



**Third Sunday of
Easter
April 19, 2026**

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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 Leo

For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Apr. 25- 4:00 PM - Maria Spayd, Joyce Cunningham
 Sun. Apr. 26- 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Susan Podoletz
 Sun. Apr. 26- 11:00 AM - James Krug, Camille Krug

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Apr. 25- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
 Sun. Apr. 26- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Apr. 26- 11:00 AM - Estella Koch, Evie Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Apr. 25- 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Apr. 26- 8:00 AM - Mike Greslick, Jennifer Helsley
 Sun. Apr. 26- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti,
 Ken Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Apr. 25- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Betsy Lloyd, Jeremy Truscello,
 NOT FILLED
 Sun. Apr. 26- 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Ray Kennedy,
 Mary Truesdale
 Sun. Apr. 26- 11:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Lou Ann Clark,
 Mary Horton, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN

Sat. Apr. 25- 4:00 PM - Mary King,
 Sun. Apr. 26- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
 Sun. Apr. 26- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. Apr. 25- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, Marge Rudolph
 Sun. Apr. 26- 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. Apr. 26- 11:00 AM - Carolyn English, NOT FILLED

A Few Words from the Pastor:

CONFIRMATION THIS SPRING: On Sunday, April 19th at 2pm we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. John's. We encourage our parishioners to attend and support our candidates for this important sacrament. Next Sunday, at the 11am Mass, we will have our Rite of Sending, when our candidates, parents and sponsors will affirm their readiness to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are very proud of our young people as they continue their journey of Discipleship: Elena Baughman, Aiden Cooney, Itzabella Cosme Negrón, Mai Vi Do, Henry Dolphin, Addison Horell, Abigail Hovance, Jack Hoyne, Marissa Kanouff, Evie Koch, Ayden Koeck, McKenna Koeck, Lydia Krug, Landen Petrunak, Conner Ryan, Sadie Swope and Alexander Wolf. We keep them in our prayers as they prepare for this important moment in their lives.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

ADULT ED IN APRIL - For the remaining weeks of April, our Sunday morning sessions will focus upon the Resurrection that we share as followers of Christ, with reflections on the afterlife. These will be our final sessions for this year, and we do hope that you take advantage of this opportunity to reflect more deeply upon the way in which the resurrection of Christ shapes our life today and our vision of the afterlife. Our final session will be on Sunday, April 26th when Deacon Gene will be discussing Purgatory. If you have any questions regarding Purgatory, please write them down and place them in the labeled Purgatory box in the Gathering Space. Deacon Gene will then use these questions during the April 26th session. Please join us!

JESUS MEETS US ON OUR EMMAUS ROAD - The risen Lord meets us on the road to our Emmaus, both in the ordinary experiences of our lives, and in the places to which we retreat when life is too much for us. We, too, have hopes and dreams of better health, healing, financial security and family relationships. These hopes and dreams at times shatter. The story promises us, however, that Jesus will come to us in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us when we least expect to encounter our risen Lord. Emmaus moments come to us when we meet the risen Christ on our life's journey through rough times. Praise to the Risen Christ!

SAVE THE DATES!

Confirmation 2026: Sunday, April 19th at 2pm at St. John's-All are welcome to attend!

Youth Protection Class: Saturday, April 25th from 8am-12pm-Complete clearances and paperwork to work with children for Church activities.

May Crowning: Sunday, May 3rd at the 11am Mass-All children are invited to participate!

First Holy Communion: Sunday, May 3rd at the 11am Mass

Ascension Thursday Masses: Wednesday, May 13th at 6pm Vigil of the Feast of the Ascension and Thursday, May 14th at 8:30am & 6pm Feast of the Ascension



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Via Lucis - Introduction

Via Lucis, or the Stations of Light, is a devotional practice for reflecting on the joy and hope of the Resurrection during the Easter season. While the Stations of the Cross commemorate Jesus' journey to his crucifixion and death, the Stations of Light focus on the events that followed the Resurrection.

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Schedule for the Week of April 19th

Sunday, April 19 - Third Sunday of Easter

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

11:00 AM - Mass for *Birthday Remembrance of Jude*

Wargo requested by Mom, Dad, Brother & Sister

Monday, April 20 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Bob Cole* requested by

Mary Ann Cole

Tuesday, April 21 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Robert E. Reeder* requested by

Bob & Ginny Reeder

Wednesday, April 22 - Easter Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Bob Burchfield* requested by

Sagaities & Perry families

Thursday, April 23 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Sue Caldwell* requested by

Pete & Carol Rodgers

Friday, April 24 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Saturday, April 25 - Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter

3:15 PM - Confessions

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

Sunday, April 26 - Third Sunday of Easter

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

John Prosperi

11:00 AM - Mass for *Lee Wilson* requested by

Barbara Bundy

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.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION: On behalf of the Samaritan Committee, we would like to thank you for your continued support of the Second Sunday Food Collection. This week we were able to give \$400 to ten churches and agencies that feed the people of Blair County. Summer will soon be here and school will be out; more children will be home and not have access to school breakfast and lunch programs. Sr Paula easily feeds over 150 people every day in one hour. Government money is being cut from humanitarian programs. We are so grateful for generous support to feed those in need in our community.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING SESSION: We will be holding an in person VIRTUS and Mandated Reporter Training Session here at St. John the Evangelist Church in Altoona beginning on Saturday, April 25th beginning at 8am. See the flyer in the Gathering Space for more information.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today's readings focus on a theme of 'sojourning.' As Christian stewards, we know that our lives are a sojourn toward the ultimate destination of heaven.

Our second reading instructs us to "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed... with the precious blood of Christ." What a powerful reminder during the Easter season of our 'why' for embracing the stewardship way of life – we have been ransomed by our Lord's saving death and resurrection. Our lives are a gift from Him – as we sojourn through life, we are to make our lives a gift to Him in return.

So, what can we do when we become discouraged - when we need our hearts set on fire once again? We can go to the same sources as the two disciples from our Gospel today on the road to Emmaus – the Scriptures (the living Word of God) and the Eucharist (the very source and summit of our faith). Frequent recourse to these two gifts from our Lord is essential to sustain us in the stewardship way of life.

April 4th/5th

Envelopes	\$	3,343.00
Loose Offerings	\$	580.00
Catholic Education	\$	55.00
Holy Thursday	\$	865.00
Good Friday	\$	741.00
Easter Offering	\$	3,307.00
Online Giving	\$	3,493.75
Total Offertory	\$	12,384.75

2026 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$37,300

January 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

Gifts/Pledges - \$33,350.00

Total Gifts Received - \$32,915.00

Pledge Balance - \$435.00

2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE: Our Catholic Ministries Drive supports 10 ministries throughout our diocese, which all fall into one of our three main focuses of evangelization, serving those in need, or formation of our priests and deacons. **We are already more than 80% to our goal and will be receiving a \$1,000 check to use in any ministry that we choose here at St. John's! Any funds received beyond the goal will come directly back to the parish to be used for the replacement of our aging heating and cooling unit and tree removal/improvements around the property.** Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Drive and our diocese's vital ministries!

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. **Prayer list will be cleared in June.** **Contact Ginny or the office to have names added or kept on the 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 • Wilbur J. Arend
Stephanie Baker • Barbara • Deb Bloom
Idy Caporuscio • Cheryl Dennis • Ed Drexler
Lois Dullinger • Charles Elder • Carol Field
Donna Fornwalt • Christine Hastings • Melissa Horne
Michael Horton • Tim Jimenez • Marianne Jones
Ray King • Rosanne Krawick • Sally Langham
Elsie MacCullagh • Dave Madden • Janet McNulty
Adena & Cora Mertz • Barb Nagle • Mary O Fleming
Richard Olson • Pat Rauch • Bette Richards • Dan Roberts
Darlene Scarpaci • Anne Showalter
Cathy Stapelfeld • Donna Taddy • Tammy
Tim Temofonte • Wally Wargo • Lois Werfel
Heather Yasolsky • Dorothy Yingling

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

Edward Garlena
Rosario Davis
Mark Hastings
Donald Free

May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Journey Through Loss is a nine-week program for those who have lost a loved one through death recently or in the past. The Christian based program provides the opportunity to share or to listen and offers positive ideas for coping. The next session begins on Thursday, May 21. We will meet weekly from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center at St. John the Evangelist Church in Lakemont. All faiths are welcome. For more information or to register contact Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076.

MOTHER THERESA MINISTRY: If you know of a parishioner not currently on our list that is in a nursing facility, hospital or homebound that would like to receive Communion at home, a visit or cards please text or call Mary Susick at 814-207-0185.

NEWCOMERS: Welcome to our parish family! If you wish to participate fully in our parish life, please register in the office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. or complete a Parish Registration Form provided in the Gathering Space and return it in the offertory collection. To volunteer for parish ministries or discuss how St. John's may be present to your faith journey, kindly call 814-942-5503 to schedule a meeting with Monsignor Becker.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

April 19th-No Class- Confirmation at St. John's at 2pm

April 26th-Class

May 3rd-Last Class-Children's Liturgy, First Communion & May Crowning at the 11am Mass

All public school students entering kindergarten through 11th grade should be registered with the Faith Formation Program.

All catholic school students entering 2nd grade and 9th-11th grade should be registered with the Faith Formation Program to prepare for Sacraments.

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

****Stay tuned for information about Vacation Bible School coming in June with ROAR! Life is wild, God is good!** Join us for a safari adventure of games, crafts, snacks, singing and more! **

BUS TRIP: From the banks of the Jordan River to the towering wall of Jericho, JOSHUA is a miraculous adventure for the whole family. Experience one of the most redemptive stories in the Bible as it comes to life in this brand new original stage production from Sight and Sound Theatres on May 28th with a 3pm show. Cost is \$205 per person. Price includes bus, show ticket and smorgasbord dinner at Brand New Hershey Farms at 6pm. Bus pick up at St. Rose of Lima Church in Altoona. Please see flyers on the kiosk for more information.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT SCRIP! Don't forget to buy scrip for your Spring home improvement purchases! Have questions still? Stop by the Scrip table at any weekend mass and our volunteers will be happy to help answer any questions.

GABRIEL PROJECT: A Pro-life Ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies in the Altoona area with baby items as needed. The current needs are diapers size 5, 6,7, & 8 and Summer clothes (newborn to size 5T). Donations to purchase larger items are appreciated. Any mom needing assistance should call 814-440-1021.

HEALING MASS: Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 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. David Dodd TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30pm and prayer ministry, sacramental anointing of the sick, and confessions will follow the Mass. Come experience the healing power of Jesus! All are welcome!