

April 19, 2026
3rd Sunday
of Easter

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
No Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 3:00 p.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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Scripture Reflection

From Fr. Anthony Onoko:

THE JESUS WHO WISHES TO WALK WITH US:

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, APRIL 19, 2026

ACTS 2:14,22-33; PS 16; 1PETER 1:17-21; LK 24:13-35



The gospel of today is very interesting, it narrates an incident which is comical, joyful and reflective at once.

Two disciples were leaving Jerusalem after the passover and they were going to Emmaus seven miles from Jerusalem. On their way, they spoke of the biggest matter in their hearts, the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus.

Jesus came along and began to interrogate them, then they started talking about him to him unknown to them. This fulfils the word of God in Matthew 18:20 where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.

From their words we could sense their frustration, sadness and disappointment. Cleopas said "our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free." But sadly he died and so their hope of salvation through him died, so in this God has disappointed them. Unknown to them, his death is the fulfilment of their hope.

We sometimes feel disappointed in God because we do not understand His wisdom. The very things we are sad about could be the reflection of His eternal goodness.

Jesus then took them through a spectacular bible study. He explained to them the passages about the Messiah, which is in virtually every page of the bible. He opened their minds to understand the wisdom and the plans of God hidden in the pages of the scriptures.

Take note, these two disciples also studied the scriptures, they were vast in it as most Jews of their day but it is certainly one thing to be familiar with the scriptures, it is another thing to understand its meaning.

Their sadness and confusion won't have been necessary if they had understood the meaning of the scriptures.

This is exactly what Peter was also doing in the first reading, taking the people through the scripture, explaining to them that everything that had happened to Jesus and the Holy Spirit that they (the disciples) had just received is what God pre-designed and these very things are

recorded in the pages of the scriptures which the people read but do not understand.

Jesus made as if to continue on his journey but they pressed him, constrained him, held his hands persuading him to stay (abide) with them.

No one who is spiritually alive and active will find the presence of Jesus boring, unexciting or ordinary and be eager to go or let him go. A soul that is spiritually alive and responsive will always want more of Jesus, will always long to spend more time with him, be comfortable and happy in his presence. These disciples held unto Jesus and begged him to remain with them.

Jesus went with them, stayed with them, bless bread, broke it, shared with them, then their eyes opened but he had vanished. He vanished physically when he became present under sacramental signs of bread and wine. No need to look again for the physical Jesus, he is here under the forms of bread and wine. He was with them before but now he is in them and so he vanished from their sight but not from their soul.

They realised that they had been with Jesus all along and yet did not know.

It is very possible that Jesus might be in front of us, walking with us, sitting down with us at every meal and yet we do not recognise him.

May the Lord open our eyes to see Jesus present in our midst, in the scriptures, under the appearances of bread and wine, in his ministers, in familiar faces, in ugly faces, in the faces of strangers, in the faces of the poor, the down-trodden and the marginalised.

In the joy of this encounter, they ran back to Jerusalem, seven miles again, they were filled with renewed strength and joy. That is the evidence of encountering Jesus, you can not hide your joy, you come alive again and you are unable to be quiet about it.

This is not just a story of two disciples who encountered Jesus, it is the story of what Jesus wants to do for all of us, he wants to walk with us, talk to us, he wants to teach us, clear our doubt, stay with us, feed us, open our eyes, fill us with joy and send us to witness.

Inspiration for the Week — Like Cleopas, we make our way through this world with weary feet and disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we let him?

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 18 — Vigil

4:00 PM † James Barron by Dave, Anita & Jim Planey

Sunday, April 19 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Dolores Harhai by Rosemary Spaw

10:30 AM Pro Populo

Monday, April 20

8:00 AM † Warner J. Wisyanski by Flo Petrosky

Tuesday, April 21

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, April 22

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, April 23

8:00 AM † Martin Dudas by Madeline Dudas

Friday, April 24

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

10:15 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, April 25 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Megan Vaccaro by Maryann Josay

Sunday, April 26 — 4th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM † Frank A. Galilei by Cheryl Galilei & Family

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OFFICE HOURS :

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — April 25 & 26, 2026

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	G. Pesi D. Harkins A. Punturiero	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	D. DeCarlo	L. DeFeclices A. Pastella Volunteer	J. Todd
10:30 a.m.	D. Yagodich	W. White T. Mazzei P. Francowic	M. Guiliford

Money Counters

Monday, April 20 — Team #2 — W. Anders

Communion to the Homebound

If you are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the office and let us know.

Eastertide

The 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost is a time of spiritual rejuvenation and prayer. It is a time to reflect on how the Resurrection has changed our own history and allows us to begin anew and become witnesses to the Gospel. **Eastertide is our time of spiritual journey towards Pentecost;** a time filled with symbols and profound meanings. It is our time to explore more of our faith. According to *Aleteia*, two books exploring the historical background worth reading are: *The Case or Jesus* by Brant Pitre, and *Dominion*, by Tom Holland. And one more reading title, a brief tour of Scripture, is the Ascension Press book, *Walking with God: A journey Through the Bible*, by Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins.

Questions of the Week

1st Reading

In his first speech on the streets of Jerusalem, Peter quotes Psalm 16 as proof of God’s promise to David in raising Jesus from the dead.

Have you ever made a promise to God?

2nd Reading

In the resurrection of Jesus, Peter urges us to have our faith and hope in God.

What is something you could hope for from God this week?

Gospel Reading

Jesus’ interpretation of Scripture opened the eyes of the two disciples.

Does reading the Bible bring you clarity?

Blessing for Spring

Dear Lord,

As this new season begins,
bring new life to our hearts as well.
Prune what has grown despondent,
brush back that which darkens and
clouds.

As the flowers bud and bloom,
bless us with new wonder,
new hope, new promise, new
joy.
Amen.



With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of CONCETTA L. MINNITI AND ANDREW J. KUBASIAK. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Weekly Collection April 12

Votive Candles:	209	Easter:	790
Utility & Energy:	125	Children & Adult:	4,153
Accent:	0	Online :	868
Lenten Folder:	30	Total Collection:	\$6,330
Holy Thursday:	82	Heifer:	100
Good Friday:	73	Total Collection:	\$6,430

DLA

The **Diocesan Lenten Appeal** is rolling along. So far, we have collected **\$35,222** in pledges! We are well on our way to meeting the **Diocesan goal of \$44,564**. Remember, anything over the Diocesan Goal comes back to our parish. Our Parish goal is \$64,564 so we are over half way! Once we reach our Diocesan goal, we will use the additional funds toward security cameras for the church property.

When you make your gift to the 2026 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, **75 Years: Our Foundation, Our Future**, you are continuing the proud legacy of forming future leaders in our Church and in our communities now and for generations to come. Make your gift now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2026.

Purses & Pastries

Yes, Please!



We need your baked treats to make our Purse Bash next Sunday a success!

Please bring your baked goods to the church hall **Friday, April 24 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. or Saturday morning between 9 and 10 a.m.**

Heifer Report



The final animals to board the ark were a **sheep and goat!** While we didn't completely fill the ark this year we certainly will be helping many families and communities. Children will have the opportunity to attend school, and because they will be better nourished they will do better in their classes.



Keep connected! Stay up to date with parish events, follow the readings. Search for **We-Connect Parish App** in the Apple Store or Google Play.

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2026 Diocesan Lenten Appeal



Earth Day

Earth Day is **Wednesday, April 22**. It is a reminder that we are to be good stewards of God's creation. Part of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'* is below. The full text can be found on this site. There is an abbreviated version, and a link to the full text. <https://urli.info/1sHYI> *Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' of the Holy Father Francis on Care for our Common Home*. Rome: Vatican Press, 2015.



I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all. The worldwide ecological movement has already made considerable progress and led to the establishment of numerous organizations committed to raising awareness of these challenges. Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation or blind confidence in technical solutions. We require a new and universal solidarity. As the bishops of Southern Africa have stated: "Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation". [...] All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents. (Source: [Official Website](#))

Around the Diocese

Craft / Vendor Show

St. John the Evangelist, Latrobe, will hold a craft and vendor show will be held Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be indoor and outside vendors, 50/50, raffle baskets and food available to purchase.

Oldies Dance

St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana, PA will host an oldies dance Friday, May 22, at Cherry Runn Lodge. The dance will feature a DJ, complementary appetizer, 50/50 raffles and a cash bar. For tickets, call 724-349-1306 or 724-463-2277.

Rizzo's / Clelian Heights Fundraiser

Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children, Greensburg, will host a **fundraising banquet, Heart-to-Heart: 65 Years of Making a Difference, Friday, May 1**, at Rizzo's Malabar Inn, Crabtree. Proceeds will support the creation of a new all-Inclusive recreation area for the children and adults served at Clelian Heights. For information, visit www.clelianheights.org or call 724-837-8120 ext. 1123.

Bus Trip St. Elizabeth Seton Shrine

Saint Raymond of the Mountains Parish will sponsor a trip to the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, Md., **Wednesday, June 24**. The bus will leave at 8 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. Cost is \$80 and includes a guided house tour and box lunch from Spark's in the Valley. Mass at the basilica, reconciliation and Eucharistic adoration will be available. Checks, payable to the Saint Raymond Christian Mothers, can be sent to the parish (Att: Christian Mothers) at P.O. Box 330, Donegal, Pa. 15628. Include name, address, phone number and email address. For shrine information, visit www.setonshrine.org.

Spring Garden Tea

The parish court of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will host a spring garden tea in the St. James, Apollo, parish's activities center Sunday, May 3, at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling 724-882-8776. Attendees should wear tea party hats.

Play Group

The Luceitas (*Little Lights*) play group meets in the St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis, parish's bilingual classroom Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Children newborn through age 6 are welcome.

Purse Bash



Come and relax at the Purse Bash! Enjoy fellowship and the chance to win prizes. Epiphany of Our Lord and St. Sebastian parishes will hold a Designer Purse Bash and "Unique" Bake Sale on **Sunday, April 26**. The event will be held at Epiphany Church Hall from 2 p.m.—5 p.m. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and include lunch, beverage, and door prizes. Tickets are available in the office and will be **sold after Masses this weekend, April 18 & 19**.

Groups

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

will meet on Tuesday, April 21, Rosary at 6 PM meeting to follow.

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 19 • 2026

Bishop Larry J. Kulick
invites you to join him for the
Diocese of Greensburg 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage
to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.

**FULL SCHEDULE
AND REGISTRATION
COMING SOON!**

1951 2026
Diocese of Greensburg

**22nd Annual
Blessing of the Bikes**
Holy Family Church, Latrobe
Sunday, May 17th 11:45 AM
Christ the Divine Teacher School
Parking Lot (323 Chestnut Street)
Roman Catholic Mass at 10:30 AM

For info, call Herb 724-532-4135 or
email Charlene.prettskycn@gmail.com

Roman Catholic Mass @ 10:30AM
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Charlene at prettskycn@gmail.com


Youth Conference

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security and love. **Join hundreds of Catholic teens at the Steubenville Youth Conference June 26-28** at the Franciscan University of Steubenville to be transformed by the love of Christ. **All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with the Diocesan group.** Registration is currently only for high school students due to limited tickets. Adults interested in attending as chaperones should contact youth ministers and email ffd@DioceseofGreensburg.org. Registration for chaperones will be opened once the number of chaperones needed is determined. Chaperones must have all clearance and safe environment requirements completed. A portion of the costs for the conference has been underwritten by the Diocese of Greensburg Francis Fund. The remaining cost per participant is \$375 and includes room, board, transportation and three T-shirts. Learn more at www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/steubenville-youth-conference.

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Awaken the Heart


"I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART." -Ezekiel 36:26



Special Guest Musician and Speaker:
Dana Catherine

SAVE THE DATE
REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

SUNDAY • AUGUST 30, 2026 • 4-8 PM
CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD CENTER
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COR is set for Sunday, Aug. 30, from 4-8 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center. Awaken the Heart: "I will give you a new heart" (Ezekiel 36:36). Special guest speaker and musician will be Dana Catherine. Registration details are coming soon!

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of April 19, 2026



Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd -4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/ Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b -4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



Steubenville Youth Conference
Inviting high schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Christ!
JUNE 26-28, 2026
Franciscan University of Steubenville

Scan the QR code for more information or to register.



MINISTRY TEAM



Michael Gormley, Katie Hartfiel, Bob Lesnefsky, Maggie Craig, John Paul Von Arx, Father Agustino Torres, CFR

FRANCISCAN Live the Truth STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCES

Greensburg Tea

"Steeped in Faith," a tea focused on saints, is set for Saturday, May 2, from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$20 for ages 2-11. Basket and 50/50 raffles are planned. For information or tickets, email kelly-perney@gmail.com or call 724-834-6880.

Catholic Life

Why do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

End of the World

Question:

What do Catholics believe about the end of the world?

Answer:

We hear the phrase “the end of the world” casually today. Often in film or media, it means the end of civil society or the threat of human annihilation by natural disasters. For the Christian, our perspective is distinctly Christ-centered. Numerous times through the Gospel, Jesus notes that he will come again, even after he has ascended into heaven. The Church typically refers to this as the Second Coming of Jesus or the Latin “Parousia,” meaning “presence” or “arrival.”

We believe that Christ will come again, and at his Second Coming, temporal time will end. Human history will end, at least as we know it. However, it doesn't mean that creation will be destroyed. The book of Revelation speaks of a renewal, indeed a “*new heaven and a new earth*” (Rev 21:1). Christ will come again in glory. Our souls will be reunited with our bodies. While our lives were judged individually at our deaths, which we call the particular judgment, something new will happen here. Theologians call it the general judgment or the last judgment, in which our deeds and the effects — for good or ill — will be known to all. For the early Christians, this second coming was hoped for! They knew it was the completion of God's work of redemption for the human race. We, too, should pray with them, “Come Lord Jesus!”

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Project Rachel

Project Rachel Ministry: The Diocese of Greensburg is prepared to assist those suffering as the result of being involved in an abortion. Project Rachel's mission and purpose is that is a “Diocesan-based abortion healing ministry, most often called Project Rachel Ministry, seeks to accompany those who suffer from abortion as they receive Christ's mercy, comfort, and healing. **Project Rachel Ministry serves as a bridge to God's mercy**, helping him to make participants whole and restoring his relationship with them as his beloved daughters and sons.” For confidential, compassionate help, call 724-552-1832 or email projectrachel@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

Recognize God in Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Story That Never Ends

The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story.

Of course we *know*, logically, that it isn't — there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this.

But sometimes we don't act like it.

The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why “happily ever after” is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist — for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a *gotcha!* moment where it turns out he's not dead after all. Drinks all around! And...scene. The curtain falls.

But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't.

Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted — and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe.

Christ gave us “happily ever after.” But what do you do with “happily ever after?” What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Resurrection left loose ends — not because it was insufficient, but **because it was not a final chapter**. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness — with this hard-won “happily ever after” that is a gift but also a commission.

Because the curtain is still up, and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene?

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To hear the bible and/or the Catechism of the Catholic Church, download **The Ascension Catholic App** to your cell phone or tablet. Fr. Mike Schmitz provides podcasts on the bible and the catechism. You can also read the information. The app is available at the Google Play Store for Android and the Apple Store for iPhone.

Join us for Coffee and doughnuts every Sunday between the Masses. **This is a wonderful expression of hospitality.**

