

LITURGY – April 12 – April 20
SATURDAY April 12
5:30 p.m. All Members of the Parish

SUNDAY April 13
9:00 a.m. Angeline Grover
by Fred & Margaret Grover

MONDAY April 14
8:30 a.m. Vivian Dampf
by Carol Harclerode

TUESDAY April 15
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY April 16
8:30 a.m. Therese Karns
by Terry & Marty Runion

HOLY THURSDAY April 17
7:00 p.m. Eileen & Leo O’Brien
by Family

GOOD FRIDAY April 18
8:30 a.m. NO MASS
3:00 p.m. SERVICE OF THE PASSION

HOLY SATURDAY April 19
8:00 p.m. All Members of the Parish

EASTER SUNDAY April 20
9:00 a.m. Ann Marie Brown
by Husband & Family

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: In today’s Gospel the multitude of Jesus’ disciples proclaimed: “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest.” Our joy can be expressed in the Triduum Prayer: Almighty God, you gather your Church in solemn celebration of the mystery of our Redemption. Open our hearts and minds as we remember the dying and the rising of Jesus so that we may appreciate more deeply the mystery of our own baptism. May these days remind us that we are not alone in our suffering nor without hope. May the joy we share strengthen us to be witnesses of the Gospel throughout the year. We ask this in the name of your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

PRAYER LIST: Joseph Batenga, Judy Lowry, Anne Jones, Don Hoenstine, Billy Clapper, Bob Marko, Bob Will, Richard Heming, Harvey Bennett, Kyle Foust, James McDonnell, Adam Wright, Jim Buchanan, Jim Macy, Tim Kiser, Bob Myers, Ron and Sally Perrin, Mitch Durst, Judy Mardis, Janice Heming, Bill Wigfield, Dianne Hush, Danielle Henry, Suzanne Porsch, Chaddie Kidd, Nancy Pennel, Doreen Spargo, Mary Belle Zelanko, Rose Marie Stoeffler, James Bernarding, Shirley Smith, Linda Stubler, James Ford, Janine Anna, Caden Davis, Jane Cunard, Kathleen Yingling, River Troutman, Richard Koontz, Anne and Casmir Majcher, Joette Reid, Hope Burkett, J.B. Whisker, Pat Young, Rose 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	
April 6, 2025	
Weekly:	\$1,755.00
Local Needs:	\$225.00
CMD Project:	\$520.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$36.00

HOLY WEEK COLLECTIONS: This week on Holy Thurs. is the collection for local needs to be given to St. Vincent de Paul Society. On Good Friday is the collection for the Holy Lands. This collection funds the care of the holy places and helps the Christians who live in the holy lands.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2025: This year’s theme is “Follow Me.” The fund supports 10 Ministries throughout the diocese which fall into 3 categories: evangelization, serving those in need, and formation of our priests and deacons. You should have received a letter with a donation card. This year’s goal for our parish is 10,600. Everything over this goal is returned to us.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: 814-979-0272
Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

Thanks to the generosity of our parish members and the faithful anonymous donor, St. Vincent de Paul was able to provide Easter food vouchers to 15 Bedford County families in need. Your donations brough the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: By Bud Ozar
In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as “one who serves.” Selfless service defines a family as Christian.



NOTES FROM FATHER FAIRMAN

- To answer a question many people ask: this week is **Palm Sunday**, and we will be receiving new palms-*so what do we do with the old blessed palms? We need to bury them or burn them, not throw them in the trash, since they are blessed. I will have a receptacle for them in the vestibule this Sunday. That also applies to any thing that is blessed: rosaries, scapulars, broken crucifixes, religious statues, etc.*
- I encourage all parishioners to try to come to the special **Holy Week Liturgical Services: On Monday, April 14, at 11 AM**, the diocesan **Chrism Mass** will take place at the **Blessed Sacrament Cathedral** in Altoona - all are invited to attend; here at St. John's, on **Holy Thursday**, the Mass of the **Lord's Supper** will be at **7 PM** followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until **10 PM** - if you can't come to the Mass at least try to come and spend some time in adoration of our Eucharistic Lord; on **Good Friday** will be the celebration of the **LORD'S PASSION at 3 PM**; on **Holy Saturday** the Mass of the **Easter Vigil** will be at **8:00 PM**; and finally on **Easter Sunday** Mass will be at **9 AM**.
- Starting **Good Friday** is the annual **Novena to Our Lord's Divine Mercy**. It is a time of special graces. I will have pamphlets out in the vestibule, so that you can participate, which I hope you will. I will personally lead the special novena prayer and Divine Mercy Chaplet after the **3 PM service of the Passion on Good Friday**; after that please pray the novena on your own the rest of the nine days.

LADIES OF ST. JOHN: The next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 14 at 4 p.m.** in the social hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Tickets can always be obtained by notifying Pat via text or phone at 717-679-2018 or by emailing WINTERS3089@gmail.com.

THE ST. MONICA CLUB: The next meeting is **Wed., April 23, at 1 p.m.** in the social hall. New participants are always welcome. Copies of the book are available.

SINCERE THANKS: To all who contributed to making the Lenten Soup Supper Series an inspirational and enjoyable experience: the speakers who brought words of encouragement and hope, the attendees who contributed to the camaraderie and fellowship of the evenings, and those who made the meal preparation, set-up, and clean-up possible.

Soup is comfort, nourishment, and warmth for the soul.

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: **"We must fan the flame of Hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart, and far-sighted vision."**

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM POPE FRANCIS: The Pope has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps express our solidarity with the God's people in the Holy Land. It helps to promote peace in the most fundamental ways by supporting parishes, schools, Christian shrines and the holy places where the Lord Jesus has accomplished our redemption. Please be generous.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD: Please join the Cresson Catholic Community for this international exhibition designed and created by Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, who will be canonized on April 27. Location for all activities associated with this exhibition from April 27 through April 30 will be at St. Aloysius Community Center, 7911 Admiral Peary Highway, Cresson. For a schedule of events, please see poster on the bulletin board.

SUMMER VACATION RAFFLE: At Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona is sponsoring a raffle to benefit their parish activities. This is an opportunity to win a week's beach vacation at Emerald Isle in North Carolina.

First prize: choice of one week stay during peak season or off season.

Second Prize: a week during the season not chosen by the first prize winner.

Tickets are \$50.00 each and only 300 will be sold. Tickets may be purchased after every parish mass or by calling the St. Rose rectory at 814-944-8509. The drawing is June 1!

