



April 24, 2022

**2nd 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: 11:30 a.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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OUR LOCATION

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 23 — vigil

4:00 PM † Frank Galilei by Cheryl & Family

Sunday, April 24 — 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Sheryl & George P. Turner by Mom, Betty Nash

10:30 AM † Susan M. Daniel by Sister, Pat

Monday, April 25

8:00 AM † Teresa Trozzi by Phil & Art Trozzi

Tuesday, April 26

No Mass

Wednesday, April 27

No Mass

Thursday, April 28

8:00 AM † Jayne Alcorn by Family

Friday, April 29

No Mass

Saturday, April 30 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Jim Sepesky by Vince, Karen & Kara Salotti

Sunday, May 1 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Robert M. Fuoco by Angela, Andrew, Jen, Joey & Kristin

10:30 AM † Gloria, Ella & Joseph Salotti by Sharie & John & Salotti 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 30 & May 1

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
8:30 p.m.	D. Harkins	L. Henry	B. Rizzuto L. Assenat
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	N. Mazzie	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	J. Sacco	K. Byron	S. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, April 25 — Team #4 — J. Petritis

Resurrection People. Alleluia!

Today's gospel gives us a lesson on persistence and forgiveness. We find that the disciples were hiding in their grief, crushed with disappointment sorrow.

They had lost their best friend and all of their hopes and dreams were suddenly gone. They didn't know what to do or how to go on living.

When Jesus came to them they were given back the peace that they had lost, their hopes and dreams were restored and they were a people reborn with hope in what the risen Lord. It just so happened that one of the original apostles was not there when Jesus came and it was his doubt that we focus on today. I am sure that I probably would have reacted in much the same way as Thomas. If someone told me that my best friend had just risen from the dead, I would certainly have my doubts. However, nothing deters Jesus from sharing his Spirit and new life with his disciples. He persists until he brings all – not just the early disciples and Thomas but all of us today – to peace, forgiveness, and new life. Jesus is caring for his disciples and calling them to a belief in him which brings new life and presence.

During this Easter Season we will be hearing from the Book of Revelation as the source of the second reading. This book can help us understand not only the signs of the times in the early church but also our time as well. Revelation invites us to think about current events in our world and see what we are to learn and how we are to grow. We must first understand that in the biblical world it was acceptable to exaggerate in order to make a point. Embellishment is certainly not new to any of us. We all embellish a story in order to get our point across. We find some of this embellishment in the first reading which shows the early church to be somewhat "ideal" even with all of the advisories it had to deal with. Despite it all, the story that is told is done so with great optimism as if everything is fine.

The second reading is full of exaggeration and symbolism. John, the author of the book uses stark images to convey religious truths. At the time of this reading there were seven churches in Ephesus and they all lived in fear. But the symbols in this reading intend to give believers hope. The writer intends to reassure these believers not to be afraid. As Jesus died but now lives, so, too must suffering Christians have faith in the one who has triumphed over death. If we look at our world today there is certainly much fear and suffering. We also must take hope in the same way that the early Christians did in the peace that the risen Lord brings.

Thomas represents the doubt in all of us who believe even though we have not seen. Today the Church brings the presence of the risen Jesus to others, and we are the Church. Faithful disciples are Jesus' persistent presence in our world. We forgive when we see and treat someone who has hurt us as the risen Christ. We preach when we share with our young ones the gospels and the Christian way to live what they announce. We teach when we live in ways which clearly put the other ahead of ourselves. We heal when we touch others physically or emotionally. We add to our numbers when our lives witness the love and care that Jesus had in real tangible ways. God



doesn't ask us to be heroes in our witnessing in resurrection faith and bringing Jesus' presence to others. God only asks that we be as alive to new, new Easter life as was the Jesus who showed the disciples his hands and side.



With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of KAREN SUSICK AND JAMES BARRON. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

DLA

There are only a few more weeks left for this year's Diocesan Lenten Appeal. **We have reached our Diocesan Goal so everything given from here on out will stay 100% in our parish.** We have only heard from about 1/3 of our parishioners, so please remember that we are all in this together as a parish family, and it isn't about the amount of money that you are able to give, rather it is just being a part of the campaign. As a parish family it would certainly speak well of us if we had 100% of our families participating. If you have any questions or concerns about our campaign this year, please know that I am always here to listen.

Lenten Stewardship

This year we went with the Cross Catholic Clean Water program rather than Heifer. Remember we were collecting money to help villages in Africa to provide clean water for their people. Your generosity of **\$1,485** will go a long way to help. This amount will help provide over 100 villagers with clean water and improved sanitation. Many people who suffer from water-borne diseases due to a lack of clean water will have better lives because of your generosity.



Weekly Collection April 10

Votive Candles:	260
Utility & Energy:	131
Accent:	21
Lenten Folders:	85
Holy Thursday:	50
Easter Flowers:	78
Easter:	315
Ascension:	20
Children & Adult	
Collection:	5,894
Online Collection:	1,250
Total Collection:	\$8,104
Wells of Salvation:	20
Total Collection:	\$8,124

Weekly Collection April 17

Votive Candles:	229
Utility & Energy:	295
Accent:	0
Lenten Folders:	75
Holy Thursday:	708
Good Friday:	977
Easter Flowers:	45
Easter:	6,890
Ascension:	108
Children & Adult	
Collection:	5,889
Online Collection:	1,112
Total Collection:	\$16,328
Wells of Salvation:	15
Total Collection:	\$16,343

Fish Fry



This year's Fish Fry was certainly historic for our parish. Throughout the weeks of Lent they took in: **\$64, 376.94** minus the expenses of: **\$17,606.30**, we made a profit of: **\$45,730.66** !!! That is a lot of Fish and Pierogis. I am always **amazed at the dedication of all the workers, every week we had a tremendous crew and for your help I thank you all!** It was

also a pleasant surprise at the **number of people who baked each week to support the Bake Sale.** I feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful parish full of such dedicated people, and I pray in gratitude for all of you. I am grateful to **Betty Geis** for the countless hours she spent organizing the Fish Fry and **Evie Yatchyshyn** for the superb job she did in managing the Garage Mahal!



Faith

Ministers of Holy Communion

Since the Second Vatican Council and with all of the changes it brought to our churches, one of the greatest of these changes is allowing the laity to take the Eucharist to the home bound. This is a blessing that touches the lives of so many people.

Since COVID, we have many people who are still staying at home and wish to have the Eucharist brought to them. We have a few people who are doing this, and we certainly could use more help. If you think this is something you would like to do, it doesn't take much time and it could be done at your convenience, please give me a call at the office and we will make it happen. We are all called to go into the world and touch people with the love of Christ; this is one way you can make it happen.

Ministry Call Out



We are looking at the next scheduling period. This will run from **May 15 through July 10.** Please let Tara know if there will be any change to your schedule, or if you will not be available for particular days. You can call the office, or email tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org by **Monday, May 2.** Thank you for your cooperation. If you are interested in being a server, lector or cantor, please call the office.

Groups

CPBW

Catholic Business and Professional Women will meet on **Tuesday, April 26** at 6:00 p.m. in church hall. Pizza and salad will be served with good will donation. All members are encouraged to attend as we will discuss the future of CPBW.

Bible Drama Camp

St. Agnes Church, North Huntingdon is once again offering a 4 day Bible Drama Camp for students in grades K—12.

The Not Quite Ready for Heaven Players will meet from 9:00 a.m. to Noon on Monday, July 11— Wednesday, July 13. On Thursday, they will meet 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Showtime will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday. Campers will participate in music, dance, acting, prop and scenery making, games and prayer. To register visit www.stagnesschurch.info. This year's theme is Embark on the Ark. Visit the website for additional information, www.stagnesschurch.info, or call Mary Blythe at 724-864-5393; mblythe@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Craft & Vendor Expo

A **Spring Craft & Vendor Expo** will be held at St. Sebastian Parish on **Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.** in their Parish Hall. There will be over 30 crafters and vendors with beautifully designed crafts. Admission is Free!



Daily Readings

Readings for the week of April 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14