

Families and the Gospel John 20:1-9

Millions of Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter with one person telling another: "Mary told Peter" and "they believed." Faith is passed one person to another; it is caught, not taught and parents are the most effective persons to pass faith to their children.

Saint Matthew School News – The second annual Cash Bash will be held on **Saturday, May 4, 2024**. Tickets will be available after Masses and in the parish office.

The **Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown proudly presents Dr. Edward Sri** for a 2-day event celebrating the national Eucharistic Revival at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, PA

April 19th Day #1: For high school, college, and young adult audience on the topics of men, women, and the Mystery of Love *and* when you pray: trust, surrender and the transformation of your soul.

April 20th Day #2: For a general audience on the topics of: Be a transformed as a disciple of Christ: trust, surrender and the transformation of your soul: vibrant faith in a secular age.

Register online at www.dioceseaj.org or obtain a registration in the parish office. Direct all questions to Sister Linda LaMagna at 814-742-7894 or llamagna@dioceseaj.org

PCGG (Prison Christian Growth Group) is seeking volunteers interested in ministering to inmates at Benner and Rockview prisons. Twice a month, PCGG members visit Rockview and one a month, Benner. A fulfilling and inspiring ministry, members are answering Jesus's call to visit the prisoners. Anyone interested in more information may contact Teresa Jeffries at 814-381-1317 or jeffriesteresa2@gmail.com



Happy Easter! Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the Gathering Space or donate crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Prayer for Easter

Jesus, you have risen,
so there is hope for me.
You are no longer in the
power of sin, of evil!
Love has triumphed,
mercy has been victorious!
God's mercy always triumphs
because God's love is stronger
than evil and death itself.
God's love can transform our lives.
God's love can do this!
--Pope Francis

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THREATENED BY RESURRECTION



"Mary, Peter and the Beloved Disciple came to the tomb, saw and believed."

John 20: 1-9

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**THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP
AS A WAY OF LIFE**

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - **COLOSSIANS 3:2**

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

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"serving our community since 1869"
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School web-site: www.stmatthew-school.org

We welcome all visitors. If you live in the area, please call the Parish Office to register and become an active member of our parish family.

If you would like to have a MASS celebrated for the deceased members of your family, or friends, or for special intentions, please stop by or call the parish office.



March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of Our Lord

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday at 7:30 am
Sunday at 10:30 am
Weekday Mass Schedule: Wed., Thurs. & Friday at 8:00 am
Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule: 9:00 am & TBD
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 12:30 pm or anytime upon request.
Please remember if these times do not allow you to attend Mass you can do so at Saint Joseph Church in Bellwood either on Saturday at 4:00 pm or Sunday at 9:00 am and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday at 3:30 pm.

**Mass Schedule & Intentions
March 30, 2024 – April 7, 2024**

Sat. 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass - Candidates
Sun. 7:30 am Easter Sunday Mass – Easter Flower Intentions
Sun. 10:30 am Easter Sunday Mass – For the People
Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph - Bellwood
Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph - Bellwood
Wed. 8:00 am Sara & Tony Castagnola - Family
Thurs. 8:00 am Adolph & Marie Engelman - Estate
Fri. 8:00 am Joseph Narehood – Mom & Dad
Fri. 8:30 – 9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
Sat. 5:30 pm Shirley Hosbank – Steve & Chris Stoner
Sun. 7:30 am Clara Bennetti – Fred Bennetti
Sun 10:30 am Bill Frantz & Dean Romanis – Virginia Frantz
Sanctuary Candle for the week of March 31st is for the special intention of Jack and Cindy Zane.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays R Long

Lectors – April 6/7, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm S Gavazzi, D Cunningham, J Rumberger

Sun. 7:30 am B Hiergeist, A Lynn

Sun. 10:30am M Raffetto, DD Murray, K Auman-Gooding

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist April 6/7, 2024

Sat. 8:00 pm † T Scordo, C Golden, K Raffetto

Sun. 7:30 am † L Grove, G Baldauf, B Rozick

Sun. 10:30am † D Castagnola, S Thomas, M Morse

Altar Servers: April 6/7, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm E Narehood, H Narehood

Sun. 7:30 am TBD

Sun. 10:30 am G Brasher, D Brasher

Financial Report – March 24, 2024

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$4,408 \$30(children)

Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal \$5,700

Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 205,555

Year to date Sunday Collection Goal \$ 237,300

Yearly Collection Goal for Sundays \$ 296,400

2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income \$ 10,230

Second Collection \$ 264

SMS Catholic School Envelopes \$ 135

Religious Education Envelopes \$ 0

Good Samaritan \$ 300

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET \$ 29,219

CMD Donations for 2024 \$ 13,967

BUS TRIP TO FRANCISCAN MONASTERY, WASHINGTON,

DC Spend a beautiful spring day with the Franciscan Friars, TOR at Franciscan Monastery in Washington, DC on Wednesday, April 24th! The trip will include Mass, tours of the upper and lower church, and beautiful outdoor garden. Part of the tour includes replicas of the Holy Lands that are throughout the campus. The cost is \$120 and includes lunch, dinner, a donation to the DC Monastery and all tips. The bus departs from St. Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg at 7:00 AM and returns at approximately 8:00 PM. For questions or to register, call 814-695-3802 or Franciscan Friars, TOR, PO Box139, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Registration deadline is April 14th!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND

Elizabeth Adler, Sandy Ashcroft, Margaret Baker, Clinton Bisenger, Matt Bland, Lauren Bochart, Carol Brantner, Larry Brisbin, Jaxon Brown, Michael Brown, Anna and Charles Cannistraci, Sue Chambers, Jordan Coffman, Nancy Damico, Sharon Dannaway, Ryan DelBaggio, Harrison DeVore, Sharon Dick, Ed Dionis, Nate Dorman, Sergio Echeverria, Dorothy Fleming, Jack Futrick, Catherine Garland, T.C. Gheer, Perry Glace, Bob Grimarml, Mike Gurekovich, Dan Hahn, Sharon Hahn, Dieter Hartsock, Dorothy Heaton, John Herist, Peggy Hickman, Bill Hunter, Peg Irvin, Carl Isenberg, Kitty Johnston, Steve Johnson, Dennis Kasic, Brian Kelley, Alexis Kensinger, Michael Long, Jerry Lynn Jr., Bob Macie, Mel & Carter MacMillin, Shawn Marie, Suzan Martindale, Colette McCaffrey, Tucker McCloskey, Mike & Sue McKean, Erik McMulloch, Michael McNelis, Donald Miller, Frank & Pam Moore, Donna Miller, Sarah Miller, Tracy Miller, Helen Molnar, Robert Molnar, Ailani Myers, Alberta Naylor, Peggy Nelson, Patty Norris, Lawrence Papi, Adam Perry, LeeAnn Spangler Price, Halee Ridgeway, Shannon Riley, Gary Ritchey, Joel Rivera, Donna Romano, Lucille Romano, Suzanne Ross, Delores Schreffler, Sue Scordo, MaryJane Shank, John Scott, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Snyder, Evelyn Stever, Mike Stack, Chris Stoner, Mark Turiano, Dale VanHorne, Ethan Vila, Patty Walsh, Mary Ward, Stephanie Wage, Frank White, Bob White, Sam Whitesill, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Kimberly Hovis-Williams, Liam Wirtner, George Wolfe, Roberta Woomer, Crystal Wright, Ann Yaniello, Esther Zane.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – Sunday, April 7th will be commemorated with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11:30 pm to 2:00 pm. Then at 2:00 pm the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place.

The Message of the Divine Mercy that Sr. Faustina received from the Lord was not only directed toward her personal growth in faith but also toward the good of the people. When the command of our Lord to paint an image according to the pattern that Sr. Faustina had seen, came also a request to have this image venerated, first in the Sisters' chapel, and then throughout the world. The Lord also requested that this Chaplet be said not only by Sr. Faustina, but by others: *“Encourage souls to say the Chaplet that I have given you.”* The same is true of the revelation of the Feast of Mercy. **“The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy.”**

He is risen, Alleluia! Jesus shows us that there is something more for us. We hear from St. Paul, “Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” Today is the day of our salvation. All our spiritual preparation has opened us to the experience of Easter joy. It is time to recommit ourselves to a new way of life. Our focus has shifted from death and sorrow to resurrection and life with God. If we think of what is above, then nothing here below will deter us from the expectation of rising from corruption to immortality. The old is passing away; hold on to what is to come. May God bless you in His Risen Son this day and every day!

- Fr. Michael

Easter Message from Bishop Mark Bartchak

I recently read a story shared by Jacqueline Dooley. It's one of those stories that is found by accident when you click on an internet link. The story is about Jacqueline's daughter Ana, who was 11 years old when she was diagnosed with a rare cancer called inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor, which is sometimes referred to as IMT.

Jacqueline sadly describes how she observed simple things that her daughter did during her short lifetime. Her description is sad because at the end of the story, Jacqueline reveals that she did not take pictures or save some of the simple toys that her daughter played with.

Jacqueline ends with this observation: “As I approach the seventh anniversary of losing Ana, I don't need or want to keep retelling the story of her death. I want to remember her life and the unique things that made Ana, well... Ana.”

In the 40 days leading up to Easter Sunday, we read lots of “little stories.” One of my favorite stories, is often the Gospel reading (Jn 12:20-33) on the Sunday before Palm Sunday. John recounts the following incident: Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip

went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

That Gospel passage is followed by Jesus describing in his own words how he was about to be glorified. John tells us that it would come about by the kind of death he would die. He quotes Jesus saying to all of us: “Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.”

The punchline comes next, when Jesus says: “The Father will honor whoever serves me.” The highest honor for each one of us is to be united with Christ. We do that by serving him, especially in serving others who need our help, like Jacqueline who finally realized that we may never forget the tragedy of death. But what is most important are things that remind us of life.

Easter is the celebration of the life of Christ, which is all about eternal life. The liturgy of the Church on Easter and throughout the year reminds us to continue to proclaim the great mystery of faith: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again! Today and throughout the Easter season share that Good News with everyone.

Bishop + Mark

EASTER IS A SIGN OF HOPE

“Each day has a miracle inside it and those with eyes to see it may find it.”

**Easter brings us hope
That life can always start anew,
That love can slowly
change the world
By simple things we do.
Easter is the glorious sign
That God is with us still...
The sign that He still loves us all
And that He always will.**

May the blessings of this most joyous season, especially the peace and love of the Risen Jesus, live forever in your hearts and the light of His resurrection always guide all your steps and help you to experience renewed strength to witness to God's gift of new life.