

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

March 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00AM+Jean Fusco (Kathy Grove)
10:00AM+John Vargo, Anniversary (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church is at 11:30 AM

March 27, Monday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Joseph Allman, Birthday (Shamba Elijah)

March 28, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM Special Intention Pete & Sally Colledge (Children)

March 29, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Louise Hallinan (Family)

March 30, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Todd C. Talasky, Anniversary (Mark Talasky)

March 31, Friday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Edgar L. Johnston, Anniversary (Wife)

April 1, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Paul J. Renyck (Pamela Beckwith)

Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00PM+Chad Dionis, Anniversary (Mom & Dad)

April 2, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00AM+Michael Wagner, Birthday (Lisa DeGol)
10:00AM+John Vargo, Birthday (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church is at 11:30 AM



Stations of the Cross will be prayed during Lent on Fridays at 5:30 P.M.

Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

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: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Confirmation Meeting

April 2, Grade 11, **candidates and sponsors**, final meeting! 2:30-4:30, Cathedral Hall. All make up work and eligibility forms **MUST** be turned in at this time. Interviews will take place at this meeting.



Our parish's Annual Lenten Fish Fry Lunch is on the Fridays of Lent, except Good Friday. The drive-thru lunches will be available from 11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. The cost is \$10.00 for a large fish sandwich, mac & cheese, and cole slaw. For ten or more lunch purchases, delivery is available but you need to call ahead at 814-944-4603. Take out and cash only.



Our parish's Easter Egg Hunt is on Sunday, April 2nd from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the lower level parking lot. Bring your own basket. There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. Hop on over for egg-cellent fun!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, March 19, 2023, \$9,595.57
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Stewardship Reflections

Jesus answered Martha's prayers on His terms, not hers. Yet the outcome is much more than she could have imagined. If we are to be good stewards and protectors of the gifts God had given, we must begin by spending more time with God. It is a belief that in those moments when we most struggle, Jesus is there with us. We must listen for God's help, so that in turn we are able to assist someone else that may be suffering. We need to give our time through prayerful listening.

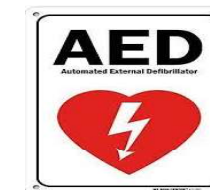
May each of us, use our time as treasure to help build his kingdom on earth. May we have the courage to fulfill our role in the Divine Plan according to God's will by "loving our neighbor as ourself." (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2020/02/21)



Bishop Mark has directed that parishes may begin distributing Holy Communion under both forms beginning at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 6th. Resuming the practice of offering the chalice will be introduced gradually since we don't know how many people will be ready or willing to receive. Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. However, it is important to remember that the complete presence of Christ's body, blood, soul, and divinity is received in each of the Eucharistic signs of bread and wine. The choice of the communicant is to be honored.



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



Thanks to the generosity of a benefactor, an Automated External Defibrillator has been donated to the cathedral. Persons interested in being trained to use the AED and in CPR are asked to call the rectory office. The parish will pay for the training.



Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all on those days. Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain. Fasting refers to one full meal, with two small meals, no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th are obligated to fast. In addition to these obligations, additional forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.

Contribution Reports

Contribution reports for income tax purposes may be obtained by calling Paula at the Parish Office: 944-4603.


STRENGTH IN CHRIST

Our diocesan Men's Conference is on Saturday, April 29, at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. Registration forms are available at our entrances. The cost is \$20.00. The conference begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Bishop Mark will be celebrating Mass at 4:00 p.m.

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Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive. Father John Muir 



The 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive target for the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is \$42,000. The target is calculated as 10% of our regular offertory averaged over the previous three years (2020-2022). Dollars raised over our goal will be returned to the parish.

The 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive campaign---TOGETHER WE SERVE---supports 14 ministries which people in our Diocese are accompanied on their faith journey. There are so many gifted and generous laypersons who share their time and talent to support our Catholic ministries. Without their help and our help, we could not fulfill our mission. This year, more so than others, our world, our nation, our communities, our parishes, and our families need tangible expressions of hope.

The diocese provides a tremendous amount of financial support to the Cathedral parish. It is important for us to do our share in supporting diocesan sponsored ministries.



From Monday to Friday from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., you are asked not to park in the spaces reserved for Catholic Charities. Those spaces are needed for staff and clients.

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:

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: 12:00 Noon
Saturday: 12:00 Noon

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

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 814-944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603

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 - 814-944-4014

Lent

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

You are encouraged to experience God's mercy during Lent by participating in one of the local Penance Services: Sunday, March 26, St. Rose of Lima Church at 5:00 P.M.; Monday, March 27, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church at 7:00 P.M.; Wednesday, March 29, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 30, Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 5:30 P.M.; and Sunday, April 2, St. Mary Church (Hollidaysburg) at 4:00 P.M.

Extra Times for Confession

On Saturday, April 1, Msgr. Carson will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 8:30 A.M. and at 12:30 P.M. On Sunday, April 2, Msgr. Carson will be available for Confessions at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 12:30 P.M.

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