



He Is Risen!

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2026

### 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 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. 11- 4:00 PM –Jeremy Truscello, Laverne Kovacs  
Sun. Apr. 12- 8:00 AM - Susan Podoletz, Mary Truesdale  
Sun. Apr. 12- 11:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

##### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Apr. 11- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope  
Sun. Apr. 12- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED  
Sun. Apr. 12- 11:00 AM - Madison Kantoski, Lexi Tatar

##### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Apr. 11- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED  
Sun. Apr. 12- 8:00 AM - Jennifer Helsley, Ginny Reeder  
Sun. Apr. 12- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy,  
Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Ken Gorman,  
Susanna Tomlinson

##### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Apr. 11- 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Dennis Moughemer,  
Karen Moughemer, NOT FILLED  
Sun. Apr. 12- 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Ashley Greslick,  
Mike Greslick, Ray Kennedy  
Sun. Apr. 12- 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Mitchell Evans,  
Mary Horton, Peg Madden

##### SACRISTAN

Sat. Apr. 11- 4:00 PM - Ray & Mary King  
Sun. Apr. 12- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick  
Sun. Apr. 12- 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

##### SCRIP

Sat. Apr. 11- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, NOT FILLED  
Sun. Apr. 12- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky  
Sun. Apr. 12- 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**EASTER JOY:** The promise of the Resurrection is the assurance that God's love, in every circumstance, is victorious, and that a new heaven and a new earth have come down out of heaven from God. We pray that with the eyes of faith we can see in our daily lives the radiant presence of the Redeemer, who in his Resurrection has made all things new!!!

**EASTER SUNDAY:** The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes it this way: "Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts', the 'Solemnity of solemnities', just as the Eucharist is the 'Sacrament of sacraments'. St. Athanasius calls Easter 'the Great Sunday' and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week 'the Great Week'. The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him."

**A PRAYER CANDLE FOR EASTER:** We are making available again this Easter small votive candles which will remind us during the Easter season of Christ's presence as the Light of the World. They can be a small reminder of the beauty of the Easter candle and can be placed next to an icon or crucifix. They can be lit at Easter dinner or anytime a person praying privately, aware that it is Christ who is our Light.

**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.

### 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. More details to come!

**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



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### The Resurrection

In this episode, Mark Hartfiel and other experts unpack the mystery of the Resurrection, going back to the historical places where these world-changing event happened.

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## Schedule for the Week of April 5th

### Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

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

### Monday, April 6 - Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 AM - Mass for *Hilda Neal* requested by  
Julie & Bernie Beiswenger

### Tuesday, April 7- Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 AM - Mass for *Tiffany Mickens* requested by  
Linda Weyandt

### Wednesday, April 8 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:00 PM - Mass for *Rose & Edward Neral* requested by  
Deacon Gene Neral

### Thursday, April 9 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 AM - Mass for *Reta Loth* requested by  
David & Bonnie Loth

### Friday, April 10 - Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 AM - Communion Service

### Saturday, April 11 - Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 PM - Mass for *Robert Cole* requested by  
Mary Ann Cole

### Sunday, April 12 - Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Mass for *Andrew Jr. & Florence Dancha*  
requested by Vicki Faretta

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

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS ALLISON KENDALL!** Allison will be baptized and confirmed, and receive her First Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We thank God for her perseverance and passion for the Catholic faith. Let us wish her well and keep her in our prayers as she continues on her faith journey.

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the disciplines and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading, from Acts, gives instructions on how to do this. Here, St Peter says that our Lord "commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all God has done? By the way we live our ordinary lives – through the intentional use of our time, talent and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love – the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad, and let's make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!

#### March 21st/22nd

Envelopes	\$	3,820.00
Loose Offerings	\$	304.00
Heating & Cooling	\$	200.00
Black & Indian	\$	10.00
Easter Flowers	\$	65.00
Online Giving	\$	1,937.35
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,336.35</b>

#### **2026 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$37,300**

\*\*Total contributions and pledges will be updated from the Diocese in April for 2026\*\*

**FLOCKNOTE:** If you would like to receive text messages or emails regarding parish news, events and reminders and haven't already joined FLOCKNOTE but would like to receive this information, please join by texting SJC1 to 84576. Then after it responds, make sure you click that link and complete the process. If you can't complete this on your mobile phone, please go online to [stjohnsaltoona.flocknote.com](http://stjohnsaltoona.flocknote.com) to register. This is all totally free for you to use and it's going to also make it easy for you to stay plugged in to the ministries or groups that you care about, all by text message or email updates. Your information will be completely safe and secure. And you can unsubscribe from any updates at any time!

### 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. **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 • Donald Free  
Donna Fornwalt • Mark Hastings • Melissa Horne  
Michael Horton • Tim Jimenez • 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 • Rose Wargo • Lois Werfel  
Heather Yasolsky

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

Kathy Custer, mother of Jeremy Truscello  
Gerald Gonsman Jr.  
William Hoefler  
Bill Hoynes  
Mary Lauterbach  
May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

**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.

**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.

**RICE BOWLS:** Happy Easter! As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Rice bowls can be returned to the parish by placing them in the basket provided in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

**EASTER CANDLE:** The Easter Candle was sponsored by Ray and Mary King in memory of the deceased members of the Sclafani, King, Veronese and Yokitis families. Thank you for your generosity!

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**April 5th**-No Class-Easter Sunday

**April 12th**-Class

**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](mailto:stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net).*

**\*\*Stay tuned for information about Vacation Bible School coming in June with ROAR! Life is wild, God is good!\*\***

**CANDLELIGHT SAINTS TOUR 2026:** On Saturday April 11 and Sunday April 12 at Bishop Guilfoyle, our student actors and actresses will be dressed as six different men and women Saints, recounting their lives at different 'stops' around our building as a tour guide leads your group. It's an entertaining and inspiring encounter with holiness! Tours leave every 15 minutes from 6-9 pm both evenings. Each group lasts less than an hour, with seats at each stop. Cost is \$10 per person or \$5 for children 12 and under (paid at the door). To reserve a tour time or to ask any additional questions, please contact Bob Sutton at [rsutton@bguilfoyle.org](mailto:rsutton@bguilfoyle.org) or (814) 552-0267. Mark your calendars- and we hope to see you there!

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS:** Court Prince Gallitzin # 2625 serves all 11 parishes and beyond. New members are always welcome! On Monday, April 13th, please come and join us for our monthly meeting in the St. Rose of Lima community room at 5:30 p.m. with the business meeting beginning at 6 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Regent Donna Hoover at 814-632-3509 or [dannah31049@gmail.com](mailto:dannah31049@gmail.com).

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Sunday, April 19, the Men's Club of St. Mary and St. Michael in Hollidaysburg will hold it's famous all you can eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast from 8AM-Noon at the St. Michael's Church hall, 301 Spruce Street in Hollidaysburg. Donation of \$6 for adults and \$3 for Children 12 and under. Proceeds will benefit upcoming service projects. Come try the best pancake breakfast in town, which includes drinks and our popular pancake topping bar! Questions? Feel free to contact: John Elder - Men's Club President [Johnpelder@aol.com](mailto:Johnpelder@aol.com) 814-270-1051