

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

April 24, 2022

## MASS INTENTIONS

### April 25, Monday: Saint Mark, Evangelist

6:45 AM + Joseph Moffa, Birthday (Estate)  
12:00 PM + Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

### April 26, Tuesday: Easter Weekday

6:45 AM + Jahn Gority (Joseph & Regina)  
12:00 PM + Regis Irwin (Robert & Carol Irwin)

### April 27, Wednesday: Easter Weekday

6:45 AM + Steve Hiner, Anniversary (Family)  
12:00 PM + Ernie Tomassetti, Anniversary (Wife)

### April 28, Thursday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

6:45 AM + John Moloney, Anniversary (Family)  
12:00 PM + Anna Marie Mullen, Anniversary (Aunt Louise)

### April 29, Friday :St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM + Mary & Tom Irwin (Mary Beth Corace)  
12:00 PM + We Are One Body Listeners (WAOB Radio)

### April 30, Saturday: Easter Weekday

8:00 AM + Mary & Cyril Kibler (Jerry & Rita Kibler)  
12:00 PM + William E. Lumadue (Paul Kawalski)

### Vigil : Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM + Diane M. Johnston, Birthday (Mother)

### May 1, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM + David Seidel (Christine & Dave Behe)  
10:00 AM+ Kathleen Hoff, Birthday (Justin McCaulley Family)

5:00 PM + Pro Popolo/ For the People

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

### 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.

### Readings for the week of April 24, 2022

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

### Cathedral Confirmation

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



### Communion

This Sunday, April 24, at the 10:00 A.M. Mass  
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.

### A NOTE OF THANKS

The attractive poster boards displaying our candidates for First Communion and Confirmation were prepared by Cory Geishouser.

Gratitude is extended to him for sharing his artistic talents with our parish. Thanks is also extended to Roberta Burns for taking the pictures.

### Additional Easter Flower Donations

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Anthony  
Anthony & Christine Bartkowiak  
Dick Cowan, Rick Cowan, Karen Cowan Dougherty  
Kathleen Duffy  
Joanne & Charles Lovett  
Lytle & Morning Families,  
Joe Martino, Maria & Luigi Martino, June Arthur, and  
Chris Amerine  
Charles & Catherine Nelson  
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Weaver

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 17, 2022 \$ 6,216.04

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching



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. A word of gratitude is also extended to our volunteers who directed traffic and delivered the lunches. Debbie Ball, Mary Ann Bell, Ann & Jim Dixon, Bobbie Dixon, Tony Eckenrode, John Fischer, George Gluscic, Janet Hammond, Ron Helfrich, Mike Kuny, Jim Kilcoyne, Matt Koeck, Paul Luke, Christine & Dave McCulloch, Beth Moore, John Murphy, Lee Truby, and Linda Yaskow.

### 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](http://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 par



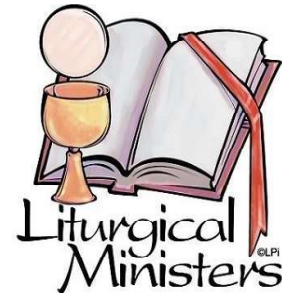
Did you know that text messages have a 99% open rate? It's true! In addition to emails, text messaging is the most effective way to reach parishioners— more effective than an app, a paper bulletin, or a Facebook page. With Flocknote, a parish can text all members, just a specific group or ministry, or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

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Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!" ©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.



# THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

## THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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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  
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

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

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)

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

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