

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.

Visitation Parish Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland on Friday, **May 16th**. The Pilgrimage will include bus transportation, tour of the Basilica, Mass and Dinner. Cost is \$65/person. Please call the rectory office at 814-536-6110 Ext. 1 by April 15th.

The **Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary will celebrate its Annual Triduum in honor of Saint Peregrine on from May 2nd to May 3rd**. Saint Peregrine is the patron saint of cancer patients, AIDS victims and others suffering from serious illnesses. The schedule of liturgical celebrations is as follows:

Thursday, May 1st
6 pm – 6:45 Confessions
7 pm opening Mass with Triduum Prayers

Friday, May 2nd
12 noon to 3 pm – Ad oration of the Blessed Sacrament
6 pm – 6:45 Confessions
7 pm opening Mass with Triduum Prayers with Anointing of the Sick During Mass – Individual Healing blessings following Mass

Saturday, May 3rd
3 pm – 3:30 pm Confessions
4 pm – Closing Mass with Triduum Prayers.
Reception following Mass

Prayer requests are welcome and may be sent to Visitation Parish, 1127 McKinley Ave. Johnstown, PA 15905. Candle requests for lighting a candle at the Shrine of St. Peregrine may also be sent – please send a donation of \$5.00.

Next Weekend’s Second Collection will be for the **Catholic Home Mission Appeal** – envelope provided in your monthly packet.

Parishioners are reminded that all flowers etc. should be removed at Oak Grove cemetery by **April 30th**. Grass seeding etc. will take place in May.

Save the Date: Parish Family Picnic on August 3rd in Pavilion 1 at Reservoir Park. Make this a true Parish event by signing up in the gathering space to help with the picnic preparations. We need you!

Lenten alms for Mikayla – Mikayla is a 26 year-old parishioner of St. Joseph Parish who is in need of a multivisceral transplant. Please consider donating. Envelopes available in the gathering space. This is the last weekend.

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DEFEATING DEATH



"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him."
John 20: 2

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

“...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”
Acts 10: 38

We can’t give what we don’t have. Open your heart to receive God’s love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God’s adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, “we are made for greatness.” Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

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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.



April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday ~ The Resurrection of the Lord

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday at 7:30 am and Sunday at 10:30 am
Weekday Mass Schedule: Wed., Thurs. & Friday at 8:00 am
Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule: 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 12:30 pm
or anytime upon request.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
April 20, 2025 – April 27, 2025

- Sat. 8:00 pm** Easter Vigil Mass at St. Joseph
Sun. 7:30 am For the People - Pastor
Sun. 10:30 am Easter Flower Intentions
- Mon. 8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
6:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy – St. Matthew
Tues. No Mass
6:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy – St. Matthew
Wed. 8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
6:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy – St. Matthew
Thurs. 8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
6:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy – St. Matthe
Fri. 8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
6:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy – St. Matthew
- Sat. 3:00 pm** Chaplet of Divine Mercy – St. Matthew
Sat. 5:30 pm MacNeil Family – living & deceased
Sun. 7:30 am For the People - Pastor
Sun 10:30 am Bonnie Lou Ashcroft – Ron and daughter, Bonnie Jean



Sanctuary Candle for the week of April 13th in memory of Michael and Andy Lusardi requested Chris, Steve, and Michael Stoner.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND
(Dec. 1 to June 1, 2025) Andrea Barton, Sue Chambers, Helen and Daryll Dillon, Virginia Frantz, T.C. Gheer, Martha Hagg, Cindy Hampton, Rick Hampton, Rob Hampton, Benji Johnson, Mary Ellen Jones, Ailani Myers, Mary Jane Shank, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Jeff Wevodau, Larry Wevodau, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Esther Zane



Stewardship Reflections
He is Risen! He is truly risen! This is what the celebration of Easter is all about – the truth that Jesus

was crucified for our sins and three days later rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all. We proclaim this truth every Sunday in the Nicene Creed: “For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures.” Amazing!

We know it’s true, but this Easter Sunday. Let’s ask ourselves if we live as if it’s true. Do we simply recite this portion of our Creed week after week, or do we live as witnesses to this glorious reality! And how are we, as Christian stewards, to live as a ‘witness’ all these years later without firsthand knowledge? We may have to look a little more closely to ‘bear witness’, but if we try then we can have just as real an experience of the empty tomb and the redeeming power of the Resurrection.

We become witnesses of His glory when we: prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us, each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist, when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation, and when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Saviour. This Easter, don’t just recite the Creed – resolve to live as if it’s true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen!

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.

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



The Novena of Divine Mercy is a 9-day prayer period, starting on *Good Friday* and ending on *Divine Mercy Sunday*. There are specific intentions prayed for each day, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

The Divine Mercy Novena will be held this year at St. Matthews in Tyrone. The Novena which began on Good Friday continues until Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 3:00 p.m.
Monday, April 21, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 22, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 24, 6:00 p.m.
Friday, April 25, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 26,
▪ Confessions 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
▪ Chaplet: 3:00p.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27
▪ Adoration 11:30 a.m.
▪ Confessions 2:00-3:00 p.m.
▪ Reciting of the Chaplet & Novena Prayer 3:00 p.m.



What is Divine Mercy and how did it come about?
There was a young Polish nun named Sister Faustina Kowalska and in 1931 she began to have mysterious illuminations from Jesus. She kept a diary and Jesus communicated with her about His Divine Mercy. He talked

about a feast day, (Divine Mercy Sunday) an image, (The Divine Mercy image) and very special prayers (The Chaplet and The Novena.) Jesus also told Sister Faustina that He wanted people to know about the promises of the Divine Mercy Novena. Jesus promised a profound and immense grace to those who would celebrate this feast of Divine Mercy. This grace is the forgiveness of all sins and the removal of all punishment due to sin.

What do I have to do to get the special grace?
· *Bring your Rosary and come to the Novena each day for 9 days.*
· *Say the special prayers and the chaplet.*
· *Sincerely repent of all your sins.*
· *Go to confession before Divine Mercy Sunday.*
· *Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday and receive Holy Communion.*
· *Place complete trust in Jesus.*
· *Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers.*

<u>Financial Report – April 13, 2025</u>	
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$7,677 \$54(children)	
<u>Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025</u>	
Year to date Sunday Collection Income	\$ 226,688
2025 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 16,308
Second Collection	\$ 227
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 35
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 60
Good Samaritan	\$ 60
2025 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET	\$ 30,000
CMD Donations for 2025	\$ 18,409
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY! Please remember that one can have a lot of money but still live a really poor life and one can have no money at all and live a really rich life, that's because <u>what makes a person truly rich</u> is not how much they have but how much they give.	



Easter Flower intentions and those that donated are located in the vestibule bulletin boards, copies of the list in the gathering space, and pdf file can be located on the website.