

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 17, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

April 18, Monday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM + Karen Detwiler (Cathy & Joe Koehle)
12:00 PM + Marian Clemens, Birthday (Daughter Carole)

April 19, Tuesday Within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM + Irene Fischer, Birth. (Daughter and Family)
12:00 PM + Joseph Ruggery, Birth. (Mae & Family)

April 20, Wednesday Within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM + Orvita Knott (Jeffrey, & Becky Knott Family)
12:00 PM + Gary Doyle (McNelis All Stars)

April 21, Thursday Within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM + Bobby Homan (Mary Conrad)
12:00 PM + Deacon John Rys, Anniversary (Family)

April 22, Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM + Cheryl Consalvo (Linda Consalvo)
12:00 PM + Ann Rhodes (Ed & Lois Simanski)

April 23, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM + Leo & Alice Winkler, Wedding Ann. (Family)
12:00 PM + Eugene Parker (Jack & Barb Shoemaker)

Vigil : Second Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM + Robert Beck (Stacie & Rick Olstein)

April 24, Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 AM + Verna Jarkiewicz (Cathy Rougeux)
10:00 AM + Ron Sheehan (Dick Cowan Family)
5:00 PM + Pro Popolo/ For the People

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

Sing Alleluia

Readings for the week of April 17, 2022

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 Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

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

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

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

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

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-3

EASTER Blessings

The resurrection of Jesus is such a powerful reason for us to place our trust in the Lord, even when life or events in the world might seem so horrible and hopeless.

I pray that you experience some of the joy, peace, and hope that our Risen Lord can bring into your heart and home.

Msgr. Stan Carson



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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, April 10, 2022 \$ 7,485.00
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Stewardship Reflections

In the Gospel, St. John describes the very first witness to the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene, John (“the disciple that Jesus loved”), and Peter. Each had an individual “experience” of the empty tomb. They each went up close to see for themselves what Jesus’ love had accomplished. How can we as Christian stewards all these years later “see for ourselves” and so become his witnesses?

We can prayerfully read the Scriptures, receive the Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist, and can experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation. We “see for ourselves” when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen! (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/03/22)



Gratitude is extended to Butch Winkler and the members of our parish’s Social Committee for providing such successful Drive-Thru Lenten Lunches this year. Close to 2,200 lunches were served. A word of gratitude is also extended to our patrons and to the volunteers who directed traffic and delivered the lunches.

Cathedral Confirmation

Thursday, April 28th at 7:00 PM. We have 6 Candidates this year.

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 \(dioceseaj.org\)](http://2022Men'sConference-DioceseofAltoona-Johnstown(dioceseaj.org))



The 2022 Catholic Ministries Drive target for the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is \$42,898. As of March 31st, \$9,555.00 from 16 donors has been pledged. Thank you.

The Catholic Ministries Drive supports programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish.



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.

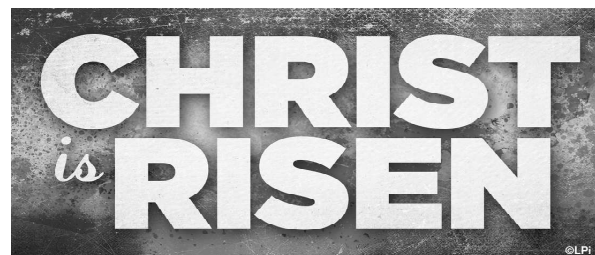
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

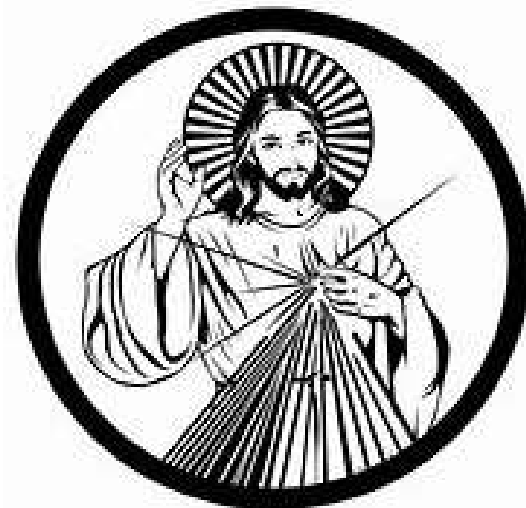
Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live. ©LPi



The seasons of Lent and Easter require the essential assistance of liturgical, choral, and music ministers. A sincere word of gratitude is extended to our parish volunteers who enhance our liturgies and help us to worship well.



It was a bit chilly, but our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9, was a fine and fun time for our children and adults. Gratitude is extended to Katie Mangiacarne and our parish's Communication and Community Outreach Committee. A thank you goes out to those who donated candy and eggs and to those who helped fill them, especially our teenagers. Having the Easter Bunny on hand excited the children.



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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

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

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

MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Holidaysburg 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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