

## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 7, 2024

### Mass Intentions

#### April 7, Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00AM+Patrick Duffy (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)  
10:00AM+Joseph Gallagher, Anniversary (Family)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**

#### April 8, Monday, The Annunciation of the Lord

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

#### April 9, Tuesday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Hannah Wilker (Rich & Nancy Hall)  
7:00PM Confirmation

#### April 10, Wednesday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Ken Luke, Anniversary (Wife)

#### April 11, Thursday, Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

#### April 12, Friday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Mary Martha Kilcoyne (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

#### April 13, Saturday, Saint Martin, Pope and Martyr

12:00PM+Mary Ann Eger (Family)

#### Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

5:00PM+The Hockenberry Family (Anonymous)

#### April 14, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00AM+Tony Alianiello & Anna Marie Jacobs (Family)  
10:00AM+Regina Kutruff (Tony & Anna Rose Eckenrode)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

#### Newest Members of the Cathedral

At our Easter Vigil Mass, we welcomed the newest members of the Cathedral Parish. Chuck Bossler joined us in Full Communion by celebrating his Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist. Bradley Weatherwalk received the sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations, Chuck and Bradley. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue their journeys as a full member of the Catholic church.



The 2024 *Catholic Ministries Drive* has begun. Our sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of priests and deacons. This year, our campaign's theme is **Encountering Christ**. During this time of the Eucharistic Revival, **Encountering Christ** is an invitation to grow in our living relationship with Christ in the Eucharist. Our diocese's ministries need our support. Our parish's target is \$45,930. All contributions beyond our parish goal will remain for use within our parish. As of March 25, 45 parishioners have pledged/contributed \$12,990.00. Thank you.

#### Eucharistic Adoration

This month, Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration on the second Wednesday of the month, April 10, from after the noon Mass until 6:45 P.M. Please note the change in Benediction time. A sign-up sheet will be located on the cross aisle table to mark your time for visitation before the Blessed Sacrament. It is essential that there be at least two people in the Lord's presence during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

#### **WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER**

Readings for the week of April 7, 2024

**Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

**Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**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 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-4

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 31, 2024 \$ 3,688.00

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 \$13,688.08

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

#### Inquiry Sessions of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? The Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will begin weekly meetings in the Church from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon (after the 10:00 Mass) for all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. These are informal Inquiry Sessions to discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church. All are welcome; bring a friend. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Carol Galioto at (814)327-4841.



#### Vienna Boys Choir Volunteers

A Big Thank You to all the volunteers that had helped with the Vienna Boys Choir. Rick Lytle, Bob Martino, John Fischer, Carl Fischer, Anna Rose & Tony Eckenrode, Matt Koeck, Tony Kibelbek, Bill Shirf, Kenny Louder, Barb Rossi, John & Becky Bettwy, Maryann Bistline, Dick Moran, Chris & Kim McNelis, Cory & Morgan Geishausser, Jim & Steph Kilcoyne, Mary & Paul Kowalski, Mark & Carol Sanker, Randy, Karen & Matt Isenberg, Jerry & Fran Fulare, Mark & Lanaine Golden, Ed & Paulette Farabaugh, Mitch & Gina Cooper, Tim & Anne Marie Longwill, Liang and Tony Bartkowiak, Dave Kimmel, Leslie Thayer, Paula Clemens, Butch Winkler, Linda Yaskow, Mary Ann Bell.

#### Cathedral Christian Mother's Meeting

The upcoming Christian Mother's will meet on Wednesday, April 10th with Rosary at 6:00PM and meeting at 6:30PM. All women of the parish are invited to attend these meetings. Contact Carol Galioto at (814)946-3769 for more information.



Our parish will be publishing a Pictorial Directory. Pictures will be taken the week of May 20-23.

The directory will be a great opportunity to improve parish unity and fellowship. A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our parish to help each of us know each other better. Our last directory was in 1993!

We want everyone to get a new picture made so that our new directory will be complete.

**IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!**  
You can make your appointment online by going to our webpage, or facebook page, or by going to the link below. Please go ahead and do that today.

<https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?page=&lang=en&year=2024&month=05&day=01&subPage=newApp&aNum=3534502&step=2&soeld=&typid=65411&a=>

You can also sign up personally after weekend Masses at the 13th Avenue entrance with the help of Roberta Burns.



Our parish now has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit will be displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral. You are encouraged to deepen your appreciation of the Eucharist by reading about the extraordinary ways the Lord has revealed Himself in the gift of the Blessed Sacrament.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires. — Father John Muir ©LPI

### Additional Easter Flowers

M. Virginia & Robert M Jones Sr., Doug Egan, Shirley Keirn  
Mr. & Mrs. John McGregor  
Ray & Mary Alice Plummer  
Michael Ronan Jr.  
Earl & Virginia Strohm  
Mrs. Wanda Watkins, Mrs. Henrietta Thibault



### Easter Water/Holy Water

A limited number of bottles of blessed Easter Water will be available for use in the home. They will be 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

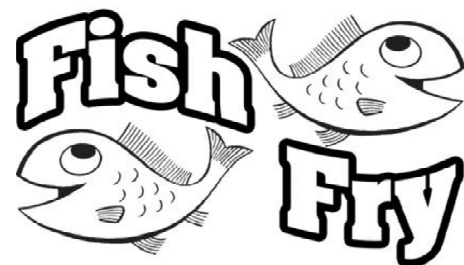
Contribution reports for income tax purposes may be obtained by calling Paula at the Parish Office, 814-944-4603.

### Basket Bingo Coming Soon

It's that time of the year again, to start thinking about having fun. Our Basket Bingo will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at the Father Kelly Hall, 5th Street and 25th Avenue. We are now taking donation, new items, gift cards, and monetary gifts.

### Basket Bingo Meeting

We will be having our first basket bingo meeting on Thursday, April 11th, 2024 at 6:00PM in the Cathedral Parish Center 13th Avenue door. If you have any ideas on what we could do differently, or if you have any suggestions. Come and join us. All are welcome.



### A Note of Thanks

Gratitude is extended to the volunteers who staffed this Lent's very delicious and successful Drive-Thru Luncheon: Mary Ann Bell, Bobbi Dixon, Jim Dixon, Tony Eckenrode, John Fischer, George Gluscic, Randy Isenberg, Bob Jones, Mike Kuny, Anne Marie Longwill, Paul Luke (may he rest in peace), Marissa & Kelli from Senior Life, Peachy Medley, Chris & Kim McNelis, Beth Moore, Mark & Carol Sanker, Mark Talasky, Lee Truby, Butch Winkler, and Linda Yaskow.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Fourteen children from the Cathedral parish will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 14, at the 10:00 A.M. Mass.

Two children from Our Lady of Fatima Parish will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 21, at their 11:30 a.m. Mass.

# THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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CHURCH OFFICE: 814-944-4603

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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.

By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937-8240

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 - Normally, the First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 6:45 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

#### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317

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#### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603

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