

**APRIL 4, 2021**

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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### The Year of Saint Joseph

"When Joseph woke from a sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but he knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus." (Mt.1:20-25)

The earliest traces of public recognition of the sanctity of St. Joseph are to be found in the East. His feast, was kept by the Copts as early as the beginning of the fourth century. The feast of "Joseph the Carpenter" is entered, on 20 July, in one of the old Coptic Calendars of the eighth and ninth century. In the West the name of the foster-father of Our Lord (Nutritor Domini) appears in local martyrologies of the ninth and tenth centuries.

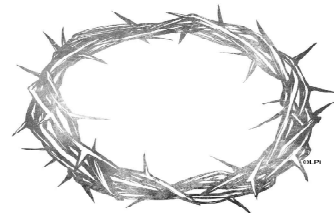
(<https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/08504a.htm>)

In 1870 on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Pius IX recognized, along with the world bishops, that they had sought the intercession of St. Joseph often during a time of great persecution and turmoil in the Church in Italy and around the world. "Because of the sublime dignity which God conferred on His most faithful Servant, the Church has always most highly honored and lauded the Most Blessed Joseph next after his spouse, the Virgin Mother of God, and has implored his intercession in all her great necessities." In the same declaration, March 19th was designated as the double feast day of the Solemnity of Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (<https://stsa.org/pope-pius-ix-and-st-joseph>) **2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713- West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601**

### Daily Devotional Prayer of Pope Francis

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection these series and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome.

My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen



# THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

## THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA 16601-3315  
CHURCH OFFICE: 814-944-4603

#### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

#### INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

#### CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

#### RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.  
Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

#### ANOIDING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

#### MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

#### DEVOTIONS:

Charismatic Prayer - Normally 3rd Monday of the Month  
Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.  
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM  
Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.  
Sunday Evening 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM  
Grades 9 thru 12.

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Sunday:	5:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:00 PM	Holyday:	5:30 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:30 PM	Weekday:	6:45 AM 12:00 Noon	Saturday:	8:00 AM 12:00 Noon
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Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)

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Web: [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org) - 944-4014

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# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 4, 2021

## MASS INTENTIONS

### April 5, Monday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM + Helen Zurilla, Birth. (Family)  
12:00 PM + Deb Capotosti (Andrea Hildebrand)

### April 6, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM + Martha Maurer (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)  
12:00 PM + Mary Aigner (Mary Lysinger)

### April 7, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM + Fred Fedeli (Rosemarie Fedeli)  
12:00 PM + Deacon John Rys, Anniversary (Family)

### April 8, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM + Mary Ann Eger, Birthday (Sister Peg)  
12:00 PM + Tony Alianiello, Anniversary (Family)

### April 9, Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM + Msgr. Roy Kline (Janet Belsey)  
12:00 PM + Hilda Conrad (Marcia Homan)

### April 10, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM + Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)  
12:00 PM + Sue Shaul (The Vogel Family)  
**Vigil: Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
5:00 PM + M. Virginia Jones (Guido & Debbie Santella)

### April 11, Sunday

8:00 AM + Jeldo Evangelisto (Jen & Cory Geishauser)  
10:00 AM + Rick & Karen Cowan Dougherty (Family)  
12:00 PM + Max Arzu (Winston Arzu & Mayo Favery)  
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

**Please remember our sick in your prayers.**

### Holy Week Office Hour

The Cathedral Office will be closed from Thursday, April 1, to Monday, April 5. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 6. Have a Blessed and Holy Easter!

### Pray For Our Sick

Remember our sisters and brothers who are weakened by illness in your prayers. Prayers are sometimes the best prescribed medicine.

### Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/ Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/ Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

### ARISE Together in Christ

ARISE small groups will be resuming April 11th. Sign up sheets will be available at the Cathedral Square Door on Saturday, March 20th. If any questions contact Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317.

### Contribution Reports

Reports for Income Tax purposes may be obtained by calling the Parish Office at 944-4603. Office hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

### Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration for this month will take place at Sacred Heart Church, 511- 20th Street, on Friday, April 9th, 2021 from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

### Basket Bingo Meeting

We will be holding a meeting regarding our Basket Bingo on Thursday April 8th at 6:30 PM at the Cathedral Parish Center in the Conference Room. We are going to pray that this year's Basket Bingo can take place on Sunday, September 26th, 2021. If anyone interested or has any ideas please come and join us, there is plenty of room for social distancing. All are welcome.

### Rice Bowl Collection

If you have a Rice Bowl that you want to turn in, you may do so this week at the Holy Thursday Mass, or any other Masses over the weekend, or you may drop it off at the Parish Office Monday thru Wednesday of Holy Week 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Or anyday next week Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, March 28, 2021 \$5,717.00

### ROSARY RALLY FOR POLICE OFFICERS

All are invited to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally to support our brave police officers, outside the Old St. Mary's School, 312 Clark Street, Hollidaysburg. The rally will be Saturday April 17th at 11:00am sponsored by America Needs Fatima. This rally is one of thousands to support our valiant police officers across our country. Please find the time to join us in prayer for these brave men and women. Masks and social distancing regulations will be required. Please bring your own chair for seating.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from after the noon Mass on Wednesday, April 7th, until after the 7:00 P.M. confessions. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the center of the cathedral.

### FIRE: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN PERSON CLASS to resume

### Final FIRE Class

Sunday Evening April 11th, 2021

We will meet from 6:15-7:15 PM

Masks are required!

Meet in the Education Center on 14th Street.

### CONFIRMATION

Tuesday April 13th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament  
Candidates and Sponsors should arrive at the church by 6:30 PM.

### Facebook

Our parish has created an official Facebook page and the address is <https://www.facebook.com/cathedralofaltoona> The link is found at the top of our parish's webpage. Our official page will gradually become a convenient way to keep people informed and post notices. (Please do not use the link at the bottom on the page.)



### Stewardship Reflections

Today we celebrate the Resurrection of the Christ! The readings today reveal how we can live out the joy of Easter all year long and our day-to-day lives. We are told that Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter and John all "ran" to see, and tell others about the "empty tomb." They each responded with conviction. We must ask ourselves, "Do I have a relationship with Christ to the point where I am running to Him each day?" The way these disciples responded is how we should respond to Christ.

Every moment throughout our day is an opportunity to respond to God in gratitude, compassion and eagerness. Let us not leave our eagerness behind us because Lent is over. Let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by how we respond to Christ each day. Happy Easter! (*Stewardship Bulletin Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, March 9, 2021*)

### A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS