

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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April 22, 2018

*See what love the Father
has bestowed on us
that we may be called the
children of God.*

— 1 John 3:1

Our Lady of Fatima

*Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.*

April 22, 2018

**55th Annual World Day of
Prayer for Vocations**

**Pray a rosary for more
young men and women to
respond to God's call.**

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

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Rectory Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM

Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary

Carol Z. Smith

**Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.**

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held
at Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
the Cathedral. 944-4603**

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
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healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
make arrangements. 944-4603**

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**Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday**

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Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM

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10:00 AM

12:00 Noon

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5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

5:00 PM

12:00 Noon

April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: Pasqua in Italian, Pâques in French, Paach in Dutch, Pascha in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (Pascha Domini) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule.

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SILENCE

Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with God.

—St. Vincent Pallotti

AT WORK

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.

—Anonymous

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On Sunday, April 22, 2018 the Church throughout the world prays for vocations.

- *Please make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood & religious life!*
- *Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.*
- *Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.*
- *Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.*
- *Pray a rosary for more young men and women to respond to God's call.*
- *Spread the word, encouraging young men, aged 17-40, who are discerning God's call to Religious Life and Priesthood to answer through life as a Diocesan Priest.*

APRIL 22, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Act 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Today's Intention - Genevieve Musto

Readings: Act 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

April 29 Frances Kasun (Steve and Robyn Kasun)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

April 23, Monday: Saint George and Saint Adalbert

Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

6:45 AM Poor Souls

8:00 AM Jack Bauer (Rosemarie Fedeli)

12:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Ken and Kathie Civils)

April 24, Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Bp & Mtr.

Readings: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

6:45 AM Jim & Peggy Mullen (Daughters Nancy & Skip)

8:00 AM Joanna Tetanich (Matt Wood Family)

12:00 PM Joanne Barrett (Pat Rhoads)

April 25, Wednesday: Saint Mark, Evangelist

Readings: Acts 1 Pt 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20

6:45 AM Joseph A. Moffa, Birth. (Estate)

***8:00 AM David Riley (Carol Riley)**

12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Mary Ann Bell)

April 26, Thursday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

***6:45 AM Bebe Milliron (Patty Geis)**

8:00 AM Angela Chadwick (Jane Davidson & Family)

12:00 PM Juan Mendez (Hector Ortiz)

7:00 PM Confirmation

April 27, Friday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

6:45 AM Monsignor Thomas Madden (Estate)

8:00 AM Lorraine Marasco, Ann. (Marasco/Campbell)

12:00 PM Jack Leiden (Wife)

April 28, Saturday: Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis deMontfort

Readings: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

8:00 AM John Moloney, Anniversary (Family)

12:00 PM Anna Marie Mullen, Anniv. (Aunt Louise)

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Act 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

5:00 PM Diane M. Johnston, Birth. (Mother)

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on
Me a Sinner*

*Please Remember Our Sick and our Shut-ins in
your Daily prayers.*

APRIL 22, 2018

Scripture Reflection

In John's Gospel, Jesus extends to his disciples the same relationship he has with the Father. Just as Jesus and his Father are one, so Jesus and his disciples are one. Unity at the deepest level was the result of the resurrection. It was not controversial among the first Christians to claim that Jesus had risen from the dead. Opinions varied only when the discussion turned to the resurrection's significance. In today's Gospel reading, John the Evangelist shares his understanding of the resurrection. By taking up his life again, Jesus demonstrates his oneness with the Father. Nothing can be taken away from those who share the Father's love.

John makes this claim vigorously throughout his Gospel. Because of the Father's love, Jesus loses nothing. In spite of his ignominious death, his followers only grow in number, his mission only expands and his life grows ever stronger as more and more people receive a share of his spirit. In John's mind, the resurrection vindicates Jesus' claim to speak with the Father's voice and act with the Father's power. Death had no dominion over him.

Jesus compares the Pharisees to hired men who see in the flock only a source of income. By contrast, Jesus was the good shepherd, who knew each sheep by name. Jesus knew the disciples the way the Father knew him. Through love, the Father taught Jesus every dream he had for creation; through their unity, Jesus found the power to bring the Father's vision to life. Just so, Jesus teaches his disciples everything the Father taught him, and in his Spirit we have what we need to bring that dream to life.

Like Jesus, we are people from whom nothing can be taken away. If we stay busy about Christ's mission, no matter what trials we face, our Good Shepherd will restore us and bring us home again. Like Jesus, we offer our lives to the Father only to receive them back again, restored and filled with diving energy.

- How do you live your faith celebrating the unity with Jesus, the Good Shepherd?

The Serra Club of Cambria County invites you to the *Bishop's Night for Vocations* dinner on Friday, May 11, 2018 at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, 728 Ben Franklin Highway, Ebensburg, PA. A social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner follows at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored jointly by the Serra Club and the Diocesan Vocation Office. The theme for the event is: "Listening, Discerning, Living." Guest speak is Sister Joseph Andrew, Vocation Director of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

Tickets can be purchased by calling: Marjorie Lechene at (814) 255-9797 or (814) 241-3736.

F.I.R.E. CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, APRIL 22, IN THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH HALL FROM 6:15 TO 8:30 PM. THIS WILL BE THE FINAL FIRE CLASS. ALL SERVICE HOURS ARE DUE AT THIS CLASS.

The Charismatic Prayer group will meet for Mass this Monday, April 23, at 7:00 P.M. Father Bob Hilz, TOR will be the celebrant.

The Prayer Group will meet again on Monday, May 14, at 7:00 PM, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for a Healing Mass. Father Bill Kiel, will be the celebrant. "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Music led by Cathedral Prayer Group Music Ministry. All are welcome!

2018 Catholic Ministries Drive (Goal = 9602, Cash received = 5955, To reach Goal = 3647)

Thank You to every one who pledged or are making payments to this appeal. We only need 37% to make this year's goal.

The Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will be held Thursday, April 26th @ 7:00 P.M. Our Lady of Fatima students: Ian Brannan, Cassidy McKnight, and Elizabeth Stitt will receive the Sacrament from The Most Rev. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak. Please pray for these young folks that they may keep the Holy Spirit with them for all of their lifetime.

Grief and Loss Support Group

This is a ten-week support group for adults, facilitated by Home Nursing Agency's Center for Counseling. It is an opportunity to meet other people who are grieving and share experiences of useful coping strategies. Join us in a safe, supportive and confidential setting to learn about resources and explore the grief process. Wednesdays from May 2 until July 11. Group meets from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Home Nursing Agency Room B, 500 E. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona. For more information and to register, contact Ryan Navarro at 814-940-7425.

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Sunday, May 6th, 2018
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Procession

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For More Info: Call Bill Moore @ (814) 765-0171



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04/27 Linda & Tim Burr

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OF
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Liturgical Reflection...

Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who looks after his flock with love. When a brother or sister dies, the Shepherd watches over the grieving sheep with compassion. At the Funeral Mass the community gathers with the family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ's victory over sin and death. As the priest blesses the casket with holy water at the beginning of the Funeral Mass, the formal prayer acknowledges that the deceased, in the waters of baptism, died with Christ and rose with him to new life. The prayer of the church is that our dead share eternal glory with the Easter Lord. Order of Christian Funerals, 1998/1989, Numbers 129 and 160.

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

April 22

John 10:11-18

Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their parents. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for the children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

4th Sunday of Easter (April 22, 2018)

Good stewards are like good shepherds. Jesus, the good shepherd, willingly offered his own life for us. The perfect model of Christian stewardship is found in the example of Jesus. What are you prepared to offer? It is in our willingness to give of ourselves that we discover a life filled with purpose and meaning – a life of significance.

April 22, 2018

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Catholic Church in the U.S. provided age appropriate safe environment abuse prevention training to more than 4 million children and youth in Catholic Schools and in parish religious education programs. Last year, over 2 million adults were background checked and received safe environment training in the Church. Find out what the Catholic Church has done to protect children and young people from sexual abuse in the 2016 Annual Report: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/upload/2016-Annual-Report.pdf>

Did you know: You cannot always predict who will be an abuser? Experience shows that most abuse is committed by someone who has gained the trust of a victim/survivor and his/her family. With child sexual abuse, sixty percent of the time the offender is a family friend, acquaintance, or another trusted adult in the victim/survivor's life. Thirty percent of the time the offender is a family member. Sometimes an offender seems like the nicest person in the world, but this is often part of a process they use called "grooming" in order to gain the trust of the child they wish to abuse and the trust of his/her family.

Did you know: There are behavioral warning signs of child abusers? Training and education help adults recognize grooming techniques that are precursors to abuse. Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts. Another common grooming technique is to allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, which includes wrestling and tickling. It is also critical to be wary of age-inappropriate relationships, seen, for example, in the adult who is more comfortable with children than fellow adults.

Source: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) www.usccb.org

Please remember the importance of families and communities while working together to prevent child abuse. The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is asking you to become more aware of the signs of child abuse and neglect. Seek out our youth protection awareness and mandated reporting trainings. These are available for the first time advocate or as a refresher course. To learn more about Youth Protection Awareness and Mandated Reporting, please contact Cindy O'Connor at (814) 695-5579, extension 2621 or via email at coconnor@dioceseaj.org.



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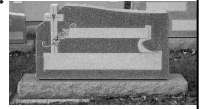
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