

St. Faustina Parish

May 1, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

Jesus,
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St. Faustina Parish

April 17, 2022

Offertory.....	\$9,663.50
Parish Share.....	\$3,929.75
Sunshine.....	\$620.00
Facilities/Utilities.....	\$35.00

*Thank you for your
generosity and
continued contributions!!*



PRAYER WALK

The Prospect Prayer

Walk / Sit In will be Tuesday, May 3rd at the Presbyterian Church of Prospect at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!!

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for the time you give to our parish! At St. Faustina Parish, we are committed to keeping everyone safe, especially our children and vulnerable adults. To achieve that goal, we must adhere to the following Diocesan guidelines:

EVERY VOLUNTEER MUST HAVE CURRENT CLEARANCES (expire every 5 years)

THE MOST CURRENT PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN ONLINE CLASS MUST BE COMPLETED (updated every 3 years)

When you get an email from our office, please complete the forms and training within 2 weeks. If you do not complete the training or the paperwork, the Diocese will archive your file and you lose your volunteer privileges until your file is up-to-date. We will help all those who do not have computer access, or are not computer savvy any way we can!

Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions please call the parish office and ask for Pamela.





Mass Intentions

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Intention</i>	<i>Offered by</i>
Saturday, April 30	4:00 PM	St. Peter	Berardino/MaryJane Andreassi+	Jason/Leslie Andreassi
	4:30 PM	St. Christopher	For the People	
Sunday, May 1 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	8:15 AM	St. Anthony	Joe Barsotti+	Dave/Peggy Lambert
	9:00 AM	St. Louis	Tom Leone+	Ron/Carolyn Sack
	11:15 AM	St. Christopher	Tim Oleksak+	MaryEllen
	11:30 AM	St. Peter	John/Christina Hauser+	Family
	7:00 PM	Newman Center	Judy Fellner+	Zieg Family
Monday, May 2	8:30 AM	St. Louis	Karl Heinz+	Joe/Eileen Montonis
	9:00 AM	St. Christopher	Lawrence Baptiste+	Fred/Kathy Huey
Tuesday, May 3	9:00 AM	St. Anthony	Gary DeMarsh+	Sewing Ministry
Wednesday May 4	7:00 PM	Newman Center	Mary Kay Buranosky+	Zieg Family
Thursday, May 5	8:30 AM	St. Peter	Most Forgotten Soul in Purgatory	Fran Hensler
	9:00 AM	St. Christopher	Christopher Barsotti+	Marilyn Barsotti
Friday, May 6	7:00 PM	St. Louis	Mark Grossman+	Susan Grossman
Saturday, May 7	4:00 PM	St. Peter	James Then+	The Voll Family
	4:30 PM	St. Christopher	Randy Ray+	Kevin/Beth Hickey
Sunday, May 8 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	8:15 AM	St. Anthony	Dorothy Snyder+	Merle/Terri Flemming
	9:00 AM	St. Louis	Veronica Dobson+	Roxanne Dobson
	11:15 AM	St. Christopher	Jennifer Pawlowski+	Mike/MaryJo Steiner
	11:30 AM	St. Peter	For the People	
	7:00 PM	Newman Center	NO MASS	



Thoughts from our Religious Ed Director

At least from my experience, being a parent is a constant learning experience. Just when you feel like you conquer one life lesson, like how to safely install a car seat, it is on the to next, such as potty training. Even lessons you thought you mastered in elementary school come back to you from your kids, like “Mom, what is a preposition?” or “why is ‘sugar’ not spelled ‘shugar?’” And math – all math.

But in thinking about new ways to explain a lesson to a young person, we ourselves grow. In no area is this more important than in matters of faith. My kids challenge me, regularly, with questions about the Mass, the Bible, religious artwork, and all matters of faith. And I know I am not alone.

Between last week and this Sunday, 18 young members of our parish will make their First Communions, with another young man preparing to receive his First Communion in June. And, in a few weeks, 22 of our 8th graders will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Zubik. They did not get to this point alone, but through the efforts of parents, Catechists, and a worshipping parish community. As such, this is a day of celebration for all of us!

Every year first communion is such an exciting time, with this year being especially exciting for me as my sweet middle child, Brigi, will be receiving her first communion this weekend! Like so many of our first communicants, she has been waiting for this day, eagerly anticipating the moment she too could receive. At home, she has been practicing how to hold her hands, when to bow, and what to say.

But, this parish community has been teaching her, and all of our first communicants, how to live the Eucharist. The mechanics of how we reverently receive are important, but of infinitely greater importance is how we take this spiritual food and allow it to nourish our lives of faith and service. Since my kids were very young, parishioners have thanked them for being at Mass, asked them to help carry flowers to the sanctuary or decorate a Christmas tree near the altar. Fr. Adam has asked my kids (and all of the first communicants) to be servers – reminding them that their presence and their desire to help at Mass matters. And it does matter.

When we were in college my friend Ruthann, a fellow Theology major and also my daughter Brigi’s Godmother, would always say that young people are not the future of the church – they are the church! I try to share this lesson with our Confirmation students, that we need their gifts – their joy and energy, their ideas and compassionate hearts. We need our college students and young adults to share their creativity and new perspectives. We need the young families with the crying babies at Mass, to make the church feel alive! We need our working professionals, to share their time, energy, and specific skill sets with the various needs of the parish. We are so grateful for the, often retired, members of our community, who so generously count money on Thursdays or help with mailings, and who comprise a large portion of sewing ministry (who always putting forth effort to make special pillow cases as gifts for our kids to celebrate their First Communion.) We are also so deeply grateful for the homebound members of our community who lift us all up with their prayers. At all of life’s stages – we are the church!

There are certain moments in the Gospels where we read about Jesus addressing someone in front of him, but it feels like Jesus is directing these imperative sentences right to us today. “Be not Afraid.” “Go, and sin no more.” “Do this in remembrance of me.” And today’s directive, “Feed my sheep.” From the great gift of the Eucharist, to sharing spiritual or uplifting words, to those who volunteer in Food Banks, at the Fish Fry, or Funeral dinners, we know that the Church feeds us in so many ways, and asks us to Feed others. How are you fed? How do you feed others?

Katie Boesel



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Congratulations to those SRU students graduating next week! Our prayers are with you and we hope to see you back to visit in the future!

The Newman Center will be open for extended hours during FINALS WEEK. Rooms will be available for study, relaxation and prayer until 11pm.

There will be NO SUNDAY 7:00 pm Mass after May 1 until the Fall semester.

The Wednesday 7:00 pm weekday Mass will continue throughout the Summer break.



Parish News



Evan Andreyo
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Pastoral Council
Mission Statement:

St. Faustina Parish is a vibrant Roman Catholic community that strives to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the people of Northern Butler County.



Robert Clouse
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COFFEE & DONUTS

Join us after the 9:00 am Mass at St. Louis Church Sunday!



Interested in joining an email prayer chain?

Receive weekly updates on prayers needed in our parish.

Contact MaryJo Chappel:
outreach@stfaustinaparish.org



1st COMMUNION

This Sunday is the final Sunday of First Communion for our parish.

Last weekend, children received their First Holy Communion at St. Peter Church. This Sunday more of our children will receive the Eucharist for the first time at the 9:00 am Mass at St. Louis and the 11:15 am Mass at St. Christopher.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNION CLASS FROM OUR ENTIRE PARISH!!

Brigid Boosel
 Jameson Brennan
 Wilder Elliott
 Logan Fetsko
 Aveline Hammond
 Michael Hammond
 Kylie Harris
 Natalie Kelly
 Lilly Lawrence
 Landon Loche
 Colton Minemyer
 Olivia Novak
 Liam Oleksak
 Samuel Romanovich
 William Rummel
 Marcello Rameriez-Sosa

Patrick Stahl
 Emily Twardy
 Lawrence Zieg



Hard to believe, but Summer vacation is coming! Can we, as a parish, help to restock the local Food Banks for students in our area? Many kids will need easy-to-make breakfast and lunch food during the summer.

Please consider bringing food to any of our churches, any Sunday during the month of May, and we will deliver the goods to the Food Banks before Memorial Day.

Suggested items: microwave meals (mac n' cheese, pasta in envelopes or cans), individual cups of applesauce, diced fruit or pudding, cracker packs (cheese or PB), breakfast bars. Thank you for your generosity!



This week's sanctuary candle at **St. Christopher Church** will burn *In Memory of Tim Oleksak*



Parish News



CONFIRMATION

As a reminder, we will have **Confirmation practice on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 pm at St. Peter Church.** The following week, Bishop Zubik will come to celebrate **Confirmation on Monday, May 16th at**

7:00pm at St. Peter Church. (Confirmation candidates and sponsors are asked to be seated by 6:30 pm, so Bishop Zubik can speak with the group before the celebration.)

Please pray for our 22 young people who are preparing to receive this beautiful Sacrament of Confirmation!



Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, May 2nd from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Newman Center.

For Questions or More Info: call/text Emma Magliocca 724-421-4550



FESTIVAL TALENT SHOW SIGN UPS!!

Calling all of our talented young people, from the youngest members of our parish through those graduating from High School! This year, at the Parish Festival on Friday, July 22nd at 6:30 pm, we will once again have our youth talent show! Come show off your musical abilities, tell a joke, perform a dance, gymnastic or offer a

karate demonstration. Let's see your soccer or volleyball skills! We know our young people are so talented. More information and registration forms will be coming soon – but it is never too early to starting planning a performance!

BASKET RAFFLE

Calling all donations for our basket raffle!! If you are able to make a basket for the raffle for the summer festival—please drop the baskets off at either at any of our churches or the Newman Center or contact one of our basket coordinators individually!

If you have any questions about the baskets...what to put in them, size, drop off time, etc. please reach out to the following contact people:

- Wendy Allison/724-421-7150 - St. Anthony
- Rebecca Zedreck/724-331-6028 & Dawn Bassler/412-692-0486 - St. Christopher
- Patty Hortert/724-712-6967 @ St. Louis
- Patti Vogan/412-310-1082, Deb Aglio/412-458-0554,
- Cindy Thompson/ 724-406-0083 & Karen Nastasi/ 724-992-1949 - St. Peter/St. Christopher

It's never to early to donate your basket!! Help support our parish festival!



SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection **next weekend** for Catholic Relief Services.

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social Teaching.

As part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church, we work with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures, as well as other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality.





Please Pray For...

Sacraments

Confession Schedule

EVERY Wednesday at 5:30 pm at the Newman Center.

EVERY Friday at 6:00 pm at St. Louis.

EVERY Saturday after Mass at St. Christopher.

EVERY Saturday after Mass at St. Peter

Baptism

Please call the parish office to schedule.

Marriage

Please call the parish office to speak with Fr. Adam.

Funeral


Please call the parish office.



- Call the Parish Office at 724-794-2880, to add/remove an intention.
- State who is requesting the prayers and a phone number at which you can be reached.
- Prayer Requests will only stay on the prayer list for 3 months; if you would like your intention to stay on longer, please call the Parish Office and ask to extend the prayer request.

Please remember in your prayers the sick, suffering, and homebound of our parish community.

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| Keri Ball | Beth Grossman | Bonnie Sargent |
| Ford Bartle | Judy Grossman | Grace Sawczynsyn |
| Jan Beck | Marvin Grossman | Bob Schaper |
| Leighann Brucker | Mary Hambley | Jim Scott |
| Pat Burns | Stephen Hambley | Eleda Snyder |
| Desiree Burtner | Joan Hart | Ed Sommers |
| Deanna Calderone | Barb Hesselgesser | Fr. Matthew Tosello |
| Richard Calderone | Ted Jablonski | Madeline Tripodi |
| Thelma Campbell | Lillian Jeffrey | Bob Updegraph |
| Eric Carlantonio | Liz Kingsley | Lisa Vozar |
| MaryJo Chappel | Jocelyn Kondos | Betty Watson |
| Cheryl Clifford | Barb Kristufek | Jen Wright |
| Jeanne McGuire-Conlon | Iola Lewandowski | Norman Young |
| Anthony Conti | Mark Massella | |
| Debbie Decann | Fred McClelland | |
| Tina DeMatteis | Jason Minnear | |
| Connie Erdlen | Ed Osburn | |
| Jason Foster | Karen Polley | |
| Rick Garner | Roger Rettig | |




Holy Baptism

In January, February, March & April our Parish welcomed:

Michael Beau Gatts, Maria Catherine Andreyo, Andrea Marylou Fraschi, Finnick Michael Loos, and Avalyn Louise Jensen into our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism.

May they continue to grow in God's love as they shares the gift of life God has given them with family and friends.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Please join us EVERY **Thursday at 8:15 am at St. Peter Church** for the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Prayer time will conclude prior to 8:30 am daily Mass. There are Divine Mercy Prayer pamphlets available in the parish office and the churches. If you would prefer to pray from home, call the office, 724-794-2880, to have one mailed to you.

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235; Office: 412-456-3093
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