

St. Faustina Parish

May 8, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Jesus,
I trust in you!



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St. Faustina Parish

April 24, 2022

Offertory.....	\$7,034.75
Parish Share.....	\$3,212.75
Sunshine.....	\$90.00
Facilities/Utilities.....	\$14.00

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

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, 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	
Monday, May 9	8:30 AM	St. Louis	Jim Snyder+	Dan/Sally Pry
	9:00 AM	St. Christopher	The Gravelle Family	Kevin/Beth Hickey
Tuesday, May 10	9:00 AM	St. Anthony	James Leone+	Ron/Carolyn Sack
Wednesday May 11	7:00 PM	Newman Center	MaryLou Schutz+	Zieg Family
Thursday, May 12	8:30 AM	St. Peter	Judy Fellner+	Hans Fellner
	9:00 AM	St. Christopher	Judy/Marvin Grossman	Ray Smoczek
Friday, May 13	7:00 PM	St. Louis	Chester (Dutch)Bauer+	Yvonne Orloski
Saturday, May 14	4:00 PM	St. Peter	Carol Ginther+	Sue Mraz
	4:30 PM	St. Christopher	Lawrence Baptiste+	Leah Lesak
Sunday, May 15 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	8:15 AM	St. Anthony	Burdette Kelly+	Regis Ferrere
	9:00 AM	St. Louis	MaryJane Berardino Andreassi	Tony Sack
	11:15 AM	St. Christopher	For the People	
	11:30 AM	St. Peter	Denis Adamosky+	Valerie Adamosky & Family



Thoughts from Fr. Sean

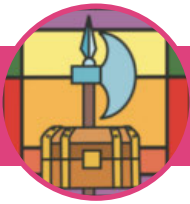
Last night I was watching the news when a story came up about the possibility of Roe V. Wade being overturned. I can't remember what station the story was on but it was framed within the context of "women's reproductive rights are in jeopardy". While I agree that women are victims, I suspect they aren't quite victims in the way the news anchors were presenting it. Rather than simply giving my opinion I would prefer to bring up an event that happened years ago that highlights how the "right to choose" leaves at least two victims in its wake. For the sake of anonymity I'm going to change the name of the primary individual.

Pam had met the love of her life and after dating for a number of years they married and started planning for a family. When they started trying they found getting pregnant wasn't as easy as they thought it would be. Months turned into 10 years when Pam faced the reality she may never get pregnant. In her disappointed state Pam opened up to a friend at her church. She revealed she didn't think she'd ever become pregnant because when she and her husband were engaged, she became unintentionally pregnant and ended up having an abortion, without telling him. At the time it seemed to her the right thing to do as they didn't have much money and she was planning a wedding and was not at all prepared to bring a child into the world—not yet, anyway. She admitted to her friend that after the abortion she thought about the baby a lot; how old he/she would be, who they would have looked like. At Christmas and Eastertime, there was the empty space where that child should be. She also thought about what gifts the child had and it hit her years later that God had a plan for that child, even if she didn't. Now, after being married for 10 years with no luck in getting pregnant, she worried this was some sort of punishment for her decision.

Pam's friend was consoling and comforting but was admittedly shocked that she came to such a negative conclusion about God and about the connection she was making about not being able to become pregnant. God doesn't operate like that. He doesn't punish someone for some past sin. Her friend said that she should still try to become pregnant, but because she's carried this secret for so many years perhaps she really does need healing. Pam opened up to her husband about what she had done. He was comforting and understanding but was also surprised by her conclusion (that she couldn't become pregnant due to some kind of a punishment for her previous sin). At the advice of her friend she became part of Rachel's Vineyard, which is Christian organization started by Catholic priests that helps women who've had abortions heal and learn to forgive themselves. She went to a weekend retreat with her husband and was able to mourn the loss of her child. During the retreat she also juxtaposed the love and care the retreat planners had for the women against the women in the abortion clinic who guided her through that process; they didn't warn her about the feelings she would have later and they didn't follow up to see how she was doing. The lack of concern afterwards always made her feel as though she was just another number, just a way to make a profit. Approximately one year following the retreat Pam gave birth to twin boys. Eleven months after that she gave birth to a baby girl. While God was not "punishing her" for her abortion years earlier Pam did need deep internal healing that allowed her to internalize the joy he always wanted to give her as well as the joy of what motherhood was all about.

The point of this story is to demonstrate that while the pro-choice side certainly displays passion at demonstrations, it acts as if the procedure ends once the woman leaves the clinic. They turn a blind eye to the very real fallout that so many women face for years afterward. Fallout I can attest to from decades of hearing confessions in which so many heartbroken women lament their decision and find themselves struggling to move on. "It was supposed to be easy," they say, and "it was supposed to be the responsible decision." But they find themselves spending years trying to put something back together, trying to fix what is broken, retrieve what was lost. I believe their struggle comes from the realization they were lied to and it wasn't just a fetus after all; it was a child – their child – and it's a knowledge they carry in the depth of their soul.

God Bless,
Fr. Sean



Parish News



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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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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!



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Have you ever thought about being a server? We are currently scheduling 3 server training options for later this Spring. These are for those young people (2nd grade and

up) who know that they want to serve, as well as anyone who is just interested in learning a little more about what it means to be a server.

Times will be:

- Sunday, May 22 at 10:30am at St. Peter Church (before 11:30 am Mass)
- Sunday, June 12th at 10:15(ish) at St. Louis Church (after 9:00 am Mass)
- Sunday, June 12th at 12:15(ish) at St. Christopher (after 11:15 am Mass).

If you are interested in participating in one of these trainings, we ask you to let Katie Boosel know: education@stfaustinaparish.org Thanks so much! Being an altar server is a wonderful way for young people to learn more about the Mass, serve the community, and grow in faith!



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!



Parish News

SAINT PAUL STREET EVANGELIZATION

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no charge for priests & religious

BASIC EVANGELIZATION TRAINING

Saturday, May 28, 2022
8:00am-4:00pm
Assumption of BVM Parish Hall
45 N. Sprague Ave, Pittsburgh

Includes:
- Full-Day Evangelization Workshop
- All Workshop Materials
- Light Breakfast and Lunch

Questions? Contact: info@stpaulse.com or 657-777-2963

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

There will be NO SUNDAY 7:00 pm Mass until the Fall semester. We hope you have a great summer!

Wednesday evening Mass will continue throughout the summer months.

Youth MINISTRY

Youth ministry will be meeting on May 9 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Newman Center. We will have the week of May 16 off for confirmation students and will reconvene on May 23.

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

Churchyard Cleanup Day

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Festival Ground Prep Work Saturday May 21st, 2022 9:00am till ???

It has been 3 years since our last parish festival and there is much cleanup work needed. We are asking one and all to come help with this important first step toward ensuring our grounds are in tip top shape for our parish festival in July.

We hope to see you on Saturday, May 21st at 9:00 am!!! The more people that volunteer the faster we will get done!!

Thank you for your help and support.
The Festival Committee

SECOND COLLECTION

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

GRIEF MINISTRY SUPPORT PILOT PROGRAM

Every Thursday in June, beginning June 2nd, we will be holding a Grief Ministry Support Program.

Anyone dealing with a loss of any loved one is welcome to attend!

We will meet in the Newman Center, 342 Normal Avenue, Slippery Rock, in the St. Anthony room from 7:00 — 8:30 pm.

If you have questions or need more information please reach out to Claire at 724-355-8411.

This week's sanctuary candle at **St. Anthony Church** will burn
In Memory of Anna Ferrere

This week's sanctuary candle at **St. Christopher Church** will burn
In Memory of Fr. Joe Feltz

This week's sanctuary candle at **St. Peter Church** will burn
In Memory of Dorcas Parsons



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.

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



Please remember in your prayers

Mary Luchkiw, Wilma Guilyard, Lois McClaine, Denis Adamosky, Dorothy Campbell, Mark Eberline, Mildred Trufley and Bonnie Sargent

who have passed away throughout January, February, March & April. May they enjoy the fullness of God's Kingdom and may God fill their family and friends with consolation.



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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