

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 16, 2023
MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

April 17, Monday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Shirley Keirn (Mr. & Mrs. Tony Carosielli)

April 18, Tuesday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+James Weaver (McNelis All Stars)

April 19, Wednesday, Easter Weekday

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

April 20, Thursday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Jeldo Evangelisto Jr. (Kathy & Terry Tomassetti)

7:00PM Confirmation

April 21, Friday, Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+ John Rys, Anniversary (Family)

April 22, Saturday Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Jane Joyce DeBarber (Family)

Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

5:00PM+Marti Stefanon (Joe & Dee Shellenberger)

April 16, Third Sunday Sunday of Easter

8:00AM+ Kathy Greiner (Prayer Shawl Ministry)

10:00AM+ Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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Coming up! "Basket Bingo"

It is getting to that time of the year to start thinking of Basket Bingo, that will be taking place on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at Father Kelly Hall. We are starting to take donations of Basket Fillers, Monetary, and gift cards (with activation receipt please). If you have any questions you can call the Parish Office 814-944-4603, or, Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704.

Readings for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

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 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-3



We have resumed the practice of offering the chalice. It 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.



We are pleased to welcome Breanna Datre to our parish. Breanna was received into full communion during Holy Saturday's Easter Vigil.



Seventeen of our children are expected to receive their First Holy Communion at the 10:00 A.M. Mass next Sunday, April 23.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, April 9, 2023, \$ 10,307.36
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



Cathedral parish will host three more Confirmations:

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

Additional Easter Flowers

Deceased Members of the Moran Family, Peter Sr., Kitty Joe, Michael, Peter Jr., Veronica and Mary M. Virginia Jones, Robert M. Jones Sr., Douglas Egan Jennie and Nozie Calabrese

Kathleen Duffy

Robert & Ethel Brandt, Robert A. Brandt, George Jodon Jr, Robert A. Vaughn Sr.

Jane & Marice McNulty, Cyril & Mary Kibler, Bill & Mid Kibler, Carrie Kibler Detwiler, Mary Jane Yahner

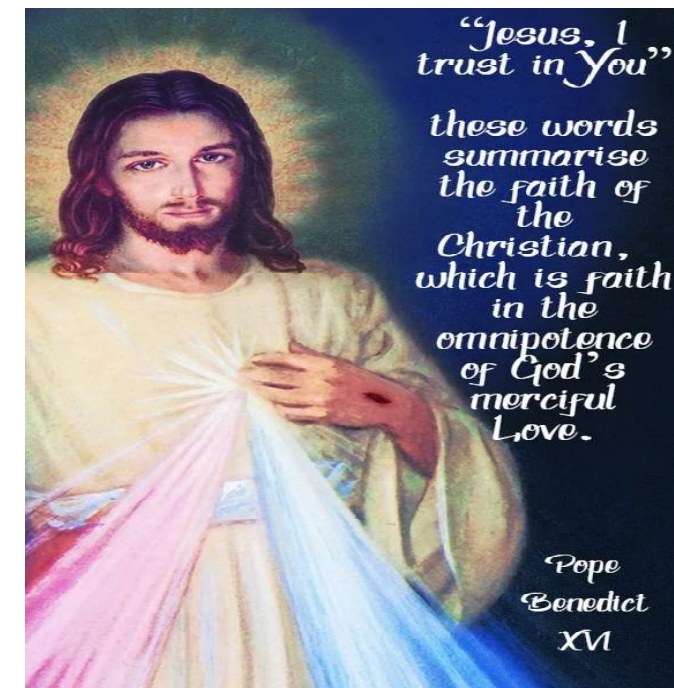


Easter Water/Holy Water

A limited number of bottles of blessed Easter Water is available for use in the home. They are available near the baptismal font. Holy Water is a refreshing reminder of our baptism. It is also a powerful sacramental, capable of providing spiritual protection and healing.

Contribution Reports

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



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, Bob Jones and Marissa and Kelli from Senior 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.

April 16, 2023

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. "Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe." Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

Father John Muir ©LPi



Our Parish Council will be meeting this Tuesday, April 18, at 6:30 P.M.



Our parish has a block of 40 tickets to the Faith Night Curve Game on Sunday May 28, at 6:00 P.M. against the Hartford Yard Goats. Call the office to reserve your ticket/s.



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.

So far, 70 donors have contributed or pledged \$22,920 towards our \$42,000 target. If you haven't already done so, please participate. Thank you.



All women of our parish are invited to the next Christian Mothers' meeting on Wednesday, April 19, at 6:30 P.M. in the Seton Suite to make plans for our "Spring Tea" event. Please bring your thoughts and suggestions.

A "Spring Tea" will be hosted by the Cathedral Christian Mothers on Sunday, May 7, from 2-4 P.M. Amy Kanish, our guest speaker, will share her thoughts about Mary, our Mother.

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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:

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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BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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