

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun April 4	EASTER SUNDAY	
Tues April 6	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Wed April 7	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Pro-Life Rosary



### Monday, April 5

8:30 a.m.

†Albert Schoch (*Mary Engelman*)

### Tuesday, April 6

8:30 a.m.

Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

### Wednesday, April 7

8:30 a.m.

†Eugene Bettwy (*K of C Star of the Sea Council-4245*)

### Thursday, April 8

8:30 a.m.

†Emilio Berry (*Dorothy & Don Beiswenger*)

### Friday, April 9

8:30 a.m.

†Rosemary McConnell (*Holy Trinity Catholic School Board*)

### Saturday, April 10

4:00p.m.

†Anne Hummel (*Rosemary Ronan*)

### Sunday, April 11 Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People

10:30 a.m. †Richard, Betty & David Drabic (*Family*)

## HAVE A BLESSED EASTER

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.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### What is Easter?

The Easter Vigil is the “Mother of All Vigils.” Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday of Easter to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian, Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the Resurrection: “If Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith” (1 Cor 15:14).

“What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind; . . . So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it “Easter is the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead, culminating his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.” is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being,” the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one” (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49).

The Octave of Easter comprises the eight days, which stretch from the first Sunday of Easter to the Second Sunday of Easter. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

The word “Easter” comes from Old English, meaning simply the “east.” The sun that rises in the east, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and is lit for all liturgical celebrations.

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## EASTER SUNDAY

### PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-MARCH 27-28, 2021

Regular	\$4852.00	Christmas Club	\$ 15.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 6.00	Easter	\$ 80.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 174.00	Candle	\$ 5.00
Goof Friday	\$ 35.00	Ascension	\$ 10.00
Holy Thursday\$	\$ 35.00		
Rice Bowl	\$ 40.00	Total	\$5252.00

### Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

In our relationship with Mary and to better understand the value of her "yes" it is good to know what she said "no" to.

She said "no" to anything that wasn't in line with the will of God or did not fit into His plan. Realizing that she had been chosen to be the mother of God, she did not ask for anything in return. She simply accepted it. She said "no" to vanity. She recognized herself as a mere servant of the Lord.

She did not boast about her mission and her baby. She did not tell Joseph, not even to protect herself. She said "no" to egocentrism. When the angel spoke to her of Elizabeth, in spite of her condition she immediately went to her bedside.

She said "no" to any preferential treatment. When she heard the good news of her pregnancy, she could have asked God for some help from the angels. But she never expected the slightest favor from God. She adjusted herself to His decisions and endured what was painful to bear. From the beginning, she gave her child to others - to the shepherds, to the magi, to the whole world.  
(Continued Next Week)

### CANDLES:

Joseph Sukala, Sophia Sukala, Theresa Sukala, Catherine Abretski (Grandmother), Irma Mort Teresa Sukala (Grandmother) by Anne Sukala, Intentions of Conrad Family by Susan Trout.

### 2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL: \$43, 235

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### FORMING CLERGY AND LAITY

Adult Enrichment, Christian Initiation (RCIA), Evangelization, Lay Ecclesial Ministry, Priests' Vocations, Ongoing Formation of Priests and Deacons



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

**SAINT MAGDALEN OF  
CANOSSA**

**DATES: 1774-1835  
FEAST DAY: APRIL 10**

This foundress, born to a noble family in Verona, Italy, lost her father at age 5 and was abandoned by her mother when she remarried. Choosing religious life over an advantageous marriage, Magdalen first joined the Carmelites, but left when she saw that their strict rules of enclosure would prohibit her charitable works. She began a new community, the Canossian Daughters of Charity, in 1799 by bringing two poor girls into her own home. The institute spread throughout Italy, and Magdalen helped found an order of priests and a third order for laypeople. Canossians minister today in Italy, Latin America and the Philippines. Magdalen, who was canonized in 1988, famously said, "Those who love are never tired, since love knows no burden."  
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## YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

### Pope Pius IX Names Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church

**“When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but he knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.” (Mt 1:20-25)**

The earliest traces of public recognition of the sanctity of St. Joseph are to be found in the East. His feast, was kept by the Copts as early as the beginning of the fourth century. The feast of “Joseph the Carpenter” is entered, on 20 July, in one of the old Coptic Calendars of the eighth and ninth century. In the West the name of foster-father of Our Lord (*Nutritor Domini*) appears in local martyrologies of the ninth and tenth centuries.

<https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/08504a.htm>

In 1870 on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Pius IX recognized, along with the world bishops, that they had sought the intercession of St. Joseph often during a time of great persecution and turmoil in the Church in Italy and around the world. “Because of the sublime dignity which God conferred on His most faithful Servant, the Church has always most highly honored and lauded the Most Blessed Joseph next after his spouse, the Virgin Mother of God, and has implored his intercession in all her great necessities.” In the same declaration, March 19<sup>th</sup> was designated as the double feast day of the Solemnity of Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

<https://stja.org/pope-pius-ix-and-st-joseph>.

2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713 W. Chesnut Avenue, Altoona, Pa. 16601

## Local Faithful Aiding Missionary Outreach

As the pandemic forced churches to close and spirituality meetings to cease this past spring, St. Benedict Church in Johnstown expanded their website to include, Mass, spiritual devotions and website links to help the faithful during the difficult time. The success of the website has opened spiritual programs to the world. Christians from Africa, Pakistan, Uganda, Malawi, and India have contacted Deacon Michael Russo, who is in ministry at St. Benedict, wanting to share both prayer and life experiences.

Through this outreach, Deacon Michael befriended Linus, a young seminarian in Africa who is affiliated with the Missionaries of Jesus the Savior and Imran Mustaq, a Christian in Pakistan, who has started a school for Christian children in his area, teaching from his home so that they can receive a religious education. This missionary effort, supported by several members of the Diaconate Community, parishioners of St. Benedict Church and from others round the country, has enabled rosaries, Bibles, and other prayer aids as well as financial support for children’s clothing, school supplies, and food to be sent to help the missionary outreach. A GoFundMe page has been established to assist with costs such as postage. All are invited to support this effort.

For more information on how you can be part of this missionary outreach, please contact Deacon Michael (814) 288-3036 or by email at [michael.russo@atlanticbb.net](mailto:michael.russo@atlanticbb.net).

### **Altoona Food Bank new address and new phone no.**

Altoona Food Bank  
2318 N. Branch Ave.  
814 944-4013  
Opened M-W-F 9:15 to 11:45  
Closed on Holidays

### ST. LEONARD'S HOME

Worried about a loved one? St. Leonard's Personal Care Home in Hollidaysburg provides medication management, personal hygiene assistance, socialization, meals, housekeeping and a 24 hour staff in a home-like environment. We serve men and women 62+ for whom it is no longer safe to live alone. To tour our beautiful Victorian mansion or for more information, call Sr. Cynthia Meyer at 695-9581 during weekday business hours. We are a Catholic facility but accept all eligible applicants, and will assist with financial aid applications where applicable.

**SERVICE PAWS OF CENTRAL PA** is having a check presentation ceremony on April 15, at the New UVA. We will be presenting two checks to New Hope Assistance Dogs. Checks total \$16,000. We want to share with the donors to SPCP how their contributions have helped to make people more independent. Please join us on April 15, 2021 at the UVA, 1809 Union Ave. Altoona, Pa. from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will have many local dignitaries, SPCP Board Members, Clients, representatives from New Hope Assistance Dogs, WTAJ, WJAC, donors and friends in attendance. Light refreshments will be served. We are looking for Board members who have talents to help our cause and are passionate about what Service dogs can do to help people with disabilities. We would like to have local businesses sponsor a client by committing to purchase a dog for one of our clients. 96% of all funds that we collect go directly to helping our clients. Please RSVP by April 12.

Please join us at the fifth annual PAWing IT FOREward golf tournament on July 22, 2021. Joe Fagnani, Chairman 814-940-0270 or [servicepawsofcentralpa@gmail.com](mailto:servicepawsofcentralpa@gmail.com) [servicepawsofcentralpa.org](http://servicepawsofcentralpa.org)

### NOW HIRING:

St. John the Baptist Retreat Center is looking for someone to fill a very important position as housekeeper. Anyone interested in this position is asked to please call the SJTB friary at 814-733-2210 and leave a message.

### St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for April 4 - Easter Sunday:

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

**Our Conference wishes to thank all those who donated to our 40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent. By making a donation, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and that you give them Easter hope and joy.**

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank You!

