

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun April 18 Third Sunday of Easter  
Wed April 21 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



### Monday, April 19

8:30 a.m.  
†Matthew P. Zakrzwski (*Linda Zakrzwski*)

### Tuesday, April 20

8:30 a.m.  
†William Luther (*Clara & Fred Tromm & Family*)

### Wednesday, April 21 St. Anselm

8:30 a.m.  
†Mary Ann Frena (*Mary Engelman*)

### Thursday, April 22

8:30 a.m.  
†Nancy M. Fiore (*Anna Rose Eckenrode*)

### Friday, April 23 St. George, St. Adelbert

8:30 a.m.  
†In Memory of Kenny Parrish

### Saturday, April 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

4:00p.m.  
†Murphy Montler (*Marie McGuire*)

### Sunday, April 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People  
10:30 a.m. †Anne Hummel (*Brian Hummel Family*)

## PASTOR'S CORNER



April 22 is Earth Day!

**As Catholics, we are called to:**

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- care for all of God's creation

**Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.**

**PRAY** to hear God's call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

**LEARN** how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue greatly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

**TELL** your local and national leaders to protect creation.

Praise be to you, our Lord, God of all Creation!

Learn more! [uscgb.org/environment](http://uscgb.org/environment)  
[wearesaltandlight.org/cst101](http://wearesaltandlight.org/cst101)  
[catholicclimatecovenant.org](http://catholicclimatecovenant.org)

**ARCHBISHOP FELIPE FRANCO: INTRODUCTION, NIHIL OBSTAT, and IMPRIMATUR**  
**NEW BOOK: "The Catholic Faith in Easy Term"**  
**Missionary Disciples of Jesus the Good Shepherd**

**Available on AMAZON:**

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/0578817098?ref=pe\\_30520](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0578817098?ref=pe_30520)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-APRIL 10-11, 2021

Regular	\$6938.00	Christmas Club	\$ 45.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 8.00	Easter	\$1040.00
Good Friday	\$ 128.00	Candles	\$ 25.00
Rose	\$ 4.00	Home Missions	\$ 55.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 153.00	Ash Wed.	\$ 3.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 40.00	Mother of God	\$ 5.00
CRS	\$ 50.00	Total	\$8494.00

**Deacon Jim’s “A Moment with Our Lady”**

My name is Jean-Pierre, I am married, the father of three, and grandfather of three. I was baptized and confirmed. As a teenager, I stopped believing in God.

On February 15, 2015, a video showing the execution of 21 Coptic Christians by Islamists appeared on the Internet. Impressed by their courage, I began to reflect on my relationship with God!...I felt I had to make a choice: whether to believe in Jesus or not. For three or four months questions kept racing through my mind.

Then I started praying. I’ve done a lot of research on the Internet, reading people’s testimonies... to find out what they had to say about Jesus.

This is how I discovered that the Blessed Virgin Mary had appeared at Laus “for the conversion of sinners.” I told my wife that we should go visit the shrine of Our Lady of Laus, a village where the Virgin appeared to a girl called Benedicta Rencurel, between 1664 and 1718. On June 25, 2015, I reconciled with the Lord, by going to confession. I’m sure it happened thanks to the Blessed Virgin, who had told Benedicta: “I asked my Son for this place to convert sinners and He granted it to me.”

**EASTER FLOWERS:**

Loved Ones by M/M Anthony Labriola  
Loved Ones by Robert Fox

**CONFIRMED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Congratulations to all who were Confirmed. Candidates were:

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| Ronan James T. Barnes | Jake P. McGinnis   |
| Nathan Breton         | Brennen Myrick     |
| Grace E. Brown        | Maeve Reilly       |
| Alina M. Foor         | Patrick Reilly     |
| Madeline A. Foor      | Sophia G. Simanski |
| Matthew Haines        | Lucas E. Steinbugl |
| Trenton M. Hardie     | Marian E. Stephens |
| Madison E. Hooper     | Ella Strawmier     |
| Marisa J. Hooper      | Elias J. Wesner    |
| Kaytlin L. Jones      | Justin Wolfe       |
| Logan J. Kline        | Abby M. Yahner     |
| Sydnee E. McConnell   | Erin M Yahner      |

**CANDLES:**

Matthew P. Zakrzwski by Linda Zakrzwski,  
Matthew P. Zakrzwski (Son) by Linda L. Zakrzwski.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**  
**SAINT FIDELIS OF**  
**SIGMARINGEN**

1577-1622

Feast Day—April 24

Born in Sigmaringen (Germany), Mark Roy studied philosophy and law at the University of Freiburg in Breisgau. After tutoring young aristocrats and traveling Europe with them, he began practicing law in Alsace, where he quickly became “the poor person’s lawyer.” But, disillusioned over other lawyers’ behavior, he gave up the law to follow a vocation in religious life. As an ordained Capuchin named Fidelis, he was renowned for his holiness, preaching and leadership. He was superior at several houses before being invited to eastern Switzerland to call Protestants back to Catholicism. This mission, complicated by the politics of the time and hatred of the Catholic Habsburgs, became increasingly dangerous and led to his murder by opponents. He was canonized in 1746.

## YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH CELEBRATIONS

*Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All pilgrims of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown!*

**Saint Joseph the Worker Church, Williamsburg**

**You are invited for a special day of prayer on May 1, the Feast Day of Saint Joseph the Worker.**

### **Schedule for the Day:**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer;  
9:30 a.m.—Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary;  
11:30 a.m.—Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary;  
1:30 p.m.—Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary;  
3:30 p.m.—Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary;  
4:00 p.m. Confessions;  
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.

*Please stay for as long as you are able to.*

**Deacon Kevin Nester, Administrator:**

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Williamsburg, Pa. 16693

**Saint Joseph Mission Church, Hart's Sleeping Place, Carrolltown**

This historic Church, blessed by Servant of God, Demetrius Gallitzin himself on October 10, 1830, will be opening once a month for visitation and self-guided tours beginning after May 1, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

**Schedule:** The Church will be open from Noon - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, then on Sundays: May 2, June 6, July 4 and September 5.

**A Special outdoor Mass with Bishop Mark as Main Celebrant, will be held on Sunday August 1 at 4:00 p.m. The Church will be open from Noon-3:30 p.m. with Confessions from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.**

**Curator:** Marian Farabaugh:

[stjosephmissionchurch1830@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephmissionchurch1830@gmail.com).

*A website will be coming soon.*

**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

**SWISS STEAK DINNER DRIVE BY-** The Church of the Transfiguration will be having a Swiss Steak Drive-By Dinner at 201 Third Street, Conemaugh, Pa. on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner includes Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, salad, roll w/butter and dessert.

## YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

### **Saint John Paul II and the Church's devotion to Saint Joseph**

**"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety. Then he went down with them to Nazareth, and was obedient to them." (Lk 2:46-49)**

Saint John Paul II speaks of the Church's devotion to St. Joseph: "This patronage must be invoked as ever necessary for the Church, not only as a defense against all dangers, but also, and indeed primarily, as an impetus for her renewed commitment to *evangelization* in the world and to *re-evangelization* in those lands and nations where religion and the Christian life were formerly flourishing and are now put to a hard test."

"Besides trusting in Joseph's sure protection, the Church also trusts in his noble example, which transcends all individual states of life and serves as a model for the entire Christian community, whatever the condition and duties of each of its members may be." *Homily of St. John Paul II, Solemnity of St. Joseph, 19, March 1998.*

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

### **FOOD FOR THE POOR**

Please join us next weekend, April 24-25 to hear Rev. Peter Lyons speak at all the masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father Lyons will share personal witness about Food For the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Lyons was ordained to the priesthood in 1966. Fr. Peter is a member of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis. He has served as a teacher in colleges & seminaries. He has also served as a pastor of parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Diocese of Ft. Worth & in Spring Grove, Pa. Besides preaching for Food For the Poor, he teaches at St. Francis University in Loretto, Pa.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### 2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

GOAL: \$42,235

**“BE A DISCIPLE OF HOPE”**

#### Family Life

Meet the Kent family from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Altoona. Shawn and Lisa took part in the diocese's annual Wedding Anniversaries Liturgies in celebration of their fifth anniversary. “We rely on our faith daily,” Shawn said. “We pray together often and try to make Jesus part of every day of our life.”

Families are extremely important to the Catholic Church. God intended family to be a central role in creation. The Family Life ministry assists all ages and stages of families in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Programs and resources offered through this ministry include natural family planning, marriage preparation, anniversary masses, family counseling, and more. Whether it is preparing to get married or becoming a stepfamily, Family Life provides services that help people to be more hopeful for the adventures to come.

**BE A DISCIPLE OF HOPE** to married couples and families like the Kent's who benefit from the wide variety of programs offered through the diocese's Family Life Ministry, supported by the Catholic Ministries Drive.

You can mail your gift to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, P.O. Box 409, Hollidaysburg, Pa. 16648; place in your parish offertory; or make online at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org)

100% of your donation will go to the 14 ministries that gives help, builds hope, and changes lives.

**Spaghetti Dinner:** The Knights of Columbus of St. John's Parish in New Baltimore is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. Adults (12 and over) \$9.00, Children (3-11) \$3.00. Pre-order online by sending an email to [dwambaugh@dioceseaj.org](mailto:dwambaugh@dioceseaj.org) or call 814-733-2210. Please leave your name, phone number, preferred time of pick-up and the number of adult and child orders. Inhouse seating will be available or meals may be picked up at St. John's Hall in New Baltimore.

All proceeds are donated to local food banks and local charities!

### St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for April 18 - Third Sunday of Easter:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

**Have you considered answering the call to “help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life” by joining our Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference?**

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!

#### **SPRING HOUSEKEEPING**

Your donations are the lifeblood of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Aside from monetary donations, they also accept clothing, furniture, household items and other reusable items for sale at the Thrift Store.

With spring just around the corner, many of us are doing our spring housekeeping early. Therefore, we would ask that you please keep us in mind and donate what you can to the store. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. You can drop off your items at the store, located at 1215 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona.

Thank you and God Bless

#### **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.