

April 11, 2021



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“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN
AND HAVE BELIEVED.” —JN 20:29

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 10 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ted Zelinsky & Bill Hopkins by their wives,
Jackie Zelinsky & Andrea Hopkins

Sunday, April 11 — 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Christopher J. Vaccaro by Loving Family
10:30 AM † Madalyn Billy by Marianne Molnar

Monday, April 12

8:00 AM † Nathan and Bruna Campus by Son, Nate &
daughter, Lynn Nallo

Wednesday, April 14

No Mass

Thursday, April 15

8:00 AM † Nazarath & Susan Victoria by Jim & Carol
Sepesky

Saturday, April 17 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Macetelli Family by Family

Sunday, April 18 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Michael and Dolores Matush
10:30 AM † Edward Hasch by Mary Hasch & 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 — Easter, April 17 & 18

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 p.m.	F. Petrosky	S. Beneccio
8:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	J. Todd
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	K. Imbrescia

Money Counters

Monday, April 12—Team #2 — W. Anders

Scholarship

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Applications for the Monessen Knights of Columbus #954 Merit Scholarship are available. The application can be obtained in the **church office, or on the website**. Students must be a senior member of Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church or St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, or their father or grandfather is a member of Monessen K.O. C. #954. All rules are on the application, which are due by **April 16, 2021**.

Resurrection Today

Today we celebrate the octave of Easter which reminds us that for eight days now we have celebrated the great occasion of Jesus' resurrection. The readings throughout the Easter Season tend to have a familiar theme, so much so that it almost appears repetitious, and they focus on a single moment that happened over 2000 years ago. One of the reasons for that is to help us shift our understanding to see that Easter is not simply a onetime event. Easter is an ongoing revelation that happens within the church every day.



The full meaning of the resurrection does not stop with the empty tomb; rather the resurrection leads us to an entirely new way of living. One that shows us that peace, forgiveness, believing and love can and should be expressed within the community and fidelity to our Baptismal promises. We are shown a new way of life within the community which is predominately relational in nature. We hear from Acts today as to how we should live out our commitment to Christ through service and love to one another, in other words living a life of justice for all.

This new order of life through resurrection gives us an opportunity to overcome our own fears and doubts in life through the "peace" Jesus brings to our world. This peace leads us directly to God's love. In our second reading John is telling us that God is love and wherever love is lived and shared we find God. For John this love is found in our belief in Jesus. When we find this kind of love it becomes the very essence of all of our choices in life. No matter what we do or think, no matter how we relate to one another, if we live in this love we become the presence of the risen Lord to the people in our world. By living lives through basic human compassion we are living the love that Jesus made real for us. It is in the caring and tending to the basic needs of the individuals in our community that we live the resurrection of Jesus.

Along with the examples we find of the early Christian community by living in love with compassion and mercy, we also can see the reality of human doubt and failure. In the Gospel for this week we find that Thomas is the one who doubts. In spite of all the things that he saw and experienced, he still had doubt. Jesus tells us that we are blessed because we believe and have never seen. We live our lives out of the love of Jesus trusting in that divine goodness. By sharing the gifts we have received we show our belief in spite of our own doubts. There will always be times in life where we will want to know facts before we believe, but the reality that lies beneath our doubts is still rooted in the love that the resurrected Jesus brings to us.

This great season of resurrection challenges each one of us to live as Jesus did. Through the example of Jesus we too are to surrender ourselves to God's will, and in so doing we will be surprised by the new life to which God will raise us. The resurrection took place 2000 years ago in a dark tomb, but the resurrection is still very much alive and active in every baptized man and woman who live the command of love and follows the law of Christ's peace.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of MINNIE PASCARALLA AND TERRY SHIPLEY. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

DLA

We are moving right along with the DLA for this year. Thus far we have heard from 23% of our parish and have accumulated \$41,736. **We are just inches away from reaching our goal** for this year. Remember that every penny given to DLA from this point on stays 100% in our parish. If you have not yet contributed, won't you please consider doing so.

Weekly Collection March 28

Votive Candles:	230
Utility & Energy:	395
Accent:	45
Lenten Folder:	195
Easter Flowers:	294
Holy Thursday:	88
Good Friday:	93
Easter:	330
Children & Adult Collection:	7,411
Online Collection:	458
Total Collection:	\$9,539

Weekly Collection April 4

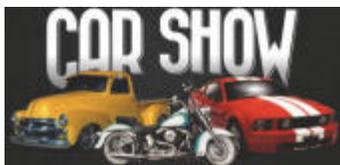
Votive Candles:	109
Utility & Energy:	326
Accent:	21
Lenten Folder:	70
Easter Flowers:	105
Holy Thursday:	624
Good Friday:	659
Easter:	5,352
Children & Adult Collection:	5,702
Online Collection:	1,181
Total Collection:	\$14,149

Festival

We're still not back to normal, but we are hoping to have some sort of festival this year. If you are interested in helping out, we will be holding a festival meeting on **Monday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m.** Please bring ideas and suggestions, keeping in mind that we will still be dealing with the pandemic.

Car Show

Cars, Motorcycles and Trucks!



Mark your calendar! We will be holding a car show on Saturday, **May 22** from 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Dash plates to the first 100 vehicles. Participants pick Top 3 Trophy Winner. Personalized photos of your vehicle and a

commemorative gift. \$10 per vehicle. Raffles—Dj—Food — Door Prizes —Basket Auction.

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of April 11



Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

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

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

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

App Reminder

Our app is a great way to stay connected and keep current. Under 'More' please be sure to set your message settings to General to receive church alerts. The app works on smart phones and tablets. Search for Parish App in the Apple Store or Google Play. Text ParishApp 1 to 555888 (Apple)/ ParishApp 2 to 555888 (Android)



Faith

Attendance at Easter Services

I want to thank all of our parishioners as well as guests who attended our services over the Triduum and Easter. I know that these are scary times and we are all trying to be extra careful, but I am grateful to all of you who came to Church this Easter, and hopefully it won't be too long until we get back to where we were before this Pandemic started. **Our liturgies were made especially beautiful because of your presence.** May the Risen Lord bring peace to all of you!



Eastertide

With the Second Sunday in Easter we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is also the beginning of Eastertide, a reminder that the empty tomb is not the end of the story, but rather the beginning story of hope. This Paschal season of 50 days celebrates the Resurrection of Christ and leads to Pentecost, May 23 this year.

NCYC

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) invites young people in grades 9-12 to encounter Christ, experience church and be empowered for discipleship. NCYC 2021, with the theme **"Ablaze," will take place in Indianapolis, Ind.,** Nov. 17-20. The diocesan contingent will depart Nov. 17. To register, contact **Scott Martin.**

Around the Diocese

Job search information

Finding a job is hard. Don't do it alone! Catholic Charities has information posted about a series of education opportunities for creating a resume, interview skills and more. Visit the Facebook page of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg for more information.

'Unbound' conference scheduled April 17

"Unbound: Rising Into Freedom in Christ," a conference presented by Father Boniface Hicks, OSB, is scheduled for **Saturday, April 17 from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at St. John the Baptist de La Salle Parish, 497 Athena Drive, Delmont. There will be **virtual and in-person attendance.** Unbound is a simple and gentle approach that will teach you how to claim the freedom that Jesus promised in the Gospels, to discover God's purpose for your life and to be free of fear, anxiety, sadness and emotional wounds. Those interested in participating can register at www.unboundpghbg.ticketbud.com/conferenceapril17 or by calling Kim Hutchins at 412-817-5465.

Virtual talk by author/history professor

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill will present **author/history professor Catherine O'Donnell on Saturday, April 17 at 7 p.m.** This free virtual event is part of the Sister Mary Schmidt, SC, Lecture Series. O'Donnell's presentation is called "We Cannot Quarantine Compassion." O'Donnell is the author of Elizabeth Seton: American Saint and a professor of history at Arizona State University. Drawing on a digital archive of COVID-19 that she and her colleagues created, O'Donnell will reflect on social justice teachings and discuss ways that Saint Elizabeth Seton's life offers a guide for useful and compassionate approaches to help ourselves and others cope with the pandemic. Guests can **register for the free event on the Sisters of Charity website, <https://scsh.org>.**

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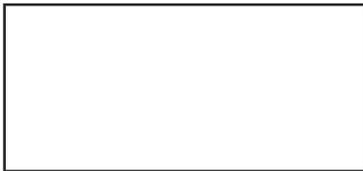
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