

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 14, 2024**  
**Mass Intentions**

**April 14, Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM+Tony Alianiello & Anna Marie Jacobs (Family)  
 10:00AM+Regina Kuttruff (Tony & Anna Rose Eckenrode)  
 5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**

**April 15, Monday, Easter Weekday**

12:00PM+Leo & Alice Winkler, Wed. Ann. (Jennie Wolf)

**April 16, Tuesday, Easter Weekday**

12:00PM+Joseph Cabiness (Audrey Breslin)

**April 17, Wednesday, Easter Weekday**

12:00PM+John McConnell (McNelis all Stars and Friends)

**April 18, Thursday, Easter Weekday**

12:00PM+Paul Caracciolo (Joe & Bonnie Russo)

**April 19, Friday, Easter Weekday**

12:00PM+Karen Triana (Vogel Families)

**April 20, Saturday, Easter Weekday**

12:00PM+Joseph Ruggery, Birth. (Sister, Regina Mae & Family)

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

5:00PM+John Conti, Anniversary (Family)

**April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM+Mary Himes, Ann. (Brian & Sherry Himes Family)  
 10:00AM+Eleanor Fischer (Margie Lampenfield Family)  
 5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**



Our parish's Parish Council will be meeting on Tuesday, April 16th, at 6:30 P.M. in the Cathedral Parish Center.



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 31, 121 parishioners have pledged/contributed \$29,480. Thank you.

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

Readings for the week of April 14, 2024  
**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48  
**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35  
**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 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-1

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**

Fourteen children from the Cathedral parish will receive their First Holy Communion this 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.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**Sunday, April 7, 2024 \$11,554.20**  
 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.

**Bishop Guilfoyle Academy**

**OPEN HOUSE, Sunday, April 28, 1-3 pm.**

Eldorado (St. Rose), Fairview (St. Therese), Hollidaysburg (St. Michael)

We invite you to learn about our Catholic school Bishop Guilfoyle Academy where joyful students, Pre K-through Grade 12, are equipped to succeed in the world and shape our communities for the better.

Come to any of our Open Houses on April 28 (Pre K through Grade 5. Can't make the Open House? Call and schedule a personal tour of any of our sites where you can meet the Principal, shadow a student, and witness our safe and virtuous environment. Offering Monday through Friday full-day school, before and after school program available.

**NEW 2024! Hollidaysburg Early Education Campus, Pre K & Kindergarten**, growing to Grade 5, full-day, Monday through Friday, before and after school program, and summer options available.

For more information, call 814-942-7835 or visit **bishopguilfoyleacademy.org**

**Automatic scholarship for Catholic students; additional financial aid available.**

**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.



Our parish will be publishing a Pictorial Directory.

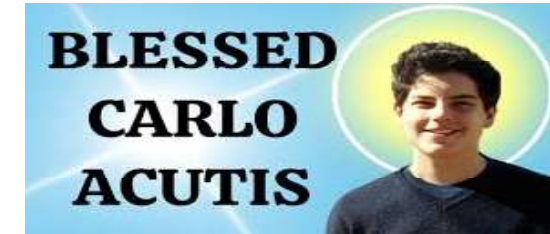
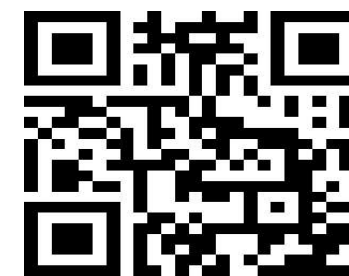
Pictures will be taken the week of May 20-23.

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, facebook page, or the code below. Please go ahead and do that today. Roberta Burns will also be available at the 13th avenue entrance to sign you up following weekend Masses.



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 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too! Father John Muir ©LPi

### 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.

### Job Opening

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has an opening for a full-time Director of Faith & Family Ministries to manage the execution of religious education, youth ministry, OCIA, Scouting and family life programs. To view a listing of responsibilities and qualifications and to apply, please go to <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment>. Resumes may be emailed to [lmcevoy@diocese.org](mailto:lmcevoy@diocese.org).

### Everyday Stewardship

If you ask me to tell you about one of my sons, my daughter, or my wife, I could spend quite some time elaborating on them as individuals and my interactions with them throughout the years. An authentic relationship leads each party into a rich knowledge of the other. If I have little to say about someone other than some incidental information or gossip, I cannot claim to really know him or her.

Indeed, every relationship has expectations. If we do not know the needs of the other or the responses expected in living out the relationship, we easily create division and separation. I do certain things for my children because I am a parent. I respond in certain ways to my wife based upon her needs. If I am oblivious, or just don't care, the relationship will move on a path toward hurt, pain, and in some instances, permanent separation.

To know Jesus is to love Jesus. The key is you actually have to know him. Knowing him is listening to his words and keeping his commands. Just like in all relationships, we will fall short at times. However, because we know the expectations we can then make amends and continue to grow together. So if I asked you to tell me about this friend of yours named Jesus, what would you say?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
(LPi)

# 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

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

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424

E-mail: [claraia@dioceseaj.org](mailto:claraia@dioceseaj.org)

#### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

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

#### BISHOP GUILFOYLE ACADEMY

Web: [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org)

Eldorado Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - (814)942-7835

Fairview Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - (814)381-7011

#### BISHOP GUILFOYLE ACADEMY

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

Weekday: 12:00 Noon

Saturday: 12:00 Noon

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