



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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. May 4- 4:00 PM - David Langguth, John Majcher
 Sun. May 5-8:00 AM - Mary Truesdale, Mike Greslick
 Sun. May 5-11:00 AM - Richard Consiglio, Susan Podoletz
 Wed. May 8-6:00 PM - Camille Krug, Susanna Tomlinson
 Thurs. May 9-6:00 PM - Barbara Bundy, Bob Olson

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. May 4- 4:00 PM - Lexi Tatar, Iris Tatar
 Sun. May 5- 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley
 Sun. May 5-11:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch
 Wed. May 8-6:00 PM - Aidan Schurr, NOT FILLED
 Thurs. May 9-6:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. May 4- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 5-8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 5-11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Cecelia Bloom, Walter Bloom, Barbara Bundy, Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark
 Wed. May 8-6:00 PM - Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom
 Thurs. May 9-6:00 PM - Lou Ann Clark, Darlene Scarpaci

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. May 4- 4:00 PM - Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer, Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel
 Sun. May 5-8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Ginny Reeder, Ed Stoltz
 Sun. May 5-11:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Carolyn English, Mary Grace Horton, Patrick Podoletz
 Wed. May 8-6:00 PM - Dolores Capriotti, Carolyn English, Mike O'Neill, Patrick Podoletz
 Thurs. May 9-6:00 PM - Connie Baker, Walter Bloom, Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky

SACRISTAN

Sat. May 4- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
 Sun. May 5- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. May 5- 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti
 Wed. May 8-6:00 PM - Dolores Capriotti
 Thurs. May 9-6:00 PM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. May 4- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, Gary Johnson
 Sat. May 5- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. May 5- 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

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 31: 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:***

*God gives me insights,
Not because I am better than others, but because I am loved.
The insights and graces I need to move forward in life's journey
unfold at just the right time!*

"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 SAINT OF THE WEEK! St. Athanasius, also known as Athanasius the Great and Athanasius the Confessor, was born in Alexandria Egypt in 296 AD. He was a bishop and doctor of the early church and has been known as the "Father of Orthodoxy," the "Pillar of the Church" and "Champion of Christ's Divinity." Athanasius became one of the most dedicated opponents of the heresy of Arianism. (The heretic Arius denied the divinity of Christ.) Throughout his life, Athanasius gave witness the divinity of Jesus Christ.

AN ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION: on May 3rd, 1975, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, ten young men were ordained to the priesthood by Bishop James Hogan. In the same liturgy, he ordained six young seminarians to the diaconate. I was one of the ten and am most grateful for the ministry of the priesthood which Christ has shared with me over the past 49 years. Of the ten priests ordained that day, only four are still among the living, three of whom are retired. By God's amazing grace, I am the only one still in active ministry. I bless God for my good health and welcome the years of priestly service yet to come!

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. 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.

MASS FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS: Sunday, May 26, 2024 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on the Breezeline channel 9. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is Wednesday, May 22, 2024. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

Schedule for the Week of April 28th

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

Monday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

8:30 AM - Mass for *Dolores Burchfield* requested by
Duan & Diane Misiara

Tuesday, April 30 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for the *family of John Wolfe* requested by
Patty Wolfe

Wednesday, May 1 - Easter Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Guy Langham* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder

Thursday, May 2 - St. Athanasius

8:30 AM - Mass for *Francis (Hezzie) Thompson* requested
by Bill & Norma Foose

Friday, May 3 - Sts. Philip & James

8:30 AM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by
Deacon Gene Neral

Saturday, May 4 - Vigil of 6th Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - Mass for *Dave English* requested by
Carolyn English

Sunday, May 5 - 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Mass for *Eugene & Eileen O'Neill* requested by
the O'Neill family

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.

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!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CLEANING SUPPLY DRIVE: Throughout the month of May, we will be collecting paper products, cleaning supplies, hygiene items, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, umbrellas, socks, hand sanitizer and several other items to support local families in need or those who are experiencing homelessness. Please see the box in the Gathering Space for the complete list of items needed and to drop off donations. Thank you for your support!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives. And Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel, as He says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

Let us begin this week reflecting on these questions, 'how is God bearing fruit in my life?' and 'have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in my life?' Then let us consider the areas of our days that we can more fully invite the Lord into. May we strive to stay connected to the Vine.

April 13/14

Envelopes	\$ 3,976.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 351.00
Parish Development	\$ 130.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 50.00
Easter Offering	\$ 150.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 10.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,238.90
Total Offertory	\$ 5,905.90

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!

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. 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>.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."

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
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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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 1 class left this spring:

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

All are welcome!

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

MONICA'S TEARS: Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, hosts an hour of adoration with the recitation of the rosary every Thursday night from 6pm to 7pm to pray for our loved ones who have left the practice of the Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, please join us.

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.

ST. ROSE-100TH ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE: Tickets are \$100 and winner will be based on the 7pm daily lottery number. Grand prize is \$7,500 and number above and below winning number each win \$500. Drawing will be on May 20th. Tickets are available in the St. John's Parish Office, St. Rose Parish Office or Holy Trinity School Office. For more information, call 814-944-8509.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: *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 prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.*



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