

Dear Parishioners, Families & Friends Happy Easter to each of you!!! As a people, we are blessed to celebrate this Feast of Christ's saving mercy and love for us his children by his life, death and resurrection. Through our Eucharistic celebrations we join our hearts and minds in prayer. Fr Peter's and my prayer is that you will always live in the love of Christ and spread that love to all our brothers and sisters. May God grant you all true Easter Joy. FWM & FPA

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April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

Divine Mercy
 Sunday,
 April 27

at SA
 Confession
 8:45-9:15
 Holy Hour with
 Divine Mercy
 prayer following
 Mass

at SJ
 Confession,
 Divine Mercy &
 Adoration 2:30-4
*All are invited to
 come.*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/20-22 FP Away

4/27 Divine Mercy Sunday
St Ann schedule

Confession 8:45-9:15am
 Holy Hr & Chaplet following Mass

St Joseph schedule

2:30-4:00pm Holy Hr, Adoration
 & Chaplet

4/27-29 FWM Away

5/1 Feast of St Joseph the Worker

No other published Mass times in the bulletin are to be believed.

Official Mass Calendar for the week

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| Sat. 4/19 | SL—8:30pm SA—8:30pm | Dale Saunders (Nick & Mary Beth Weber) Repose of soul of John Michael Lersch |
| Sunday 4/20 | SM—8:00am SJ—9:30am SA—9:30 am SL—Noon | Fr. Charlie Moran Charlie Lutz (Sue) 8th Anniversary of ordination (Fr. Peter Afoenyem) John F. & Rose M. Hacker (Family) |
| Mon. 4/21 | 8:00am-SJ | Lewis Motycka (Family) |
| Tues. 4/22 | 8:00 am—SJ Noon—SA | Dick Clay (Francie Monnig) Joe Morena's wife & family (Family) |
| Wed. 4/23 | 8:00 am—SJ 5:30 pm—SJ 6:30 pm—SA | Fred Anson (Family) Dick Clay (Jennifer Howard) Leo & Anne Imperi (Martha Mishoe) |
| Thur. 4/24 | 8:00am-SJ Noon-SA | June Gagai (Bonnie McGoron) Sr. Rosalie Belanger |
| Fri. 4/25 | 8:00am-SJ Noon—SA | Barbara Waginger (CWC) Healing JAK (Family) |
| Sat. 4/26 | 9:00am-SJ SJ—5:15pm SA—5:30pm | Ina C. Sheridan (Michael F. Sheridan) June Gagai (Brenda, Traci, Tyler & Patrick) Repose of soul of Austin Metcalf |
| Sunday 4/27 | SJ—9:00 am SA—9:30 am SL—Noon SM—Noon SJ—5:00 pm | Marianne Wissman (Janie Payne) Chris Fields (Linnea Fields) Joy Lester(Choir) Fr. Charles Moran For the People of the 4 Parishes |

OUR SICK: Heidi Adams, Jerry Adams, Priscilla & Rodney Adkins, Donnie Aloï, Jennifer (Whaley) Baker, Lowell Bodmer, Mary Braun, Bruce Brown, Cory Brown, Greg Bryant, Anna Burke, Josie Butcher, Helen Cavanaugh, Fern Cielec, Jim Colegrove, Owen Conway, Danielle Cooper, Nancy & Mike Corn, Gigi de la Cruz, Doug Deeds, Linda DeWitz, Kris Dixon, Alicia Edwards, Linnea Fields, Charles Francis, Vanessa Fuller, Patrick Gagai, Thomas Gait, Anita Gardner, Steven Gardner, John Gibbons, Connie Goheen, Melinda Griffith, George Gross, Brett Guess, Corey Gurnow, AJ Harris, Jim & Lillian Hart, Katey Hardesty, Matt Hearn, Bridget Heighton, Peggy Hixon, John, Larry & Rick Holtzapfel, Jacob's baby, Barb Jarrett, Sue Jenkins, Dulcy Jimenez, Tationa Johnson, Cindy Jordan, Vincent Kearns, Sue Keeney, Cassie Kelley, John Kelley, Cole Kemper, Chris Kimble, Bernadette Kinney, Martha Kirk, Don Kline, Janice Knoop, Rose Knotek, Justin Lane, Amanda Lewis, Nancy Lewis, Ralph Lewis, Ginger Logan, Chris Lunsford, Jim & Wanda Mahlmeister, Marie Majadalan, Dave Manring, Chloe Marcum, Jessica Mazurek, Mark McKee, Nathan Medina, Robbi Messenger, Johnny Meyers, Ginny Miller, Mike Miller, Monica Montallana, Tommy Mountain, Jeff & Shawn Nance, David Napalo, Bob Nelson, Donna Newman, Mark Nixon, Tracey Pabrazinsky, Pattie Perry, Paul Peterman, Diane Pratt, Susie Prichard, Katie Prout, Brent Pyles, Kenny Pyles, Roberta Ramsey, William Revely, Jim Riedel, Ronald "Jr" Riggs, Debra Roach, Helen Robinson, Jarin Robinson, Kathy Robinson, Tim Rockwell, David Schaffer, Karen Shaffer, Annette Scott, Troy Sheffield, Cathy Shine, Rosie Sinnott, Piper Smoot, Delores Spears, Mark van Steenberg, Shawn Summers, Catherine Sutton, Chris Thomas, Mark Tomondi, Mike Tonkovich, Don Trentel, Emily Wilson, Rich Whaley, Michelle Webb, Laura Willis, Tommy Woods, Rose Yates, Gary & Kathy Zuccarelli, and all recovering from illness/surgery.

New this week:

If there are people who should be taken off this list, please let the office know.

CWC News:

CHESAPEAKE—3rd Thursday
Book Club at 1pm Chesapeake
library

IRONTON—CWC Brooms &
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Knights of Columbus Friday Dinners

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*We pray
for:
Elizabeth Ann,
Maria Elizabeth
Christian, Sue*

and all of our Spiritual
Adoption Babies.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
I love you very much.
I beg you, spare the life
of the unborn baby(ies),
that I have spiritually
adopted,
Who are in danger of
abortion. Amen
by the Most Rev
Fulton J Sheen

IGNORANCE OF SCRIPTURE IS IGNORANCE OF CHRIST —ST. JEROME

JOHN 20:1-9

Reading closely

1. Why do you think Mary goes to Jesus' tomb?
2. Why is it noteworthy that these events occur while it is still dark?
3. What all might Mary be thinking and feeling as she runs to tell the male disciples?
4. Why do you think Peter and the other disciple rush to the tomb themselves?
5. What exactly do the two male disciples find?
6. What are all the explanations Peter might have for what he sees in the tomb?
7. What might the three disciples say to each other after they see that Jesus' tomb is empty?
8. Do you think either of the two men tell anyone about what happened?

Living the word

9. What are some reasons people find it difficult to believe that Jesus rose from the dead?
10. Why do you think some people find it easier than other people to believe in Jesus?
11. How do you think you would have reacted if you had been at the empty tomb?

THE GOSPEL READING

Stories of the empty tomb

The author of this Gospel reshaped earlier versions of this story. He notes that a woman is the first to find the tomb empty, but he doesn't explain why she's there. She can't have come to anoint Jesus' body because in this Gospel Jesus' body was already anointed (19:39-40). Also, Mary tells the disciples that "we don't know where they put him," implying she had been joined by other women.

Two male witnesses

According to Jewish law at least two witnesses were required for legal testimony to be valid (Deuteronomy 19:15). These witnesses had to be men, however, which meant that the testimony of Jesus' female disciples would have been ignored. This Gospel-writer is thus careful to show that two men verify Mary's report. Ironically, the fact that all four Gospels note the embarrassing detail that women were the first to find the tomb empty strengthens the story's credibility.

The burial cloths

The details about Jesus' burial cloths serve two purposes. First, they show that Jesus' body was not stolen by grave-robbers. Thieves would not take the time to tidy up.

Second, and more importantly, this Gospel-writer again highlights Jesus' power over life and death. In John 11, after bringing his friend Lazarus back to life, Jesus orders people to unwrap the burial cloths that bind Lazarus (v.44). Jesus himself needs no such help. In John 10:17-18 Jesus declares that he freely gives his life and takes up his life again. Jesus doesn't need anyone to help him out of burial cloths or out of the tomb.

The disciple whom Jesus loved

Although scholars have speculated about the identity of the *disciple whom Jesus loved*, also called the Beloved Disciple, we will never know who he was. He has deliberately concealed his identity. He might be someone who founded or helped form the community from which this Gospel emerged.

This disciple is first mentioned in John 13:23, right before the story of Jesus' Passion and death. His appearances in the narrative enhance the story's credibility while his anonymity keeps the focus on Jesus. This disciple's anonymity also enables him to appear as a model of faith for later generations: he believes without seeing the risen Jesus.

PRAYER

Opening Prayer for Easter Sunday

O God, who on this day
through your only begotten Son
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray,
that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's
resurrection may,
through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Adoration *a time to commune with our Lord.* SJ Wednesday's—2-5:15
SA Wed.'s—5:15-6:15 & Fri 8:45-9:45

SA Bible Study Mondays @ 6pm & Tuesdays @ 1pm. All are welcome!

St Ann CWC Rummage Sale dates this year are June 6-7. As you do your Spring decluttering, please keep that in mind.

SA Soup Dinner Rpt—A good time was had by all throughout Lent, we were able to collect \$1081. Thank You All!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to occasionally help maintain flowerbeds, landscaping at SJ & SL churches, schools and PLC. If you can help, please contact Mike or Dianne at 740-646-0403.

CWC Ladies Night Out—is scheduled for April 24 at *Bellefonte Restaurant* (Ashland KY) at 5:30pm. All ladies are invited to come, RSVP: Mary Ann 740-533-9476 or Laura 740-533-7132 no later than Monday April 21.

Jubilee 2025—Pilgrims of Hope
Local Procession May 1, 2025

There will be a local pilgrim (a 3 hour walk) on 5/1 to St Joseph Church. It will begin at the Fatima Shrine and end at the church (a shuttle will be used to bypass 52). Adoration will be available for those desiring to walk spiritually (aka not walk) beginning at 3pm. Confession will be offered beginning at 6pm and a Pilgrim Mass will be offered at 7pm. Please do mark your calendars. Info please call Glen 304-633-5788

Life's Healing Journey Retreat May 9-11 at St Ann 310 3rd Ave, Chesapeake, OH. The retreat will be led by Fr. Andrew Torma, MSC (Missionary of the Sacred Heart), who is based in Center Valley, Pa. A process of healing from inner hurts, conflicts and disappointments will be divided into seven talks, hymns or chants that match each topic, and small group sharing and prayer. "Jesus heals," says Fr. Torma, "if we invite him to work in our hearts and help us to forgive both ourselves and those who may have hurt us. Wounds suffered at any age, including early childhood, may fester inside us until we identify them, and release them into God's loving hands." The retreat is open to all. It is broadly Christian in scope and draws upon relevant scriptures. To register or to seek additional information, please phone the coordinator, John Patrick Grace, at 304-617-1292 or email him at publishersplace@gmail.com Cost for the retreat is \$65, which includes two breakfasts and one lunch, plus snacks.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Sheila Morris Pugh, Mr. & Mrs. VJ Cowles, Moira Olson, Caroline Owens, Vinnie & Joe Waddell by Vivian; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence McComas, Carol Eakle by Linda; Charles J. Paese by Mary; Joseph Reinhardt by Sandra; Beth Shaffer,

Allen & Mable Shaffer, Ivan & Mary Roman, Donna Huff Haas by Douglas & Karen; Magdalena Staggs, June Kendall by Eric & M. Kim; Andrew Gagai, June Gagai by Sam & Traci; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Heighton, Mr. & Mrs. John Unger, Miss Collette Unger, Mrs. Sally Cannon, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Unger by James & Joy; Deceased Family by Mary Jon; Raymond & Elizabeth Holtzapfel, Jerry Holtzapfel by Roger & Laura; Anna Mae & Alois F. Miller by Annette; Dick Rice by Judi; John & Mary Sinnott, Willard & Eloise Massie by Tom & Rosie; Joyce & Melvin Marks by Roy & Gail; Anthony & Mary Acquista, Jane Mittendorf, Jerry A. Gibson by Jean; James & Willa Wilson, Tom Miller Family by Iris; Emma Santopietro, Matilda Phillips, Marilyn Phillips, Genevieve Lobodn by Chris & Theresa; Sue Robinson by Jonna, In memory of deceased member of the Haas & Priode families by Janet.



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2025

| CHURCH COLLECTIONS | ST. ANN | ST. JOSEPH | ST. LAWRENCE | ST. MARY |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|--------------|----------|
| Adult | \$2135 | \$3800 | \$2797 | \$1315 |
| Loose | \$299 | \$480 | \$384 | \$80 |
| Votive Lights | \$169 | \$81 | | |
| Restoration/Bldg Fund | \$130 | \$2015 | \$100 | |
| Rice Bowl | \$25 | \$50 | \$42.42 | |
| Good Friday | \$100 | \$61 | \$45 | \$20 |
| Easter Flowers | | \$35 | \$20 | |
| Catholic Relief Service | \$250 | | | |
| Mother's Day | \$100 | SVDP=\$543 (SJ/SA) | | |











Prayer for Priests

Without the priest, there is no Eucharist; without the Eucharist, there is no Church. Let us pray for Vocations to the priesthood.

4/20 Fr Mark Moore
4/21 Fr Wayne Morris
4/22 Fr John Mucha
4/23 Fr Tom Nelson
4/24 Fr Jonas Shell
4/25 Fr Tom Vennitti
4/26 Fr Nicholas Ward

| 4/27 | 5:15pm SJ | 5:30 pm SA | 9 am SJ | 9:30 SA | Noon SL | Noon SM |
|----------|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|--|----------|
| Lector: | G. Gagai | Scholl | C. Moore | Blair or Kurucz | J. Beaumont | C. Kline |
| EM: | B. Gagai S. Morgan L. Pyles K. Unger | Wheeldon Roush | A. Miller B. Moore T. Neal A. Nelson | Lanning Harris | S. Brown J. Griffith M. Hacker C. Gibbons | |
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by Vicki Edwards

Andy Grogan
by Andy & Jane Grogan

Jim & Ruth Lannan
by Brenda, Traci, Tyler & Patrick

Kay & Bernice Blankenship
by Cara Nelson

Pam Matheus
by The Hastings

John (Meat) Complement
by Pat & Family

Larry Shelton
by Bobbi Shelton Deeds

Jance Akers
by Lisa, Dwane, Alyson, Jared, Zachary, Johnson

Phyllis Turner
by The Turner Family

Holly Soule in Purgatory
by Lynn L Jenkins

Beryl L Jenkins
by Don Jenkins

Don Jenkins
by Darryl & Mary Sue Means

Darryl & Mary Sue Means
by Tim & Rae Ann Means

Irene Anson
by Family

Ina C Sheridan
by Michael F Sheridan

Bill Pfaffenberger
by Sue Pfaffenberger

Tatler Charlie Moran
by Donna Kurucz

Robert-Jill & Jean Kurucz
by Donna Kurucz

Irene Neville St. Tandy
by Judith Rice

Dick Rice
by Carol & Howard Wallen by Children

Carol & Howard Wallen by Children
Tom & Sally Cannon
by Lynn, Susan & Amy

Doris C McGarity
Ann Leann McGarity
Kathleen McGarity Maynard
Ethel McGarity Mudd
Carl Vance
Holly Soule in Purgatory
Charles James Pease
Patricia Klemm
Ellie & Betty Lou Payne
Shaun Walker
Michael J Fuller
Robert P Fuller
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