

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

Mass Intentions

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

April 22, Monday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Paul Luke (Church Cleaning Buddies)

April 23, Tuesday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM Special Intention Family (Anonymous)

April 24, Wednesday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Joe Cabiness (Kathleen Rose Davies)

April 25, Thursday, Saint Mark, Evangelist

12:00PM+Joseph Anthony Moffa, Birth. (Estate)

April 26, Friday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Ron Sheehan, Anniversary (Wife Jean)

April 27, Saturday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Elizabeth Shea Allen (Mom)

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00PM+Diane Johnston (Family)

April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM+Fred Drexler (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)

10:00AM+Evelyn Callisto, Ann. (Daughters Karen & Renee Julian)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

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.

Vienna Boys Choir

We would like to thank the additional people that helped with the Vienna Boys, Scott Culp and Grace and Bill Smith.



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 April 14, 124 parishioners have pledged/contributed \$30,605. Thank you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business



On Sunday April 14th the following children received their First Holy Communion:

Quinn Dobbins

Tanner Irwin

Jocelyn Koller

Carson Mangiacarne

Kennedy Moran

Faith Solnosky

Zoey Hubiak

Madison Kantoski

Mya Lee

Connor Mangiacarne

Paige Sharbaugh

Cora Strohm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 14, 2024 \$12,708.33.

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.

Confirmation

The following teenagers received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, April 9, 2024:

Randy Grove Jr.

Ava Iapalucci,

Courtney Irwin

Lucie Jones

Mara Kirkpatrick

Emily Koller

Evan McCaulley

Joshua Warmath



Our parish will be publishing a Pictorial Directory.

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

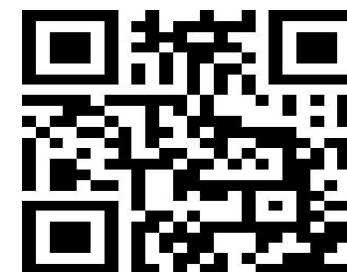
The directory will be a great opportunity to improve parish unity and fellowship. A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our parish to help each of us know each other better. Our last directory was in 1993!

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

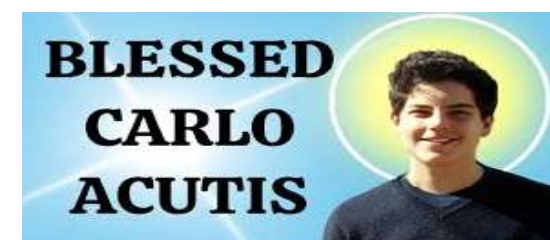
IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!

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.



Roberta will be in the Parish Office on Tuesday, April 23, from 10:00am to 1:00pm to take phone calls to schedule appointments for the directory. The office number is 814-944-4603.



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 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us. Father John Muir ©LPI

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 Donations

We are starting to take donations for Basket Bingo already. Looking for Basket Themes such as; Picnic Basket, Baking Basket, Women's Basket, Bedroom Basket accessories just to name a few. Or if you have a theme in mind that would be wonderful also.

Job Opening

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has an opening for a full-time Priest Care Coordinator to serve as an advocate and care manager for resident priests of Saint Leonard's Retirement Home while managing day to day operations. To view a full listing of responsibilities and qualifications and to apply, please go to <http://diocesaj.org/employment>. Resumes may also be sent to Lmcevoy@diocesaj.org.

Healing Mass

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:00PM, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30PM and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

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

Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

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

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 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA 16601-3315
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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E-MAIL: ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG

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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@diocesaj.org

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 814-944-2044

E-mail: lthayer@diocesaj.org

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

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 - 814-944-4014

Weekday: 12:00 Noon

Saturday: 12:00 Noon

ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

*"Go into the whole world
and proclaim the Gospel
to every creature.*

*Whoever believes and is
baptized will be saved;
whoever does not believe
will be condemned."*

The Gospel of St. Mark 16:15-16



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