

Third Sunday of Easter

Fr. Michael says....

First, an announcement that may be helpful for men in our parishes:

A parish accountability group for men who are struggling with pornography will be starting soon. The leader of the group will interview each man who wishes to attend. The meetings will be held weekly and the first year of meetings will go through lessons from a curriculum called the Seven Pillars of Freedom. If you would like to attend, please email:

www.blessedsacrament7pillars@gmail.com

When you're in it, Lent can seem like a season that lasts forever; but, when you look at the big picture, Easter is just as long - and is actually a little longer.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared on earth to His disciples: "He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for 'the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the holy Spirit.'" (Acts 1:3-5)

At the end of this time, Jesus ascended into Heaven. Ten days later, the apostles received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

These events give us the outline for our celebration of the season of Easter. After Easter Sunday, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, and then four more Sundays of Easter.

The **Ascension** is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday of the 6th week of Easter (May 9th this year) - forty days after Easter. However, in many dioceses in the United States, including our diocese, **the celebration is moved to the 7th Sunday of Easter**. Ten days after that Thursday comes the celebration of **Pentecost on May 19th** and the end of the Easter season.

Within the season of Easter, we celebrate a few significant feast days as well:

April 16th is the feast day of St. Bernadette Soubirous, the French girl who saw the vision of Mary at Lourdes. **April 25th** is the feast of St. Mark, companion of St Paul and the evangelist who wrote one of the Gospels. On **April 29th**, we celebrate **Catherine of Siena**, a Dominican who made an enormous impact on the Church of her time, especially when she worked for the end of the Great Schism.

*May God bless you for your
goodness to His Church for the week of
April 7, 2024*

(BLS) Adult Envelopes	\$5,210.00
Easter Envelopes	\$710.00
Children's Envelopes	\$7.00
Candles	\$175.16
SVdP	\$1,371.00
Improvement Fund	\$0
Loose	\$146.00
(OLL) Adult Envelopes	\$2,441.00
Easter Envelopes	\$290.00
Children's Envelopes	\$3.00
Candles	\$40.00
SVdP	\$505.00
Improvement Fund	\$0
Loose	\$7.00

As a response to Communist May Day celebrations, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of **St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st**. This feast reminds us of the dignity of work and the rights and dignity owed to workers. Continuing to the end of the season, we celebrate the **Apostles Philip and James on May 3rd** and then **Our Lady of Fatima on May 13th**.

Finally, on **May 14th**, we celebrate **St. Matthias** who took the place of Judas Iscariot among the Apostles after the Ascension of Jesus. It may surprise us, but after they found two worthy options ("men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us ..."), the apostles "drew lots" to pick Judas' successor. Matthias was chosen - and this is the only place he is mentioned by name in the New Testament.

Easter is a rich season worth celebrating well. As we continue through this time, let's constantly turn our minds and hearts back to the Resurrection of Jesus. Re-read the Gospel passages about this event. Take time to meditate on how the Resurrection impacts your life today.

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the soul of **Arthur "Art" Bodo (BLS)**, whose funeral was held this past week at BLS. *May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 4:30pm	Apr. 13 (BLS)	Third Sunday of Easter Living and deceased members of our Wintersville parishes
Sun 8:00am	Apr. 14 (BLS)	Third Sunday of Easter Bonnie Kaine (husband, Robert)
9:30am	(OLL)	Msgr. Gerald E. Calovini (Sam & Marilyn Rotella)
11:00am	(BLS)	Donald & Louise Yaskanich (son, Jay Yaskanich)
Mon. 8:00am	Apr. 15 (BLS)	Easter Weekday Spiritual Healing for Jonah Tirona (husband, Mark)
Tues. 8:00am	Apr. 16 (BLS)	Easter Weekday Peter Colantoni (Jim & Sandy Petrozzi)
Wed. 8:00am	Apr. 17 (BLS)	Easter Weekday Bill DiMarzio (Josephine Grantonic)
Thurs. 8:00am	Apr. 18 (BLS)	Easter Weekday Francis Toth (St. Vincent dePaul Ministry)
5:15pm	(BLS)	Kieran "Kerry" O'Brien (Vince & Sandy Talarico)
Fri. 8:00am	Apr. 19 (BLS)	Easter Weekday Beverly Lelli (Elizabeth Morelli)
Sat. 8:00am	Apr. 20 (BLS)	Easter Weekday Fr. Charles Mascolino (Himself)
Sat. 4:30pm	Apr. 20 (BLS)	Fourth Sunday of Easter Jane Barney (Ron Fallert)
Sun. 8:00am	Apr. 21 (BLS)	Fourth Sunday of Easter Living and deceased members of our Wintersville parishes
9:30am	(OLL)	Mary Seminara (Phil & Fran Antol)
11:00am	(BLS)	Camille Recznik (Tom & Judy Koehnlne)

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation will be on **Saturday, April 20, at 1:00pm**, in Blessed Sacrament Church.



FIRST COMMUNION



Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 6:00pm in upper Sargus Hall followed by Adoration in Blessed Sacrament Church.

First Communion will be held on **Sunday, May 5**, during the **11:00am Mass**.

CONFIRMATION

Meeting: with parents, sponsors & children - Thursday, April 25, after the 5:15pm mass in Blessed Sacrament Church



Confirmation will be on **Thursday, May 2, after the 5:15pm mass** (approx. 6:30pm) at Blessed Sacrament Church.



It is very important that parents / sponsors attend the meetings prior to the sacraments so questions can be answered, and you know exactly what to do. If there are any concerns, please contact the parish office.

Please remember in your prayers the intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis

APRIL

(For the Role of Women)

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world

In the hospital(s) as of April 11, 2024:
Weirton Med. Center: Tom Straka



for April 20th & 21st

Saturday 4 / 20	4:30pm
Lector	Elane Renzelli
EMOCH:	Jeff Aceto
Altar servers:	Joe Hewitt
Sunday 4 / 21	8:00am
Lector:	Toni Dondzila
EMOHC:	Tony Corella
Altar servers:	(Volunteers)
	9:30am (at OLL)
Lector:	Laura Froehlich
Altar servers:	(Volunteer)
	11:00am
Lector:	Dino & Rose Orsatti
EMOHC:	John DuBois
Altar servers:	Zaleskis
If you are unable to be at your designated ministry when you are scheduled, <u>it is your responsibility</u> to find a replacement. Thank you! Please don't just not show up.	

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS



The next GriefShare session offered by Blessed Sacrament will be on **Saturday, April 13, from 9:45am to 12:00noon**, in lower Sargus Hall.

This session will discuss **WHY? Why God wants you to share your feelings with him and why being honest with him is an expression of faith.**

WOMEN'S APPRECIATION DINNER:

Will be held on **Tuesday, April 16, at 6:00pm**, in upper Sargus Hall.

MEN'S CLUB MISSION STATEMENT:

"We, the men's club of the Wintersville parishes strive to promote unity amongst ourselves as we persevere in bringing God's presence in all that we do in our ministry of providing loving care for our parish plant. We also

strive to seek out lost members, to evangelize to them the importance of a parish family and to return them to where they rightfully belong. Our ministry is not just maintenance, but for the salvation of souls, to bring them closer to our Lord and Savior and help them to obtain the kingdom of God for eternity."

For anyone interested, **we meet the first Monday of every month at 6:00pm**, in Sargus Hall. Join us!!!

OLL CWC: The **next meeting** will be on **Tuesday, April 23, at 6:00pm** in the church. All ladies over the age of 18 are welcome and encouraged to attend..

DISCOVERING CHRIST: Join us for this series **beginning on Thursday, April 18**, and continuing every Thursday through May 30. We will **meet at 6:30** in upper Sargus Hall. **Dinner will be provided!** The retreat will be held on Saturday, May 18.

ANNUAL BJKM RAFFLE will be drawn on Thursday, April 25. If you would like to purchase tickets, please see one of our BJKM Elementary families or call the school office at 740-264-2550. **GRAND PRIZE: \$5,000 CASH; 2nd PRIZE: \$2000 CASH; & 3rd PRIZE: \$1000 CASH**

CCHS PICK 4 RAFFLE: Tickets have been mailed out to alumni and friends and you may purchase them at the school office but, this year you can also order your tickets online by going to this site:

https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/clm_RZqe_Fl7mp-hJUtQQxw. **The first drawing was on Monday, April 1, and will continue daily until the final drawing on Sunday, Aug. 25.** The drawing is based on the Pennsylvania Lottery Daily Pick 4 evening drawing. **The daily prize is \$125 and special prizes will be given on: April 15, (\$500); May 24, (\$1,000); July 4, (\$1,500) & August 25, (\$3,500)**

JOB OPENING WITH THE T.O.R. SISTERS:

The Sisters are seeking a **Maintenance Technician**. This full-time position in a positive, peaceful work environment involves repair and maintenance of building and grounds at the Motherhouse (in Toronto). Interested individuals may send their resume and request for application to Sr. Mary Catherine, TOR through www.employment@torsisters.org.

Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

July 17-21, 2024...5 days!

Come make history with us in Indianapolis at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, where we will gather at the feet of Jesus for the first time in nearly a century, boldly anticipating a new Pentecost. Your life—and our Church—will never be the same! The trip includes bus transportation with Steubenville and Cambridge departure points, lodging, daily transfers between hotel and event locations, and breakfast daily. Cost is \$799.00 per person/double occupancy (single, triple & quad rates available). Call Wendt Touring at 740-282-5790