

# 5TH SUNDAY *of Easter*

May 15, 2022

## *St. Rose of Lima Church*



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## PASTOR'S CORNER

**RENEW, REPAIR, REJOICE!** – We have begun our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign. And in the very week that our letter went out to parishioners, the contractors arrived to begin work in the sanctuary of the church. Please pardon any inconvenience, or extra dust around the church! Already some parishioners have responded with generous contributions to our efforts! Pledges can be placed in the collection or mailed to the rectory. Additional brochures, pledge cards and envelopes can be found in the vestibule!

**IT IS STILL THE EASTER SEASON** - There are many ways you can make Eastertide a very special time of year for you and your family. Here are three easy ways to make the most of the Easter season:

**1. READ THE EASTER PASSAGES OF THE BIBLE.** Many of us are more familiar with the account of Our Lord's Passion than the accounts of Jesus' Resurrection and appearances to his disciples! We should have these joyous events imprinted in our hearts and minds—after all, the Resurrection is so important that St. Paul said *“our faith is in vain without it (1 Corinthians 15:14)!”* This season, take some time to sit down and read—as you are able—the passages toward the end of each gospel which tell of Jesus' resurrection. Further, read the Book of Acts to learn about the transformation of the Apostles from cowardly men to fearless men.

**2. SPREAD EASTER CHEER.** Keep yourself in the Easter spirit by keeping your home decorated! Fill your house with the lovely fragrance of fresh flowers. Keep a beautiful bouquet in the kitchen, on the dining room table, and in each bedroom in honor of the Resurrection of Jesus and a sign of hope in our own resurrection. Give flowers to your loved ones to grace their homes as well in honor of the Easter solemnity. Some have suggested that you decorate your home by draping white sashes on all your crosses and crucifixes, thus reminding your family that the joy of this season goes beyond Easter Sunday. And of course, have your Easter eggs and chocolate out for all to share.

**3. INCREASE YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION.** The fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday is a great time to pray for the Holy Spirit to fill and transform your life, just as He did for the Apostles when they were living in fear in the Upper Room. The beautiful, simple prayers of the novena to the Holy Spirit are a great way to foster a devotion specifically to the Holy Spirit this Easter season. Renew your own baptismal promises by bringing Holy Water into your home and using it regularly. The second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore this devotion is tied in a special way to the Easter season. And if you are able, attend a daily Mass or two during this beautiful season, and pray daily the Glorious mysteries of the Rosary. **KEEP THE JOY ALIVE!**

**1 OUT OF 168** - An hour weekly is not too much to give to God! As the summer months are approaching, it is important to be reminded of our responsibility to attend Mass regularly. The whole Church gathers on Sunday (or Saturday evening) to celebrate the Eucharist because it is the Lord's Day, the day of the Resurrection. Our whole faith centers on the Lord's Day and this celebration of the Eucharist. By being faithful to our Sunday Mass obligation, we are in effect saying that worship of the Lord is the most important thing in our life. Regular Mass attendance is not something the Church has just made up. This has always been the sense of the Faith. God never takes a vacation in his love for us! Nor should we take a vacation in our love for Him!

**MARY, QUEEN OF MARTYRS:** As you process to the front of the church, on the right-hand side, next to the window honoring Mary Queen of All Saints, you come upon the window honoring Mary, Queen of Martyrs! This title for Mary is found in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, approved by papal authority in 1587. Early tradition had maintained that the Virgin's suffering as she witnessed the birth, ministry and passion of her son brought her into a special relationship with his redemptive mission. The image of God the Father holding the body of Christ crucified (called the throne of grace), and the image of Mary holding the body of her son on her lap after he is taken down from the cross, both responded to a Christian need to create a human entry into meditation on divine mysteries. The central image of Mary as Queen of Martyrs emphasizes her strength in bearing up under intense psychological suffering. Mary's fortitude confirms the belief in the power of the Holy Spirit as comforter of the universal church!

**GETTING OUT THE WORD!** – Among the many items on our Parish Finance Council agenda last week was a suggestion that our large brick sign along 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue be removed, and that a new more visible sign replace it. We added this to our Wish List” for our *Renew! Repair! Rejoice! Campaign*. On a temporary basis, we will be erecting a two- sided sign that will be visible to traffic, which will include our Mass and confession times! We want everyone to know who we are and when we worship, with an invitation to join us!

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

Sun. May 15 - Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Wed. May 18 - 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



**Monday, May 16**

8:30 a.m.  
†Mary Jean Stein (*Shedlock Family*)

**Tuesday, May 17**

8:30 a.m.  
†Gene Bettwy (*Vi and Family*)

**Wednesday, May 18 - Memorial of Saint John I, Pope, Martyr**

8:30 a.m.  
†Elsie Massimilla (*Massimilla Family*)

**Thursday, May 19**

8:30 a.m.  
†Lucia Orsena MacLaughlin (*Rose Nasaralia*)

**Friday, May 20**

8:30 a.m.  
†Lillian Hallinan (*Mary Engelman*)

**Saturday, May 21 - Vigil of Sixth Sunday of Easter**

4:00 p.m.  
†Christine Stoltz (*Fromknecht Family*)

**Sunday, May 22 - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People  
10:30 a.m.  
†Dr. Adam Trybus (*Wife & Family*)

**THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY:**

The Rosary will be recited before all weekend Masses during the month of May. Please come and join in this beautiful celebration to Mary.



**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:** Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?

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**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
May 8, 2022**

Regular	\$6,979.00	Loose	\$2,559.00
Children's	\$35.00	Parish Life	\$46.00
Christmas Club	\$20.00	Mixed	\$1,299.00
Holy Trinity	\$60.00	Ascension	\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$165.00	Catholic Home Mission	\$100.00
Easter	\$125.00	Total	\$11,508.00

**2022 Catholic Ministries Drive**

January 1st, 2022 to April 30th, 2022

Goal \$42,716

Gifts/Pledges \$14,617

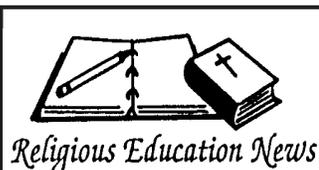
**Renew! Repair! Rejoice!**

Payments/Donations \$1,700

Pledge Payments Committed (Not yet received) \$500

Total Payments/Pledges/Donations \$ 2,200

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Today's readings contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian Stewards. What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life. It sounds so simple, but does not mean easy. How exactly is Jesus calling us to love? As He, Himself, loved. That is a tall order. Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. And in the midst of living these inevitable challenging moments this way of life entails, we can be assured that the Lord who loves us so much that He died for us established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment. As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter Season. "This is how you will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). How can you respond to Jesus this week by giving of your time, talent, and treasure? (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/04/18)



**2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION K THROUGH 11**

We are now accepting Registration Forms for next year. Forms can be found in the back of the church. Please complete the form - front and back - and return it with your check payable to Saint Rose of Lima. You can drop the form in the collection basket or return it to the rectory.

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

Our Lady saved me from despair. It was the greatest danger I was facing. People like us always have plenty of faith and charity. But often we lack hope...

Imagine that for eighteen months I could not pronounce the words: "Our Father ... Thy will be done!" I couldn't say it because I couldn't accept his will. It was dreadfully frightening. We can't just repeat prayers absentmindedly. We really need to mean what we are saying.

So I prayed to Mary. Prayers to Mary are prayers to fall back on. There are no Marian prayers in the whole liturgy, not one, mind you, that even the most pathetic sinner can't say. In the mechanism of salvation, the Ave Maria is the last resort we have. With it, no one can be lost.

*Charles Peguy (France 1873 – 1914)*

**ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:** The Carmelite Community of the Word sisters will hold our Annual Golf Tournament “in person” on Friday, June 3, 2022 at Scotch Valley Country Club. This year our tournament will begin at 9:00 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. We will provide a continental breakfast in the morning, and after your round of golf, a BBQ picnic lunch will be served outdoors, followed by awards and an auction. Cost is \$425 for a foursome; \$125 for individual golfers. If you would like to attend the lunch and auction but not golf, that is \$15. Final deadline for Registration is May 25. To register, or for more information, contact Kelli Murphy at 814-886-4098 or email at [communityofficeccw@gmail.com](mailto:communityofficeccw@gmail.com). Come and join us, this event has proven to be a fun day for all!

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Congratulation to all the graduates from Kindergarten Religious Education Class at St. Rose of Lima.

Good Luck Next Year!

Have a Happy and Safe Summer!

From: Mrs. Jennifer Crum-Waite, Mr. Matthew Waite, and Mrs. Jennifer Zupon

**2021 – 2022**

**Kindergarten Graduates:**

- Michael Cunningham
- Max Fredericks
- Sophia Kacra
- Neila Clayton
- Izzy Nardozza

**Special Thank You** to the Students and Siblings that helped in the graduation mass.

- Jenna Zeak
- Macy Zeak
- Michael Nardozza
- Dominic Nardozza
- Arianna Fredericks
- Aaliyah Funtal-Noel

**Readings for the Week of May 15, 2022**

**Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35

**Monday** Acts 14: 5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday** Acts 14: 19-28; Ps 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14: 27-31a

**Wednesday Memorial of Saint John I, Pope, Martyr**

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday Memorial of Saint Christopher Magalanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

**WELGE SCHOLARSHIP:** Students registered at Blair County Parishes who will be college juniors or seniors this fall may apply to receive one of four \$500 grants from the Adelaide Welge Scholarship Endowment. Please visit the “Grants & Scholarships” page of the Independent Catholic Foundation website ([www.icfoundation.us](http://www.icfoundation.us)) to download an application, which should be returned to the Foundation no later than 4:00 PM, Wednesday, June 8. Award recipients will be notified in July and announced on the Foundation’s Facebook page.

**St. Rose of Lima Prayer List**

It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the sick. If you know of someone in the parish who is ill or has passed away and in need of prayers, please call the office (814-944-8509) or email Becky Reed at [breed@dioceseaj.org](mailto:breed@dioceseaj.org) to add their name to the prayer list.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:

- Erma Anthony • Matilda Capouellez • Farr Family**
- Frank and Rosemarie Fochler • Garman Family**
- Housum Family • Kelly Mullegan Kline**
- Carmie Maniglia • Rose Nasralla**
- Joe and Carole Reilly • Mona Streilein**
- Carole Zonfrilli**

*Please respect the person’s right to privacy and secure permission before placing a name on the Prayer List.*

When a person recovers, please call the office and have their name removed from the list.

**MASS FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS TO BE TELEVISED:** Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 29, 2022 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will 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](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org). When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is Tuesday, May 24, 2022. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

**SUMMER OUTDOOR MASSES:** All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our outdoor Masses every **Sunday evening at 7 PM** at the beautiful **Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies**. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated May 29th! Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- September 4, 2022. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The Chapel House of Father Demetrius Gallitzin is not open for personal tours. However, we will be open for visiting hours this summer. The hours that one may visit the Chapel House are: June 5, June 19, July 17, July 31, August 14, and August 28 from 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

**MAY DAYS** at the Basilica of St. Michael - May 28th and 29th at Our Lady of Loretto Hall – Live entertainment, Cinch Tournament (Call Mag 674-2631 to join) basket auction, flea market, silent auction, food, and beverages. Saturday, 4pm-8pm and Sunday, 11am-3pm. Everyone is welcome!



**Next Sunday, May 22**  
**In the Maria Parish Center**  
**following the 10:30 AM Mass**  
**Our parish picnic will start our**  
**preparations for our 100th**  
**Anniversary in August 2024.**  
**Please make plans to attend**  
**Mass and the picnic.**

**St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for May 15: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another.... This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**Every time you help someone in need you show that you have love for one another, especially those suffering and poor, and that indeed you are the disciple of Jesus.**

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!

**May Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

*For faith-filled young people*

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEXT WEEK**

**Saturday, May 21 4:00 PM**

Nancy H. Little *Lector*

NOT FILLED *Lector*

Martin Kooman *Eucharistic Minister*

**Sunday, May 22 8:00 AM**

Paul Cooney *Lector*

Carolyn Kline *Lector*

Mary Ann Eberhart *Eucharistic Minister*

**Sunday, May 22 10:30 AM**

Mary Eiman *Lector*

Deborah Kawtoski *Lector*

Kitty Zelnosky *Eucharistic Minister*

**Wednesday, May 25 7:00 PM**

Deborah Kawtoski *Lector*

Helen Mirenda *Lector*

Theresa Knob *Eucharistic Minister*

**Thursday, May 26 8:30 AM**

Charles Wolf *Lector*

NOT FILLED *Lector*

Mary Engleman *Eucharistic Minister*

**Thursday, May 26 7:00 PM**

Michael Nazaruk *Lector*

NOT FILLED *Lector*

NOT FILLED *Eucharistic Minister*