

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 3, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

April 4, Monday: Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Special Intention (Anonymous)
12:00 PM + Mary Catherine Smith (Mary Elizabeth)

April 5, Tuesday: Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

6:45 AM + Helen Zurilla, Birthday (Family)
12:00 PM + Walter Beckel Jr, (Linda Kutz)

April 6, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM + Michael Wagner, Birthday (Diana Fanale)
12:00 PM + Barbara Shoemaker (Bob & Chris Laraia)

April 7 Thursday: Saint John the Baptist de la Salle, Priest

6:45 AM To End Abortions (Chris McNelis)
12:00 PM Lois Duncan, Birthday (Bonnie Pfeffer)

April 8, Friday: Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM + Anthony Alianiello, Anniversary (Family)
12:00 PM + Deacon John Rys, Anniversary (Family)

April 2, Saturday: Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM + Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)
12:00 PM + Paul Renyck (Pamela Beckwith)
Vigil : PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
5:00 PM + Bob Simanski (Butch Winkler)

April 3, Sunday: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

8:00 AM + Freddie Martynuska (Mike & Lyndsey Martynuska)
10:00 AM + Eleanor Fischer (Vogel Sisters)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For The People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish is at 11:30 A.M



Readings for the week of April 3, 2022

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-4

Religious Ed PK-11

Lenten Group Project

We are collecting money for the Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl project. All contributions go to local and international needs. Rice Bowls need to be turned in by April 10th, Palm Sunday. You can put them in the Collection baskets or in at the Cathedral Parish Center Office, Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Thank you for your help.

First Communion

will be celebrated on

Sunday, April 24, 10:00 AM Mass at Cathedral
Saturday, April 30, 5:00 PM Mass at Cathedral
Sunday, May 1, 11:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima
If you have any questions please contact Chris Laraia,

Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, April 6th, Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. (Our Lenten Penance Service is at 6:00 P.M.). A sign-up sheet is located on the cross aisle table to mark your time for visitation before the Blessed Sacrament. The Church asks that at least two people be present at all times when there is Exposition of the Sacrament.

Baptismal Prep Class Scheduled

There is a Baptismal Prep class scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th, at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Parish Education Center, 14th Street entrance. You don't need to wait until the baby is born. You can pre-register by calling the Parish Office at 814-944-4603.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, March 27, 2022 \$ 6,652.40
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



Did you know that text messages have a 99% open rate? It's true! In addition to emails, text messaging is the most effective way to reach parishioners— more effective than an app, a paper bulletin, or a Facebook page. With Flocknote, a parish can text all members, just a specific group or ministry, or an individual, and capture replies and respond. Flocknote's church texting makes it simple.



The 2022 Catholic Ministries Drive target for the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is \$42,898. The Catholic Ministries Drive supports programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish. Please be supportive.



The Cathedral Parish Social Committee will be offering their last drive thru Lenten Fish Lunch this Friday, April 8th, from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Take out orders only. The menu includes battered fried fish, macaroni and cheese, haluski, cole slaw, and a sandwich roll. The cost is \$10.00. Orders of 10 or more can be delivered. Please call in orders at 814-944-4603. Gratitude is extended to our Social Committee, our delivery volunteers, and to our patrons

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults "Inquiry"

Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, or just seeking information, you are welcome to join us for "Inquiry" Sunday, any time, from 11:00-12:00 in the Seton Suite. Please contact Carol Galioto at (814) 327-4841, if you are interested in joining.

MEN'S CONFERENCE

A professional soccer player turned priest, a man nicknamed the "Dynamic Deacon," and a mixed martial arts champ are the headliners for an upcoming men's conference sponsored by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Titled "Strength in Christ," the gathering is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2022, at Noon at Saint Francis University in Loretto. The speakers are Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, a professional soccer player turned priest in the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois; Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, a dynamic evangelist, author, and radio host; and Bas Rutten, a mix martial arts champion and TV/movie star who openly shares his Catholic journey. The conference is open to all men 18 and older, and includes lunch, the opportunity for Reconciliation, and a closing Mass at 5:00 p.m. with Bishop Mark, which is open to the families of the conference attendees. The cost is \$10. Please register online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a hard copy registration form at any parish. The registration deadline is April 25. Please also promote the men's conference through your websites and social media. Attached is a graphic image to include with your posts.

Here is a link from our website that you may share: [2022 Men's Conference - Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown \(dioceseaj.org\)](https://www.dioceseaj.org)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARKING LOT

Parishioners and guests are not to park in the Catholic Charities parking lot from Monday to Friday during business hours, 7:45 A.M.-4:30 P.M. They have an increase in staff and have had an increase in clients in need of assistance.



You are encouraged to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Holy Triduum. Bishop Mark will be presiding at our annual Lenten Communal Penance Service on Wednesday, April 6, at 6:00 P.M.

You are also welcome to attend one of these services: Sunday, March 27, 4:00 P.M. St. John the Evangelist Parish, Lakemont; Saturday, April 2, 10:00 A.M. St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish; Sunday, April 3, 5:00 P.M. St. Rose of Lima Parish; Monday, April 4, 7:00 P.M. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish; Thursday, April 7, 5:30 P.M. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish; and Sunday, April 10, 4:00 P.M. St. Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg.

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We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow. ©LPi



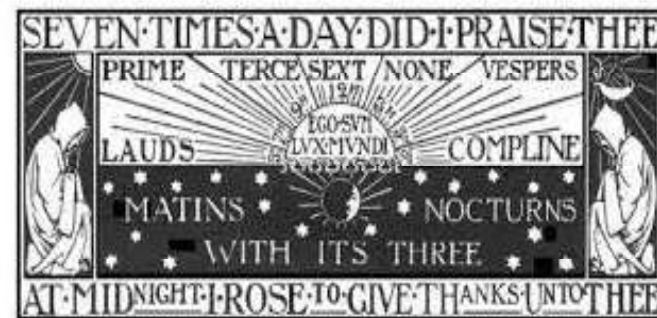
SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

The Diocese has prepared three faith-sharing resources for any Arise Group or newly formed group who would like to reflect on a passage from Scripture and then respond to questions that will be submitted to the synod. The themes of the sessions are: Communion, Participation, and Mission. All responses are due April 30, 2022.

If a group leader would like a copy of the resource, please call the office or pick one up in the sacristy.

EMERGENCY LIGHTING

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, benefactors, and the very generous gifts of anonymous donors, the emergency lighting project has been completed and paid. In the event of a power outage, a single phase emergency lighting inverter system will turn on some of the lights that are currently operating in the cathedral. Gratitude is extended to Tim Bettwy for facilitating the project and dealing with the city fire inspector, and to Joe Bettwy, Matt Bettwy, and Dave Lozinak who helped install components.



You are encouraged to sing evening prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on the Sundays of Lent, at 6:30 P.M. Vespers will be concluded with Benediction.

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.

ANOINTING 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
5:00 PM

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

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SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 944-4603**

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school
Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011
Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112
Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 944-4014

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Weekday: 6:45 AM
12:00 Noon
Saturday: 8:00 AM
12:00 Noon

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