

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**April 23, 2023**  
**MASS INTENTIONS**

## April 23, 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

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

## April 24, Monday, Saint Fedelis of Sigmaringen Priest and Martyr

12:00PM+The Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

## April 25, Tuesday, Saint Mark, Evangelist

12:00PM+Joseph Anthony Moffa, Birthday (Estate)  
7:00PM Confirmation

## April 26, Wednesday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Susan Burkey, Anniversary (Family)

## April 27, Thursday, Easter Weekday

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

## April 28, Friday, Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

12:00PM+ Anna Marie Mullen, Birthday (Aunt Louise)

## April 29, Saturday Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+Deborah Ann Lindsey (Son Barry)

### Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

## April 30, Fourth Sunday Sunday of Easter

8:00AM+Michael Wagner, Birth. (Donna Smolka)  
10:00AM+Sara Castagnola (Roberta Burns)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

### 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 23, 2023

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

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

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-1



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.



### 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.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**Sunday, April 16, 2023, \$ 8,393.16**  
**Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.**



Cathedral parish will host two more Confirmations:  
Tuesday, April 25, and Tuesday, May 9. Our parish's candidates received the sacrament on the 20th of April.



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.



We had forgotten to mention Mary Ann Bell. A thank you to all who have given their time and talent for this.



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.

### Stewardship Reflections

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. Hadn't they heard the Gospel message directly from His lips and heard the testimony of the women? How much more obvious could the Good News be?

The reaction of the two disciples describes our own journey at times. We often lose our way and can fail to see all the gifts we have been given. But we can be like the two disciples when their eyes are opened once again. We can be transformed and our hearts set on fire with love for the Lord. We can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus—the Scriptures and the Eucharist. In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on our journey towards heaven. ([www.CatholicSteward.com](http://www.CatholicSteward.com). 3/22/2023)



### Confirmation

The following teenagers were confirmed on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

Delaney Barr, Holly Butler, Aden Diehl, Kolin Hite, Alec Jones, Christopher Kozminski, Marklin Myers, Hannah Patterson, Melayna Steward.



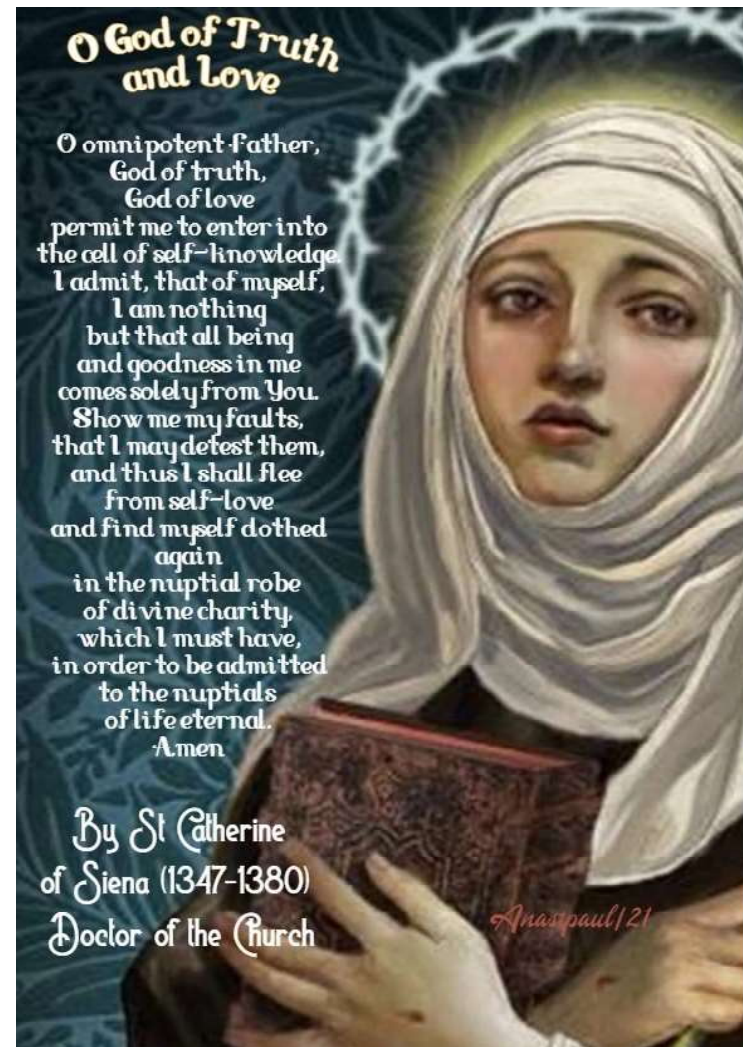
An Automated External Defibrillator is located in the hallway/ambulatory near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. A First Aid Box is also available at that location.

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I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, "Father, I know you're so busy, but ..." It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus always has time for us. Don't we all feel at times that God just doesn't have time for us?

Nonsense. Just look at the stunning "Road to Emmaus" story we hear this week. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn't have "better things to do." You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead. **Father John Muir** @LPi



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.**



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 CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

## THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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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:

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

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### HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://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](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org) - 814-944-4014

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