



Bishop Kulick's April Faithful Challenge is self-care. Be patient and kind with yourself. Nurturing your spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional health makes you stronger and enables you to better serve others. How we should serve God while taking care of ourselves in evident throughout the New Testament. There are many examples of Jesus spending time in prayer with God and doing so away from the crowds. Couldn't we all focus more on being still? Take time this Easter season to nourish yourself with His word.

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### **Office Hours**

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### Sacraments

### **Mass Times**

Sunday			
8:30 am Ascension Ch	urch		
10:30 am Sacred Heart	Church		
6:00 pm Ascension Ch	urch*		
Monday			
8:00 am Sacred Heart	Church		
Tuesday			
6:15 pm Ascension Ch	urch		
Wednesday			
8:00 am Ascension Ch	urch		
Thursday			
8:00 am Ascension Ch	urch		
Friday			
8:00 am Sacred Heart	Church		
Saturday			
4:30 pm Ascension Ch	urch		
Confession & Reconciliation			
Wednesday			
4:30 pm Ascension Ch	urch		
Friday			
2:00 pm Sacred Heart	Church		
* Mass in Spanish			

# Joyful Congratulations

Our community lifts our children in praise and thanksgiving as they joyfully celebrate their First Eucharist, this Sunday, April 23. We rejoice with you and your families!

Our Communicants are:

Jason Chuqui

Ella Jean Cycak

Capri Hope DiPietro

**Roland James Dopkowski** 

Ariana Grace Engle

Siena Nichole Gajski

Khai Mardonio Koschack

Kaitlyn Isabella Marshall

# Confirmation Practice Teen/Family Reminder

All teens set to receive their Confirmation are reminded of our practice, Sunday, May 7, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in North Huntingdon.

Practice is slated for 6:30 PM and your sponsor should be present with you. If your sponsor is unable to attend, you must attend with a parent who can rely the directions/message to your sponsor. This practice is vital and families must make every effort to be present.

Please let Elisa Esasky know if you have any questions between now and the first week of May. Email eesasky@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

# Third Sunday of Easter Reflection

### Christ Remains Present—Allison Gingras

A powerful thread of truth runs through each of today's Easter season readings: Jesus resurrected. "God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses" (Acts 2:32). The Apostles testified to this raising of Jesus, but also, and maybe even more powerful is the testimony of those who did not want this truth to be known. Scholars often refer to the latter as "hostile witnesses." People, who could not deny what they saw but did not wish to perpetuate the following of Christ, become witnesses to the majesty of God. Fascinating how differently the world perceives the history of secular nature from that of religion. We possess many history books filled with events, teachings, and speeches; we do not doubt nor question; we trust what was seen and recorded has been done so accurately. And it is taught from generation to generation.

Yet, how few believe "God raised this Jesus." The Resurrection opened heaven to those "who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory so that your faith and hope are in God." St. Peter reminds us to hold fast to this truth so that our hope and faith remain with God. The testimony of those who saw, spoke, and ate with

the Risen Lord, provides us a confident hope in the Good News. No one, but One, has ever claimed to be the Son of God and then rose from the dead. Two Thousand years later, we are still speaking of his salvific work upon the cross, still representing those moments upon altars across the world, still worshiping and singing praises.

The 24th Chapter of Luke's Gospel includes the Walk to Emmaus. Jesus journeyed alongside these disciples, but they did not recognize him. He is still with us today, a true and ever-present companion. How often do we fail to recognize Jesus in our midst? In the Emmaus encounter, in the breaking of bread, "their eyes were opened and they recognized him" (Luke 24:31). Jesus offers the faithful that same wondrous opportunity at each and every Mass to be present at the blessing and breaking of the bread. To experience the burning of our hearts as the Scriptures are opened, and Jesus is made truly present - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity - in the Eucharist. When the disciples encountered Jesus on the road, they urged him to stay with

them. Through God's mystical, remarkable workings, which we will never compre-

hend this side of heaven, Jesus remains with us still at every Consecration, in every Tabernacle, and within the heart of those who receive him in the Eucharist.

# Cemetery News

### Dear Parishioners,

At this time, the prices will be raised at all three cemeteries entrusted to Sacred Heart Church.

With the rising cost of supplies, grass cutting, snow removal, etc., this needs to be done. Prices at the cemeteries have not been increased since 2016. The new prices will take effect on June 1, 2023.

Currently, the cost per grave is \$950 with the pre-need endowment (perpetual care) being \$200 and the at-need endowment being \$300. The new price per grave will be \$1,100 with the pre-need endowment being \$300 and the at-need endowment being \$400. If you have any questions concerning the cemeteries, please call Mary Jane at 724-523-5260, ext. 10.

Scripture Readings		Friday	Memorial of St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr & St Louis Mary de Montfort, Priest		
The Week of A Sunday	April 23, 2023 Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35	Saturday	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59 Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn		
Monday	Memorial of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 26-27, 29- 30; Jn 6:22-29	Sunday	6:60-69 <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10		
Tuesday	Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20	Readings a <u>bible.uscc</u> k	re available at		
Wednesday Thursday	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40 Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44- 51				

Coming Up in Our Parishes

### St. Anthony Novena

Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 pm, at Ascension Church.

### K of C, 1222, Business Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, at 7:30 pm, in Council Meeting Room.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesday, April 26, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, at Ascension Church. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm, Confessions at 4:30 pm, Vespers at 5:30 pm, followed by Benediction.

### Catholic Book Study

Wednesday, April 26, 6:15 pm in Mersinger Hall.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Friday, April 28, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, at Sacred Heart Church. Confessions at 2:00 pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm, followed by Benediction.

### K of C Bingo

Friday, April 28, Doors open at 6:00 pm in Mersinger Hall.



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### Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 2 3:00 pm	2 • Easter Weekday ConfessionsASC			
4:30 pm	Mike Yuhas			
	(Wife Merlene & Family) ASC			
• •	<ul> <li>Third Sunday of Easter</li> </ul>			
8:30 am	Living & Deceased Members Of Our ParishesASC			
10:30 am	Leonard Drury (Marcel & Sharon Jaffre)SH			
6:00 pm	Por la Salud de Morena Lovo (Jessica Lara) ASC			
Monday, April 24	4 • Easter Weekday			
8:00 am	Joe & Mina Materna <i>(Dan Wyzkiewicz)</i> SH			
	5 • Saint Mark, Evangelist			
6:15 pm 7:00 pm	Father Eric Vogt, O.S.B ASC St. Anthony Novena (Week 6) ASC			
	il 26 • Easter Weekday			
8:00 am	Harry Golnoski (Wife Linda) ASC			
4:30 pm	Confessions ASC			
	27 • Easter Weekday			
8:00 am	Comunale Family (Family) ASC			
•••••	Easter Weekday			
8:00 am	William Roberts (Jackie & Ron Reese)SH			
2:00 pm	Confessions			
Saturday, April 29 • St. Catherine of Siena				
3:00 pm	Confessions cancelled ASC Living & Deceased Members			
4:30 pm	Of Our Parishes ASC			
Sunday, April 30	Fourth Sunday of Easter			
8:30 am	Deceased Members of K of C # 1222 ASC			
10:30 am	Vivian & Ted Dukworth (Jim & Rod Duckworth)SH			
6:00 pm	Alfred Celani			
Confessions are he	(Silvina Orsatti)ASC eard Monday through Friday from noon to 1:00 pm			
at Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica in Latrobe				

### Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

### James Rinaldi Beverly Antoniak

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

### April—For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

### Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### Thank You!!!

### 2023 DLA Update

As of today's date, Ascension needs less than \$4,000 to reach its Diocesan target, and Sacred Heart has reached their diocesan target and is currently working on its parish target. Thank you to the 42% of the Jeannette Parish Family who have already made their pledge!! And to the 58% who have yet to make their pledge, I ask that you prayerfully consider joining your fellow parishioners in making this appeal a success for the diocese and for the parishes.

### Around the Parishes

### **Pastoral Visitation**

If you have a loved one who is hospitalized, homebound, incarcerated or in a nursing home, please phone or text Fr. Job at 717-875-3369. This is a private line; no one has access to the information except for Fr. Job. If it is an emergency after 9:00 pm, please call 724-532-6754.

#### Homebound Ministry

Holy Communion will be distributed monthly to our homebound parishioners. Please call Rosemary Lewis, 724-523-2159 to schedule a visit.

### **Prayer Chain**

If there are any concerns, needs, or people in your life that you would like to have prayed for, please contact a dedicated group of parishioners who believe in the power of prayer and would love to assist you. Feel free to call Jan Mangan @ 724-523-5645 or Mary Hershberger @ 412-485-8681 to place your prayer request.

### Candles at Sacred Heart

**Blessed Sacrament Tabernacle** April 23—April 29



(Family & Friends) Sacred Heart Chapel (2) April 23-April 29 Jeffrey McKissock



(Family & Friends)

### Our Stewardship Offertory for April 9, 2023

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Ascension	\$2,997.00
Sacred Heart	\$5,361.00

### Easter Offerina, April 9, 2023

Ascen	sion	 	 \$1,8	303.0	0
Sacreo	d Heart	 	 \$2,9	987.0	0

### Attendance for April 9, 2023

8:30 pm	108
8:30 am	220
10:30 am	224
6:00 pm	35

### 2023 DLA Pledges

### As of April 15, 2023

Ascension \$37,562 (90.4% of the Diocesan Target and 79.0% of the Diocesan & Parish Target)

Sacred Heart \$45,926 (100.3% of the Diocesan Target and 82.3% of the Diocesan & Parish Target

Third Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2023

## Around the Diocese

#### Magnificat Breakfast April 29 in Greensburg

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat – A Ministry to Catholic Women will hold a breakfast Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m.-noon at at Rizzo's Banquet Hall, Crabtree. Guest speaker Father John-Mary Tompkins will talk about his faith journey. Cost is \$25 (students \$20). To register, call 724-836-2094 by April 24 or visit <u>www.magnificatgreensburg.com</u> to download a registration form (no online registration).

#### Swing into Spring Crafter's Market

Saint Bruno Rosary Altar Society is hosting a "Swing Into Spring" Crafter's Market. The event will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Saint Bruno Church Hall, 1715 Poplar Street, South Greensburg. The kitchen will be open. There will be a basket raffle with crafter items along with a 50/50. Crafter applications are still being accepted. For more information, please email Beth Iezzi at <u>balwine7@yahoo.com</u>.

#### Annual Diocesan Scout Convocation Mass May 7

The Diocese of Greensburg's Catholic Committee on Scouting invites all members of the scouting family to attend the Diocesan Scout Convocation Mass Sunday, May 7, at 3 p.m. at St. Regis Church, Trafford. Bishop Larry J. Kulick will be the main celebrant for this annual celebration of Catholic Scouting in the Diocese. Catholic Scouts who have completed work on their religious emblems in the past year will be recognized. Units are encouraged to attend as a group and display their unit flags. A light reception will follow. Information on the religious emblems program and on the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will be available. The Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation. No registration is necessary; however, units planning to attend are asked to contact Diocesan Scout Chaplain Father George E. Saletrik at 412-372-4577, ext. 205, or gsaletrik@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

### Annual Faith and Reason Summer Program June 18-24 at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe

Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, will host the 12th annual Faith and Reason Summer Program June 18-24. Students age 15 and older are invited to apply for admission to the program, which introduces young minds to the rich intellectual tradition of the Catholic faith and is designed to prepare students for college-level education. Housing in a college residence hall and three daily meals in the college dining hall are included in the cost (\$495). Limited scholarship funding is available. Students may register at stvincent.edu/faithandreason. For information, contact Dr. Michael Krom at 724-805-2844 or michael.krom@stvincent.edu.

### Bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre's 'Moses' planned June 23

St. Paul Parish, Greensburg, is planning a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater, Lancaster, to see "Moses" Friday, June 23. Cost is \$178 (\$75 deposit due by Friday, March 17. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. The trip will include an Amish-style dinner at Plain & Fancy. Participants can register, pay the deposit and sign waivers at <u>https://scholasticatravel.groupcollect.com/go/15477a</u>. For information, call 724-989-6034.

#### Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct <u>after</u> you have called the Child-Line number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

### Around the Community

#### Jeannette Food Pantry

The next Jeannette Presbyterian Food Pantry food distribution, sponsored through the Westmoreland County Food Bank, is scheduled for April 28. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 am to noon. If you would like to help with this vital ministry to our community, please call the church office for more information (724-523-5427).

#### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive in Mersinger Hall on Thursday, May 4 from noon to 5:30 PM.

#### Jeannette American Legion Bingo

A bingo benefitting "Legion Activities" is taking place on Sunday, May 7. Doors open at 11:30 am and bingo begins at 1:00 pm. Food will be available for purchase courtesy of the Legion Auxiliary. For more information, call the Legion at 724-523-6231.

#### YWCA offers tutoring for reading and writing



The adult basic literacy program at the Greensburg YWCA offers one-on-one tutoring for individuals who may need help with reading and writing skills. The YWCA is looking for students who, after an initial assessments, will make a commitment to the program, and is also seeking volunteer tutors, who must complete training modules before tutoring. For information, contact Paula Egnot at 724-834-9390, ext. 106, or <u>literacy@ywcawestmoreland.org</u>.

### Around the World

#### **CRS Spotlight**

Happy Easter! Thank you to all who participated in CRS Rice Bowl this year! Your Lenten gifts will change the lives of many throughout the world. You can turn in Rice Bowls to your parish or school, or you can make your gift online at <u>www.crs.org</u>. Thank you very much for your support!

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