

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## April 21, 2024

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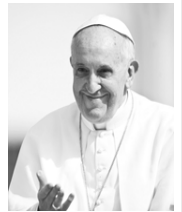
### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**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 27- 4:00 PM - Jeremy Truscello, Iris Tatar  
 Sun. April 28-8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Susan Podoletz  
 Sun. April 28-11:00 AM - Donna Moyer, Dave Auerbeck

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat. April 27- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope  
 Sun. April 28- 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley  
 Sun. April 28-11:00 AM - Colin Schurr, Liam Schurr

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat. April 27- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED  
 Sun. April 28-8:00 AM - Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky  
 Sun. April 28-11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Dolores Capriotti,  
 Lou Ann Clark, Kenneth Gorman, Bob, Olson,  
 Susanna Tomlinson

#### **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

Sat. April 27- 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Paula VanSickel,  
 Larry VanSickel, NOT FILLED  
 Sun. April 28-8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick,  
 Ray Kennedy, Jane Strasser  
 Sun. April 28-11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,  
 Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz

#### **SACRISTAN**

Sat. April 27- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King  
 Sun. April 28- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
 Sun. April 28- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

#### **SCRIP**

Sat. April 27- 4:00 PM - Becky Merrill, Chris Palazzi  
 Sat. April 28- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky  
 Sun. April 28- 11:00 AM - Jane Byrne, Carolyn English

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK** – This Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**A MIGHTY OAK TREE FALLS!** – In last Sunday's strong winds, one of our mighty oak trees was lost, crashing onto Lotz Avenue between the rectory and the fire station at 8:15 pm. There were no injuries, and no damage to our facilities. There was, however, an amazing amount of clean-up needed. We were advised by the tree experts that the other two oaks in our front yard are also vulnerable to high winds, with decay showing in their root system. We will be getting some bids.

**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 30: OUR SACRED STORY RETREAT:** *The final section of Father Watson's 40 weeks retreat book focuses upon the rules of discernment as outlined by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Rather than wade through these rather dense pages of theology, I believe our best direction in these final weeks of our retreat is to revisit the sacred story affirmations which appear at the beginning of the book. **This week's affirmation:***

*My life's greatest tragedies can be transformed into my life's major blessings.*

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*I will not tire of asking God for help, since God delights in my asking.*

**THIS WEEK'S SAINT!** On April 25 we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist. Although he was not a direct disciple of Jesus, Saint Mark is the author of one of the four Gospel accounts and played a vital role in spreading the Gospel as a missionary in the early church. There is strong evidence that Mark was a companion of St. Peter, so that when he writes, he is informed by the experience of St. Peter. The Sunday Cycle of readings for 2024 is the gospel of Mark. It is interesting that Mark is never mentioned by name in his own Gospel. We also note that Mark mentions the word "Gospel" more times than any of the other Gospel account authors; in fact, his eight mentions of the Gospel double the total of four mentions from all Matthew, Luke, and John combined! His feast we celebrate on Thursday of this week. Do join us!

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

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

**Ascension Thursday:** Vigil Wednesday, May 8th at 6pm 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

**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](http://bishopguilfoyleacademy.org) Automatic scholarship for Catholic students; additional financial aid available.

## Schedule for the Week of April 21st

### 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*

### Monday, April 22 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Kalis family* requested by  
Marian Monios

### Tuesday, April 23 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Dolores Burchfield* requested by  
Gabe & Roberta Pellegrini

### Wednesday, April 24 - Easter Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Ida Proserpi* requested by  
John Proserpi

### Thursday, April 25 - St. Mark

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

### Friday, April 26 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Rose & Edward Neral* requested by  
Deacon Gene Neral

### Saturday, April 27 - Vigil of 5th Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - Mass for *Fr. Terry Adams* requested by  
Betsy Lloyd & family

### Sunday, April 28 - 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*  
11:00 AM - Mass for *Fred Mazzarella* requested by  
Karen Mazzarella

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please email any upcoming bulletin announcements to Diane Ryan at [stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net](mailto: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.

**HEALING MASS:** Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 at 7pm, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30pm and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:** Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. In Jesus' time, a shepherd was someone who protected and guided his sheep. Jesus does this for us and so much more. He is the Shepherd that lays down His life for His sheep. This message calls us to reflect inward – do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives? We are Christ's, even more than a child is to a parent. He created us, brought us forth into the world, and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary so that we might be saved. He is our Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray. Whether we accept His care, protection, and guidance or not, He is our Good Shepherd. Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, 'who is my Shepherd?' and 'have I gone astray?' Name the areas in your life that you have neglected and ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again. Remember that we are His and He is ready for us to come home, as He says, "I know mine, and mine know me."

### April 6/7

Envelopes	\$ 4,979.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 594.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 3.00
Parish Development	\$ 10.00
Catholic Education	\$ 70.00
Easter Offering	\$ 265.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 50.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,924.90
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,895.90</b>

### **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!

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS:** Court Prince Gallitzin #2625-Serves all 11 Altoona parishes and beyond. New members are always welcome! Find us online at : [cda2625.com](http://cda2625.com). On Monday, May 13, 2024, please come join us for our monthly meeting in the community room of Saint Rose of Lima at 5:45pm with the business meeting beginning at 6pm. If you have any questions, please contact us at <http://cda2625.com/contact>.

### 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:*

All Garvey Manor Residents • Britta Albright  
Charles Bassett • Idy Caporuscio • Eleanor Christine  
Michelle Cooney • Betty Dennis • Mary Lee DeStefano  
Pattie Fromknecht • 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 • 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.

**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](mailto:lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org).

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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](mailto: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](mailto:blazinangels.yagroup@gmail.com) or contact Cherié at 814.569.7703.

**BUS TRIP:** St. Rose will be hosting a bus trip to The Museum of the Bible in Washington DC on Wednesday, June 12th. The bus will leave St. Rose on the Sixth Avenue side parking lot at 9am and return to St. Rose at 9pm. The cost of the bus is \$51 and the cost of the ticket is \$17 (ages 18 and above for a total of \$68. Meals are not included in this price. Feel free to bring a packed breakfast and water on the bus. Lunch can be purchased at the museum. A dinner stop will be made at the Golden Corral in Frederick, MD. For reservations, call Janet Brown at 814-944-4995. Deadline for reservations is May 12th. This is a 40 passenger bus and will be first come, first serve.

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL:** Next week (April 28th) we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. 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 which include religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



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