

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 8, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

May 9, Monday: Easter Weekday

6:45 AM +Jim Davidson (Judy Diebold)
12:00 PM +David A Baronner (Jay & Amy Labriola)

May 10, Tuesday: Saint Damien de Veuster,

6:45 AM +Lori & Joe Keirn (Ricke & Donna Kelly)
12:00 PM +Alice Winkler (Val Moschella)

May 11, Wednesday: Easter Weekday

6:45 AM +Msgr Roy Kline (Leo & Mary Ann Holtz)
12:00 PM +Robert Simanski (John & Deb Milliron)

May 12, Thursday: Saints Nerus and Achilles, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

6:45 AM +Vocation to the Priesthood/Religious Life
(Anonymous)
12:00 PM +Walter Beckel Jr. Birthday
(Gary & Janet Roesch)

May 13, Friday : Easter Weekday

6:45 AM +Rita Beck (Tom & Patricia Forr)
10:00 AM HTCS All School Mass and May Crowning
12:00 PM +Patricia Koeck (Jerry & Josie Intihar)

May 14, Saturday: Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:00 AM +Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)
12:00 PM +Geraldine Kines, Ann. Sharon Yanchik
Vigil : Fifth Sunday of Easter
5:00 PM +Ann Rhodes (Gary & Lou Craig)

May 15, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM +Michael Mike Wagner (Doug & Jerry Moore)
10:00 AM Debi Peck (Eileen Hmel & Family)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

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



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.

Readings for the week of May 08, 2022

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-3

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers the souls of Eugene Boyle and Susan Burkey for whom we recently celebrated funeral liturgies. May Eugene and Susan rejoice in eternal peace; and, may Jesus, our Risen Lord, be a source of comfort for their families.

Feeding the Hungry

Our parish's Social Committee will be providing a drive-thru/walk-by meal on Sunday, May 22, from Noon to 1:00 P.M. for those who normally go to the St. Vincent dePaul Soup Kitchen for lunch and anyone else who might be in need.

Mass for Widows and Widowers

Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 29, 2022 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 AM on WATM ABC and will be rebroadcast that night at 9:00 PM on the Atlantic Broadband channel 9.** All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office, at 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your **name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away.** The last day to register is Tuesday, May 24, 2022. The Event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministry Drive.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, May 1, 2022 \$7,020.00
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

First Holy Communion Children

The following children have made their First Holy Communion during the month of April.

Mathias Badorrek	August Martin
Brandon Burkle	Greer McCaulley
Evelyn Garlick	Brayden Metzgar
Nathan Golden	Michael Muccitelli
Addison Hite	Armon Sinisi
Whitney Irwin	Luke Stinson

Confirmation

The following teenage parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, April 28th.

Brendan Aikens	Hannah Judy
Max Kirkpatrick	Aydan Roland
Cooper John	Lia Simanski

Prayer For Mothers

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers on this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen



Stewardship Reflections

The disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life, and their example is relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago. In the First Reading we learn that Paul and Barnabas saw themselves as nothing more and nothing less than stewards of Christ and His Good News. This realization brought them freedom. The results of their efforts were up to God. This Spirit-filled, joy-filled life is available to us all day today. It can be achieved when we recognize like Paul and Barnabas did, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His Glory.

Living as God's stewards does not guarantee a life of ease or a life free from sacrifice. Sometimes the steward's life involves challenges, requiring all the strength and love one has to give. May you be filled with joy for using your gifts as an "instrument of salvation" wherever you go (cf. Acts 13:47). (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/04/11)

Precious Life Baby Bottle Campaign

It's that time of the year when Precious Life will be sponsoring their Baby Bottle Campaign. The campaign, "Time for a Change," runs from Mother's Day, May 8th, to Father's Day, June 19th.

Last year was a record-breaking year for Precious Life, as they raised over \$114,000.00 for pro-life services and babies. Thank-you for being a part of this great success.

Baptismal Prep Class Scheduled

There is a Baptismal Prep class scheduled for Wednesday, May 11th, 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.



Today, Sunday, May 8, is the day the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon, or religious sister or brother.

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“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.” (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God’s pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

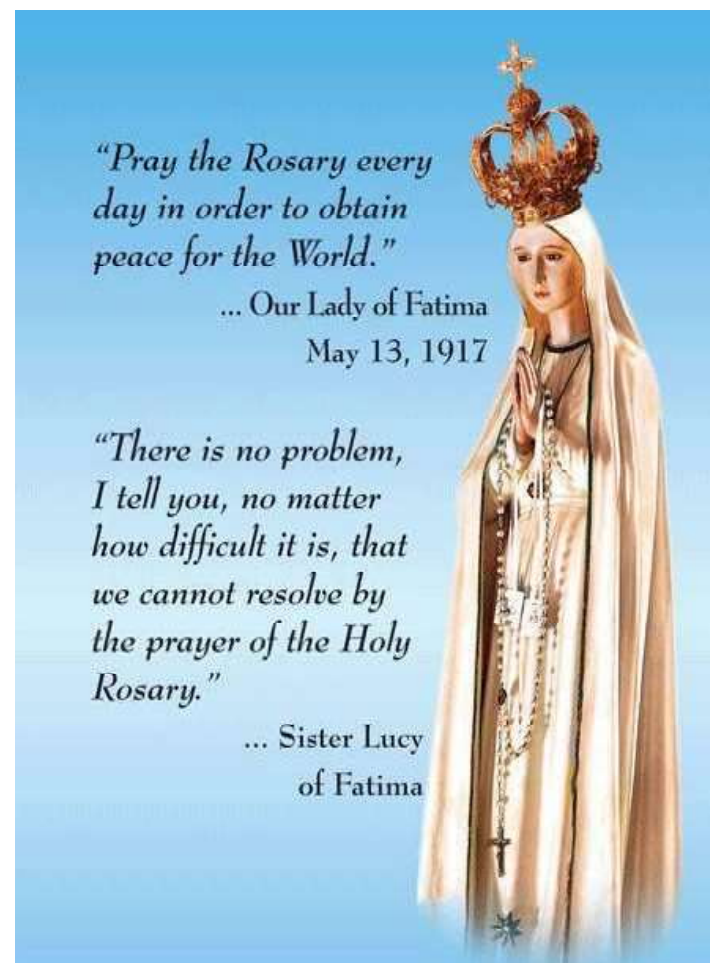
We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day’s end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.

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College Junior & Senior Scholarships Available

Students registered at Blair County Parishes who will be college juniors or seniors this fall may apply to receive one of the four \$500.00 grants from the Adelaide Welge Scholarship Endowment. Please visit the “Grants & Scholarships” page of the Independent Catholic Foundation website (www.icfoundation.us) to download an application, which should be returned to the Foundation no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 8th. Award recipients will be notified in July and announced on the Foundation’s Facebook page.



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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.

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

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

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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