

LITURGY – March 30 – April 7

HOLY SATURDAY **EASTER VIGIL**
8:00 p.m. March 30
Edward & Mary Bacca
by Fred Bacca

EASTER SUNDAY **March 31**
9:00 a.m. All Members of the Parish

MONDAY **April 1**
8:30 a.m. Gil Conklin
by Mr. & Mrs. John Purpura

TUESDAY **April 2**
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY **April 3**
8:30 a.m. Ann Marie Brown
by Husband & Family

THURSDAY **April 4**
8:30 a.m. Rae Barkman
by Family

FRIDAY **April 5**
8:30 a.m. Bob Harclerode
By Carol Harclerode

3:00 p.m. **EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR**

SATURDAY **April 6**
5:30 p.m. All Members of the Parish

SUNDAY **April 7**
9:00 a.m. Anthony T. McDonnell
By McDonnell Family

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Edward Garvis who died this week.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: “Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.”- COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia” Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

PRAYER LIST: Tim Kiser, Bob Myers, Ron and Sally Perrin, Mitch Durst, Jessica Gray, Bryan Wilt, Gary Schetrompf, Judy Mardis, Janice Heming, Bill Wigfield, Dianne Hush, Danielle Henry, Loyd Johnson, Suzanne Porsch, Chaddie Kidd, Jen Horne, Nancy Pennel, Doreen Spargo, Mary Belle Zelanko, Rose Marie Stoeffler, James Bernarding, Dorothy Rupert, Shirley Smith, Linda Stubler, James Ford, Janine Anna, Calvin Amick, Tom Jaber, Kathleen Tomkosky, Caden Davis, Jane Cunard, Peggy Scritchfield, Bob Will, Kathleen Yingling, Shirley Hoffman, Tara Musselman, River Troutman, Sue Durr, Richard Koontz, Anne and Casmir Majcher, Joette Reid, Terry Young, Hope Burkett, J.B. Whisker, Pat Young, Rose and Ben Feight, Helen Snyder, and Nancy Stolarski .
(Please call to add or remove a name once the person is recovered or no longer in need of special prayer. If you are placing someone other than a family member on the list, please be sure to have their permission first.)

SUNDAY OFFERING	
March 24, 2024	
Weekly:	\$1,692.00
Thank You!	

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2024: This year’s theme is *Encountering Christ*. During this time of our Eucharistic Revival, *Encountering Christ* through our *Catholic Ministries Drive* is an invitation to grow in your relationship with Christ and to open your heart to serve Him through serving our brothers and sisters. Our Catholic Ministries Drive supports 10 ministries throughout our diocese. All contributions over our parish **quota of \$10,167.00** will be used for our project of refurbishing the area around the bell tower. You should receive a letter from the bishop soon.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: *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.* Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy. **The generosity of St. John’s parishioners and donors provided special Easter meals for 12 Bedford County families in need. Thank you! May you have a blessed Easter!**

If you know someone in crisis refer them to St. Vincent de Paul, 814-979-0272. We care and want to help

LADIES OF ST. JOHN: The next meeting will be Wednesday, **April 10 at 7 p.m.** in the social hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

A NOTE FROM FR. FAIRMAN: My thanks to everyone who made our Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum special. I appreciate our servers and readers. I appreciate our choir and their dedication from Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday. I appreciate those who contributed to the banners. My thanks to everyone who contributed to the Easter flowers! Be sure of my prayers for everyone during this Easter season. Please pray for Elle Wilson, who will be confirmed this Tuesday, April 2.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

EASTER SUNDAY is the preeminent Sunday reminding us of why we celebrate Mass and worship the Lord throughout the year. “Alleluia” is the word for the day. Sing or repeat it to yourself often as you go through the day’s festivities. The Church considers every Sunday in the year a commemoration of Easter

ALLELUIA is from Hebrew meaning “Praise the Lord.” It is a special acclamation of joy in the Easter Season.

EASTER DUTY: Having received First Communion, every Catholic in the United States must receive communion at least once a year during Easter which is from the First Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday.

EASTER SEASON is the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John “did not know” what to do. In family life there are confusing moments when “we don’t know” what to do. Like the apostles we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.



RAFFLE TICKETS: Thanks to all who stopped by for raffle tickets last weekend. Parish sales are on par with our participation last year. We're hoping to surpass 2023 sales by 10% (that's about 24 additional ticket sales). With your ongoing support we should make it. Tickets will again be available before April 20/21 masses. However, tickets are always available by contacting Pat at 717-679-2081. And remember, any tickets taken home to sell need to be returned with money by late May, so there's plenty of time to support this fundraiser outside the church. Many thanks to everyone! And, GOOD LUCK to all ticket holders.

THE ST. MONICA CLUB: The next meeting is **Wed., April 10, at 1 p.m.** in the social hall. New participants are always welcome. Copies of the book are available.

EVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BACKPACK

PROGRAM: Our parish continues to support this program that provides supplemental food for weekends and holidays to students whose families are suffering food insufficiencies. A list of suggested food items is on the bulletin board above the collection bin. Please donate.

The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown proudly presents:

DR. EDWARD SRI

A nationally recognized theologian and speaker, for a 2 day event celebrating the national eucharistic revival.

Mount Aloysius College

Athletic Convocation and Wellness Center
7373 Admiral Perry Highway, Cresson, PA 16630

Friday, April 19 from 7-9:30 PM for High School, College and Young Adults. Topics: Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love (incorporating the Art of Living) and When You Pray: Trust, Surrender and the Transformation of Your Soul.

Saturday, April 20 from 9 AM -12:30 PM for the general public. Topics: Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ; When You Pray: Trust, Surrender and the Transformation of Your Soul, and Vibrant Faith in a Secular Age.

REGISTER TODAY

There is no cost to attend but registration is required online (recommended) at WWW.DIOCESEAJ.ORG or mail in form available at each parish. Direct questions to Sr. Linda LaMagna lamagna@dioceseaj.org or phone 814-742-7894

EASTER – NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

The celebration of Christ’s Resurrection is the oldest and most solemn feast of the liturgical year. The Resurrection is recorded in the Gospels and proclaimed in the New Testament particularly by St. Paul, who wrote that without the Resurrection, “your faith has been in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:14)