

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 9, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

April 9, Easter Sunday of Resurrection of the Lord

8:00AM Parishioners and Benefactors

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5:00PM No Evening Mass

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

April 10, Monday within the Octave of Easter

12:00PM+Stevie Pellegrine (Marie & Sharon Yanchik)

April 11, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

12:00PM+Tiberio Scarfone (Jerry & Rita Kibler)

7:00PM Confirmation

April 12, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

12:00PM+Mary Martha Kilcoyne (Family)

April 13, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

12:00PM+Albert Evangelisto Jr. (Beverly Home)

April 14, Friday within the Octave of Easter

12:00PM We Are One Body Listeners (We Are One Body Radio)

April 15, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

12:00PM+Norberta Wagner (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00PM+Charles Scott (Jim & Mary Kelly)

April 16, Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00AM+ Patrick Duffy (Paula & John Paul Duffy)

10:00AM+ Peter Rossi (R.C.I.A. Team)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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Contribution Reports

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

Readings for the week of April 9, 2023

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 Mt 28:1-10

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 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-3



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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, April 2, 2023, \$ 10,550.92
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Easter Blessings

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia!

At a time when so many things seem to be artificial, digital, and virtual, the Church boldly believes and proclaims that Jesus is truly risen! Because of the resurrection, Jesus is really present with us. We experience Him most intimately and personally at Eucharist. He also acts through the community of believers, the Church, an Easter people of joyful hope and loving service.

May you and your family encounter the Risen Lord more deeply during the season of Easter. He truly wants you to know how much He loves you.

Msgr. Stan Carson



Easter Water/Holy Water

A limited number of bottles of blessed Easter Water will be available this weekend following the Easter Vigil for use in the home. At this time, please take just one per household. Holy Water is a refreshing reminder of our baptism. It is also a powerful sacramental, capable of providing spiritual protection and healing.

A NOTE OF THANKS

The seasons of Lent and Easter require the valuable assistance of liturgical, choral, and music ministers. Thank you. A sincere word of gratitude is also extended to our parish volunteers who clean and decorate the cathedral and help prepare for our liturgies.



Cathedral parish will host Confirmations on Tuesday, April 11, Thursday, April 20, Tuesday, April 25, and Tuesday, May 9. Our parish's candidates will receive the sacrament on the 20th of April.



In spite of frequently unpleasant weather, this year's Lenten Fish Luncheons were extremely popular. Gratitude is extended to the coordinator, Butch Winkler, our Social Committee, and the parishioner and non-parishioner volunteers: Tony Eckenrode, John Murphy, Matt Koeck, Paul Luke, Randy Isenberg, Lee Truby, John Fischer, Jim Dixon, Mike Kuny, Chris and Kim McNelis, George Gluscic, Mark and Carol Sanker, Donnie Rabine, Mike Kasun, Beth Moorre, Linda Yetsko, Debbie Ball, Bobbie Dixon, Peachy Medley, Jean Koury, and Marissa and Kelli from Senion Life. 2,550 lunches were served.



You may return your Catholic Relief Rice Bowl at collection time or bring it to the parish office. Thank you for participating in this important Lenten almsgiving effort.

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“When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.” (Mark 16:9)

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it's simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, “out of whom he had driven seven demons.”

Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary's past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn't seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified.

Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don't. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did.

Father John Muir ©LPi



The Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2, was a great success. Gratitude is extended to Katie Mangiacarne and our parish's Communication and Community Outreach Committee. A thank you is also extended to those who donated candy and filled the eggs. The visit of the Easter Bunny thrilled the children and provided a terrific photo opportunity.

Alleluia!



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.

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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.

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:

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. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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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

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