

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 (Roberta 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+Linda Cacciotti (The Cacciotti Family)

May 2, Tuesday, Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+Ernie Tomassetti, Ann. (Helen 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 & Charlotta 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 Scarfone (Jerry & Rita Kibler)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

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

Readings for the week of April 30, 2023

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

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

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 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/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)/1 Pt 2:4-9/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.



A "Spring Tea" for the women of our parish, will be hosted by the Cathedral Christian Mothers on Sunday, May 7, from 2-4 P.M. 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 Galioto (814) 946-3769. Hope you can join us for an enjoyable afternoon.

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



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



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.



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!

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.

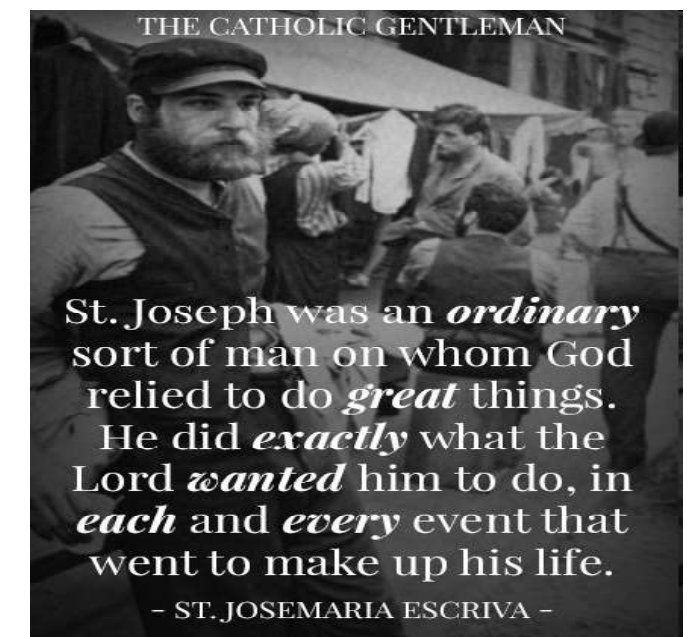
Embracing this way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. "He bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and is the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything 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 P.M. 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.



April 30, 2023

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.

This week the readings focus our attention to the voice of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, "They recognize his voice." He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can. Father John Muir ©LPi

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION SCHEDULE

Normally, when a liturgical solemnity is a holy day of obligation, the Vigil Mass will be at the Cathedral at 5:30 P.M. and Masses on the day of the solemnity will be at 8:00 A.M. and Noon. The evening Mass on the day of the solemnity will be at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 5:30 P.M.

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.



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.

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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. Bartchak, 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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Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 814-944-2044

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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

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