Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

Mass Intentions

April 30, Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00AM, Michael Wagner, Birth (Donna Smolka)
10:00AM, Sara Castagnola (Robert Burns)
5:00PM, Pro Popolo/For the People

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

May 1, Monday, Saint Joseph the Worker
12:00PM, Lnda Cacciotti (The Cacciotti Family)

May 2, Tuesday, Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
12:00PM, Ernie Tomassetti, Ann. (Ann. Tomassetti)

May 3, Wednesday, Saints Phillip and James, Apostles
12:00PM, Special Intention, Geraldine & Fred Petrunak Sr. Wed. Ann. (Family)

May 4, Thursday, Easter Weekday
12:00PM, Patrick Duffy (John Cuzzolina)

May 5, Friday, Easter Weekday
12:00PM, Karl Burgmeier, Birth (Daughter Carol Tally)

May 6, Saturday, Easter Weekday
12:00PM, Frank & Charlotte Burns (Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hanekamp)

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter
5:00PM, Barbara Noel, Birth (Brian & Sherry Himes Family)

May 7, Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:00AM, David Hooper, Anniversary (Family)
10:00AM, Tiberio Scartari (Jerry & Rita Kibler)
5:00PM, Pro Popolo/For the People

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Reading for the week of April 30, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Jn 2:20-25/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-16
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11a/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/Jn 2:4-8/Jn 14:1-1

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.

Stop the Bleed Training

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 Paula Clemens at the Parish Office 814-944-4603, or, Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704.

A “Spring Tea” for the women of our parish, will be hosted by the Cathedral Christian Mothers on Sunday, May 7, from 2-4 PM. Amy Kanish, our guest speaker, will present thoughts on “Mary, Our Mother.” Reservations are appreciated, but not necessary. Please contact Lorraine Beck (814) 942-7774, Mary Boslet (814) 944-8988, Carol Galieto (814) 946-3769. Hope you can join us for an enjoyable afternoon.

Stewardship Reflections

Today’s readings offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life. Jesus’ description of Himself as the “Good Shepherd” shows us our Lord’s tender and personal love for each one of us. We can express our gratitude to Him by embracing the stewardship way of life- in the offering of our time, talent, and treasure to his flock. Embracing this way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. “He bore our sins in His body.” He calls Himself our shepherd and is the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm. He tells us “I came so that [you] might have life and have it abundantly.” This Easter season, let us resolve to entrust ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him. (www.CatholicSteward.com. 3/29/2023)

Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, May 3rd, the Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 PM until the end of Confessions. A sign-up sheet is located on the cross aisle table to mark your time for visitation before the Blessed Sacrament. It is essential that there be people in the Lord’s presence during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Nocturnal Adoration

The next Nocturnal Adoration will take place at Saint Mary’s Church, Hollidaysburg on Friday, May 5th, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. All are welcome to spend an hour or as long as you would like.

Confirmation: Tuesday, May 9.

Cathedral parish will host one more Confirmation: Tuesday, May 9.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 23, 2023, $ 10,307.89
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

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.

Stop the Bleed

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.

Stop the Bleed Training

With the addition of an AED in our church, some members have recently completed CPR/AED training. We are now able to offer another certification called “Stop the Bleed” which encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. If you are interested in any of these training opportunities, please call the Cathedral Parish office at 814-944-4603, to sign up. You may save a life!
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 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.

COMMUNION CALLS
Unless there is a funeral, Msgr. Carson is expected to make Communion Calls to the residents of Altoona Center For Nursing Care on Thursday, May 4, and to homebound parishioners on Friday, May 5. If you, or a parishioner you know, would like to be added to the list, please call the rectory.

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).