

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun April 21	EASTER SUNDAY	
Tues April 23	6:00-7:15 PM	Practice at Cathedral for Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Bingo
	7:00 PM	Legion of Mary
Wed April 24	5:00-6:00 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
	5:15-9:00 PM	Confirmation at Cathedral
Thurs April 25	9:00-11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
Fri April 26	4:15-5:30 PM	First Practice First Eucharist
	6:30 PM	Bingo
Sun April 28	Second Sunday of Easter	
	9:15-10:15 AM	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	6:00-8:00 PM	Mystagogy-all Confirmed in April Mandatory



Monday, April 22

8:30 a.m.

†Nancy M. Fiore (*John & Debbie Lang*)

Tuesday, April 23

8:30 a.m.

†Deborah Fisher (*Michael Dillon & Family*)

Wednesday, April 24

8:30 a.m.

Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

Thursday, April 25

8:30 a.m.

For the Intentions of Vincent Engelman (*Mary Engelman*)

Friday, April 26

8:30 a.m.

†William Klayko (*Judy Zachesky*)

Saturday, April 27

4:00p.m.

†John Prorok (*Marie Prorok*)

Sunday, April 28 Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People

10:30 a.m. †Robert & Helen Turzak (*Breanne Rodgers*)

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 27, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Keegan Myrick, Brennen Myrick, Braden Reilly

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woome, Dan Altiero, Viola Bettwy, Kevin Boslet, Nikki Solimando

Readers: John Donley, Nancy Little

Sunday, April 28, 2019

8:00 a.m.

Servers: Josephine Gates, Delilah Noel, Elias Wesner

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woome, Martin Kooman, Cindy Sharbaugh, James Trexler, Linda Zakrzewski

Readers: Damian Charlesworth, Shawn Wesner

10:30 a.m.

Servers: Nathan Cammarata, Claire Cammarata, Aleksandra Knott

Eucharistic Ministers: Yvonne Gibson, Terrance Heiss, Karen McGraw, Regina Murphy, Ronald Skupien

Readers: Todd Cammarata, Deborah Kawtoski

PASTOR'S CORNER

THANKS TO SO MANY

On behalf of myself and Fr. Spishak I would like to take a moment to wish everyone a very blessed and joyful Easter. While it rarely gets the social recognition it deserves, this is the highpoint of our Christian faith. This is the celebration of fifty days, amid Confirmation, First Communion and all those things spring brings. Let's try to remember and give thanks that we can also truly call on God as our Father. I would like to extend my thanks to all those whose efforts made the celebration of these last several days possible. Bryce and Sue and the choir for the music, and to all those who helped with the flower arrangements.

EASTER SUNDAY

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-April 13-14, 2019

Regular	\$7896.33	Christmas	\$ 52.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 39.00	Easter	\$ 235.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 170.00	Holy Land	\$ 42.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 92.00	Candles	\$ 20.00
Candlemas	\$ 20.00	Black & Indian	\$ 5.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 133.67	Total	\$ 8705.00

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE
GOAL: \$44,083.00**

Evangelization is one of 14 ministries needing our support through the Catholic Ministries Drive.

*In 2017-2018, Evangelization was allocated \$155,672 to provide outreach programs, small prayer groups, and unique ministries held at all parishes.

*Evangelization helps preach the good news of the Gospel to those that seek a faithful life with Jesus Christ.

*It provides programs such as ARISE Together in Christ that bring everyone together to form a renewed community of faith.

*It helps welcome those that strayed away, back into the Catholic Church.

100% of your donation will go the ministries to give help, build hope, and change lives.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

One way the Catholic Home Missions Appeal works to support home mission diocese in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor diocese. Often home mission priests and lay ministers require special training to attend to the unique needs of their faith communities. Your support is needed. Next weekend April 27-28 we will take up this collection. Please help strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift. Please use the envelope located in your pack of envelopes.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

April 27	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
April 28	8:00 a.m.	Jack & Shirley Donoughe
	10:30 a.m.	Dennis, Carole & Devon Housum

CANDLES: Joseph Sukala by Anne Sukala, Sophia Sukala by Anne Sukala, Theresa Sukala by Anne Sukala, Catherine Abretski by Anne Sukala, Irma Mort by Anne Sukala, Timothy Stephon Housum by Mom & Dad, Joanne Stephens by Dawn Quinn-Doivon, Joseph Mishock by Irene Mishock & Family, Special Intention by Jeanne Traficante, Anthony Wojtarowicz by Sally Wojtarowicz.

ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS

Join us every Tuesday and Friday for Holy Trinity Catholic School Bingo. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Early Birds at 6:30 p.m. and Regular games at 7:00 p.m. \$2000 progressive jackpot. Admission package is \$35.00. We now accept Visa, Master Card and Debit cards. Please help support Catholic Education.

FIRST PRACTICE FOR THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS will be on April 26 from 4:15-5:30 P.M. All Second Graders and at least one parent need to attend rehearsal.

SUPPER CLUB

The Supper Club will meet on May 5 at Jethro's at **12 NOON**. Call Mary for reservations 946-3449.

EARLY CCD REGISTRATION

Reminder of early registration for CCD grades K-11. \$10.00 per child or \$20.00 for family. Registration forms may be picked up in the foyer of the Church on the bulletin board under Religious Education or at the Rectory. You may put them in the collection basket, mail or drop off at the Rectory.

The Catholic Daughters of America Altoona Court Prince Gallitzin Court 2526 will be accepting donations of baby supplies for Catholic Charities. You will find boxes for your gifts in the foyer of the church. Thank you so much for your kindness.

CDA Court 2526

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

The following story may sound unbelievable, but it is true. Although there is no statue of Our Lady in the niche above the altar of the chapel of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Alta Gracia (Argentina), we can see her image—even though the niche in question is actually empty.

Both the Christians and non-Christians who flock to the shrine claim they see the image. It appears even on photographs and it is distinctly visible from the front entrance. Then, strangely, it gradually disappears as we approach the altar.

This chapel, built and blessed in 1927, used to have a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes in a niche above the altar. In August 2011, the statue was removed from the niche to be restored.

The Discalced (bare foot) Carmelites brothers subsequently issued a press release stating that "the apparition of the image of the Blessed Virgin does not have, to date, a logical explanation. We interpret it as a sign to increase and deepen the Christian faith of God's people."

LONGABERGER BASKET AND VERA BRADLEY BINGO

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Assists our children in Catholic Schools, Religious Education, and Youth Activities
Sunday, May 5, 2019, 1:00 p.m.
Doors open at Noon
Father Kelly Hall
429 Twenty-fifth Ave. Altoona, Pa.
Please contact: Cathedral Parish Office
(814) 944-4603
altcathedral@dioceseaj.org.

Families and the Gospel

April 21 **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.

Diocesan Prayer Day/Luncheon for those who have lost a spouse through death.

Remember your loved ones on **Wednesday, May 8 with Mass at 11:00 a.m.** Theme of the day: "Where there is darkness, let there be light." All spouses will be mentioned and remembered at Mass. Luncheon to follow. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and hosted by the Immaculate Conception Church, 1640 New Germany Road, Summerhill. Reservations required by May 1. A \$5.00 donation is suggested. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551 or familylife@dioceseaj.org

PA PRO-LIFE TOWN HALL TOUR-ALTOONA TOWN HALL; HOSTED BY CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR HUMAN LIFE-BLAIR COUNTY.

Monday, April 29, 2019-7:00-9:00 p.m.
Altoona Grand Hotel; 1 Sheraton Drive, Altoona.
For more information call Patricia Forr at 946-0681. No Advance Registration is required; Admission is free. Attire is casual; light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Sponsored by PA. Pro-Life Federation. Topics to include: LIFE on the Line; LIFE in the Culture; LIFE at the Capitol; Voice for LIFE; Vision for LIFE. Everyone is welcome to attend!

ROAST BEEF DINNER-St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold a Roast Beef Dinner/Spring Festival on Sunday, April 28th. Time: 10:30 a.m. to ..? Tickets: Adults (eat-in or take-out) \$10.00; Children 6-12, \$6.00; 5 and under **FREE**. Games, baskets, & bake sale. Location: Church hall (former St. Patrick building)) at the top of Church Street.

BISHOP GUILFOYLE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Altoona Roman Catholic (ARC) Federal Credit Union is currently offering two (2) \$500.00 scholarship for students attending Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School during the 2019-20 academic year. Any student (9th-12th grade) attending Bishop Guilfoyle is eligible. The scholarships will be awarded based on academics, financial need, and essay questions. Scholarship applications are available in both ARC lobbies, 1919 7th Ave. and 419 N. 7th St. (Juniata), or on line at www.arfcu.org. You may contact ARC at 814-946-0857 for more information. **Applications must be returned to ARC by May 6, 2019 to be considered.**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

Reporting Child Abuse

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is firmly committed to protecting children and youth. If you have a reasonable cause of suspected child abuse, general child well-being concerns or know of other abuse of minors, please report your concerns to:

- **911** immediately if there is an indication of imminent danger.
- **PA Child Line 1-800-932-0313** (intake is available 24/7).

Reports of abuse within the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

- Pennsylvania Attorney General Hotline **(888) 538-8541**.
- Pennsylvania State Police Headquarters **(717) 783-5599**. or your local Pennsylvania State Police Station.
- Your local police department.
- To report to the Diocese any suspected abuse of a minor please call the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Independent Reporting Hotline hosted by Nulton Diagnostic and Treatment Center* at this Toll-Free Number: **(833) 685-8661**. Your call will be answered by a representatives of Nulton Diagnostic and Treatment Center. Any information provided to Nulton Diagnostic and Treatment Center will be reported to law enforcement as required by state law. *Nulton Diagnostic and Treatment Center is independently owned and operated and not associated with the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

Victim/Survivor Assistance and Resources

For Victim/Survivor information and resources, please call the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Victim/Survivor Assistance Coordinator: Jean Johnstone at **(814) 944-9388**.

To report the abuse of adults with disabilities, call the Protective Services Hotline at 1-800-490-8505.

**Stewardship Reflection
Easter Sunday**

Rejoice and give thanks always! Alleluia! Alleluia!
The gift of eternal life is yours.

**St. Rose of Lima St. Vincent de Paul
Conference Weekly Reflection for April 21:
Easter Sunday**

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, like Mary Magdalene and the Disciples we find the challenge of also seeking and believing the resurrection.

When you've helped our St. Vincent de Paul Conference, you've helped those who are poor and hungry to "see and believe" in the Resurrection.

Please visit our website:

<http://strosesvdp.org> to find out more about what we are all about, as well as to get details on upcoming events. You can also use our website to let us know about someone in need or to inform us of a need you may have that we could possibly help you with. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

Donate to St. Vincent de Paul

Your donations are the lifeblood of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Aside from monetary donations, they will also accept clothing, furniture, household items and other reusable items. As we approach spring housekeeping season, please keep this in mind and make a donation to the SVDP Society. You can either drop off your items at the store, 1215 7th Ave. Altoona or for items such as furniture call 943-1981 for a pick up. **NOTE:** The Altoona store is always in need of good used furniture.

