

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun April 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter
Wed April 28 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary
Sun May 2 12:00 Noon First Holy Communion



Monday, April 26

8:30 a.m.

†Shirley Cobler (*Mary Engelman*)

Tuesday, April 27

8:30 a.m.

†Randy Bender (*Mari Ann & Ronald Eberhart*)

Wednesday, April 28 St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

8:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena

8:30 a.m.

†Mary Ann & Julie Klock (*Family*)

Friday, April 30

8:30 a.m.

†Eugene Stoltz (*Mike & Norene Civiello*)

Saturday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker

4:00p.m.

†Murphy Montler (*Marie McGuire*)

Sunday, May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. †Lynne Ann Schreiber (Mother, Ann Schreiber)

10:30 a.m. †Diane Stasky (Olive & Family)

12 Noon FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

PASTOR'S CORNER

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal 2021



Your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal strengthens the Church At Home. Over 40% of dioceses United States and its territories are considered mission territories, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Prayerfully consider supporting the collection at this weekend! More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-APRIL 17-18, 2021

Regular	\$5067.60	Christmas Club	\$ 16.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 5.00	Candles	\$ 30.00
Home Missions	\$ 30.00	Easter	\$ 230.00
Rose	\$ 52.00	Rice Bowls	\$ 196.90
		Total	\$5627.50

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

At Cana, Our Lady showed great *realism*. She is a Mother who takes people's problems to heart and acts. She recognizes moments of difficulty and handles them discreetly, efficiently, and decisively.

She is neither imperious nor intrusive, but a Mother and a handmaid. Let us ask for the grace to imitate her sensitivity and her creativity in serving those in need, and to know how beautiful it is to spend our lives in the service of others, without favorites or distinctions.

May Mary, Cause of our Joy, who brings peace amid the profusion of sin and the turmoil of history, obtain for us the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and enable us to be good and faithful servants.

Pope Francis

Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised

Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 30, 2021 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 a.m. on WATM ABC 23 and will be rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on the Atlantic Broadband channel 9.** All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org.

When registering, please give your **name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away.** Deadline to register is **May 24, 2021.**

Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office.

CANDLES: Timothy Stephen Housum by Dennis & Carole Housum, Intentions of Ken Hartman by Sister, Barb, For the Intentions of Matthew P. Zakrzwski (Son) by Linda Zakrzwski.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Flowers on the Altar this weekend are in Memory of our Parents by Joe & Peach Maschue.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

1347–1380

Feast Day—April 29

Catherine was the 24th of 25 children of a Sieneese dyer; her mystical experiences and raptures began at age 6. She refused to marry, and about 1367 joined the Third Order of St. Dominic. She attracted a like-minded group in Siena for prayer and good works and devoted her last five years to church unity and ending the scandal of rival papacies. Though she experienced the pain of the stigmata, it became visible only after her death at 33. And, in an odd division of relics, her body is in a Roman church, while her head is in a Sieneese church. Named a doctor of the church in 1970, Catherine is a patron saint of Europe and Italy, and the patron of fire prevention, nurses and nursing.

“Take as your example your heavenly patroness, St Catherine, a humble and fearless Dominican tertiary who gave herself unsparingly for the Church. For everyone may this great saint be not only a special protectress but a model to follow on the path of holiness.” —St. John Paul II, October 10, 1999

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Image: Saint Catherine of Siena Receiving the Stigmata, Domenico Beccafumi, J Paul Getty Museum

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 Saturday, 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 5th Sunday of Easter.

Please stay for a long as you are able to.

Deacon Kevin Nester, Administrator:

knester@dioceseaj.org, 628 West 1st Street, 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.

New website:

Website: <http://www.simc1830.com>

Save-the Date: August 1

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.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Pope Francis' Devotion to Sleeping Saint Joseph

“After eight days has passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was named Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. When the time came for purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.” (Lk 2:21-22; 39-40)

In his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, the Pope describes many of St. Joseph's qualities as “a true husband and father, the fiancé who accepted Mary unconditionally and the man in whom Jesus saw the tender love of God.” Pope Francis has a practice of placing his concerns under a statue of Sleeping St. Joseph. He speaks of the saint saying, “Joseph is a man who goes unnoticed, who welcomes the mystery and puts himself at its service, never putting himself at the center, but who resolves things that are impossible.”

This devotion to the Sleeping Joseph was made public by Pope Francis while on a Papal visit in 2015 to the Philippines at a meeting with families in Manila. “Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church! Yes!” June 12, 2015, Valerie Schmalz, CSF, Catholic San Francisco; <https://catholic-sf.org/news/pope-francis-popularizes-devotion-to-sleeping-st-joseph>.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

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

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.

TAKE OUT SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Knights of Columbus of St. John's Parish in New Baltimore is sponsoring a **TAKE OUT** Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 16th 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 or call 814-733-2210. Please leave your name, phone number, preferred time of pick-up and the number of adult and child orders. Meals may be picked up at St. John's Hall in New Baltimore. Payment should be made at time of pick-up.

WALK-INS are also welcome!

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 25 - Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us.

This month, through your gifts, your St. Vincent de Paul Conference brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by helping a few local food pantries with food and financial contributions through your 40 Cans donations, giving aide to the elderly, homebound, homeless, and expectant and single mothers with your Care Package Donations and by assisting those individuals and families in need with the essential and fundamental help that they desperately needed.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!

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 anyway 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 Shop.

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 7th Avenue, Altoona. Thank you and God Bless

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NEW BOOK: "The Catholic Faith in Easy Term"
Missionary Disciples of Jesus the Good Shepherd

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