwarded.

PRAYER PAL THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Prayer Pal Social. So many compliments were given on the appetizers, desserts, and their presentation. All your hard work made the evening quite a success. Again, many thanks!

JOB OPENING: The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has an opening for a full-time Director of Faith & Family Ministries to manage the execution of religious education, youth ministry, OCIA, Scouting and family life programs. To view a listing of responsibilities and qualifications and to apply, please go to <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment>. Resumes may be emailed to lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

April 14th- No Class

April 21st-Class

April 21st- 2nd Grade First Holy Communion Retreat
9:15am to 10:45am-2nd Grade Classroom

April 28th-No Class

May 5th-Last Class

May 5th-First Holy Communion & May Crowning at the
11am Mass

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

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year for Kindergarten-11th Grade is now available. Forms will be available in the Gathering Space or can be requested by phone or email.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: The Adult Faith Formation class meets on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:45.

We have 2 additional classes this spring:

April 21: *The Bible: God's Love Letter to Humanity*

May 5: *The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace*

All are welcome!

For information contact Mary Petrak, 814-502-6076.

BLAZIN' ANGELS: Join us for a Fellowship Night on Sunday, April 21st from 6-9pm at the St. John's Parish Center. If you are interested in attending or interested in learning more please email Amber & Cherié at blazinangels.yagroup@gmail.com or contact Cherié at 814.569.7703.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: The 2024 Marriage Preparation Series has released their upcoming schedule. Local sessions will be offered at St. John's April 15, 22, 29. Please contact the office for more information or take a pamphlet from the kiosk.

BISHOP GUILFOYLE ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, April 28, 1- 3 p.m. Eldorado (St. Rose) * Fairview (St. Therese) * Hollidaysburg (St. Michael) We invite you to learn more about our Catholic school Bishop Guilfoyle Academy where joyful students, PreK through Grade 12, are equipped to succeed in the world and shape our communities for the better. Come to any of our Open Houses on April 28 (PreK through Grade 5). Can't make the Open House? Call and schedule a personal tour of any of our sites where you can meet the Principal, shadow a student, and witness our safe and virtuous environment. Offering Monday through Friday full-day school, before and after school program available. NEW 2024! Hollidaysburg Early Education Campus, PreK & Kindergarten, growing to Grade 5, full-day, Monday through Friday, before and after school program, and summer options available. For more information, call 814.942.7835 or visit bishopguilfoyleacademy.org Automatic scholarship for Catholic students; additional financial aid available.