

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

**MONDAY 4-15 IN THANKSGIVING OF 20 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY MARK & SUE THOMAS**
8:00AM

TUESDAY 4-16 NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY 4-17 THERESE KARNS
JOHN & RITA BUSH**
8:00 AM
3:00PM OLG HOLY HOUR

**THURSDAY 4-18 PAUL J. D'ZUMRA
RICHARD & CONSTANCE LETRENT**
8:00 AM

**FRIDAY 4-19 JACOB CHASKO
BARB CARRODUS**
8:00 AM
3:00 PM DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

**SATURDAY 4-20 DENNIS FAY
MIKE & BARB LENDAKI**
5:00 PM

**SUNDAY 4-21 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
ST. THOMAS AND SEVEN DOLORS**
7:00 AM

**9:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF
HILLEGASS & HAGENBAUCH FAMILY**

Server Schedule:

APRIL 20-21

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| 5:00PM | Barb Carrodus | A & T Clark |
| 7:00AM | Larry Smith | Yanoshak |
| 9:30AM | Rick Dovala | Cordova |

Mass Readings for April 21

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

The Gospel John 10:11-18

Inviting people back to the Catholic Church: The Easter season is a special time of grace. If you know anyone in the Parish or your family or in your social circle that has been away from the active practice of the Catholic faith, please invite them back, as an instrument of God's grace. Encourage them to get in touch with me either by e-mail or phone and I will try to help them out anyway I can, especially if they need to go to Confession or need to look at getting a marriage blessed in the Church. Also, there is a very good website for this very purpose: it is called Catholics Come Home: www.catholicscomehome.org.

Free chaplets of St Michael and for the Souls in Purgatory: A kind soul has made some extra chaplets of both, so if you want one and the prayers that go with it, just email me or call and leave a message, so I can make a list of who wants them, and then you can get the chaplets after a weekend Mass soon. Remember these chaplets are slightly different than the regular or 7 Sorrows Rosary, and so it's easier to pray them on a special set of chaplet beads. If you want to make a donation for them, just put the money in a white envelope and mark it and give it to me or put it in the Sunday collection.

Wednesday and Friday 3 pm Holy Hours: We had a **great turnout** for the special 3 pm Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday. Please make it a holy habit to attend the normal Wednesday 3 pm Our Lady Guardian of the Faith Holy Hour and the 3 pm Friday Divine Mercy Holy Hour, esp. now that the weather is nice. It is a great time to grow in prayer as we adore our Eucharistic Lord and fulfill what Our Lady asks us to help her with, namely the conversion of hardened sinners here & throughout the world. It is also always a time of special graces as Jesus died on the Cross for our salvation at the 3 o'clock hour, and so I always offer Confessions afterwards at both HH's to help everyone benefit further from the special graces of turning away from sin and toward a life of greater holiness.

Some excellent websites on the Catholic spiritual life: Check out – www.spiritualdirection.com and www.Avila-Institute.com and www.mysticsofthechurch.com. All very good. And if you have questions, ask me.

Blessed Easter water: Feel free to take some after Mass – it is very good to have.

Lending Library: For the Easter season, after you finish reading the *My Conversations with Poor Souls* book to sign out a good book to read in our Lending Library in the basement – maybe check out the *Diary of Divine Mercy in My Soul* by St. Faustina, to really understand the whole message of the Divine Mercy or some other good book. And please remember: do not add any books to the Lending Library without first dropping them off for me to look at to make sure they are solid in terms of the Faith.

Divine Mercy smartphone app: If you have a smartphone, there is a nice Divine Mercy app that you can download for free from the *iTunes store* if you have an Apple phone or from the *Google Play store* if you have an Android phone. Make sure it is the one from the Marians of the Immaculate Conception called **Divine Mercy** with a picture of Jesus.

Thoughts from the Saints: On Temptation - “The devil only tempts those souls that wish to abandon sin and those that are in the state of grace. The others belong to him: he has no need to tempt them.” (St. John Vianney). Have a blessed week. ☩

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Those Who Are In Need of Healing:

Karen McAleer, Joan Deike, Cheryl Gross, Sara Pullen, Carolyn Arnold, Sherry Diehl, Ruth Zack, Matt Siehl, Bryan Braman, Mark Fleegle, Scott Ward, Nora Massie, Melissa Baker, Cathy Houseworth, Anita Spiker, Angie Wolfhope, Frank Dohoda, Marie Smith, Mike Montreal, Jordan Seville, Debbie Wertz, Kathleen Tomkosky, Gabriel Grassi, Beverly Clark, Molly Wyman, Nicole Shorey, , Dianna Garvis, Parker Lease, Mary Grace Imgrund, Kathy Nebel, Patrick Fleming Sr., Bruce Leonard, Mary Sue Harris, Mary Anderson, Pat Kohler, Danny Mulhern, Gerald Steves, Fr. John Byrnes, Terry Metivier, Don Hershberger, Carolyn Hershberger, Nadine Naugle, Sandi Fleegle, Nancy Woods, Sandy Rouzer, Emily Diehl, Ed Dudzinski, Fae Montreal, David Hinson, John Sloniger, Tom Futcher, James B. Whisker II, Inga Pepoy, Tina Datesman, Marlene Claycomb, Tara Musselman, Hope Yotko, Catherine Marie Boob, Suzanne Wilk, Evelyn Yost, Charles Cuppett, Edith Cuppett, Peggie Scritchfield, Father John Moineau, Patricia Quarry, Jacob Clark, Melinda Stone, David Brunstretter, Robert Fulmer, Cathy Vent, Matthew Kostelac, Preston Taylor, Liz Anderson, Amanda and Tim Hixenbaugh, Fr. Tom Acklin, Sue Durr, Tina Honkus, Jane H. Davidson, John Wolfhope, Sara Felton, Debbie Porta, Lawrence Quarry, Cpl. Hunner Flint, Barry Leydig, Danielle Henry, Scarlette Chris, Toni Reiss, Barry Fleegle, Rick and Val Dovala, Troy Nelson, Dorothy Natolly, Sherry Kendall, Ernie Imgrund, Patricia Worrell, Richard Grimes. Leesa Keys-Waite, Robert Myers, Brittany Dodson, Dwayne and Edith Smith, Penny Wyman, Cindy Zimmer and John Andzelik.

To have someone placed on the Prayer list or the Military List, Please call the rectory 623-5526. Please ask the person for their permission before placing them on either list. Please call the rectory to have them removed from the list when they recover or are no longer serving in the military.

In Defense of Our Country Both at Home and Abroad:

Leo Gressick Jr., Jim Hillegass, Richard Keller, Wilbert Litzinger, Mark Popchak, George Pullman, Sean Richards, Michael Ryder, Gregory Smith, Jonathan Vogel, Ryan Smithmyer, Matt Stankan, Jennifer Lindsey Whetstone, Lindsey Zack, Michele Notestine, Heather Dovala, John Bankes, Ian McCoy, Curt Shane, Derrick Bunja, Michael Franklin, Drew Diehl, Adam Wertz, Aaron Ebersole, Michael Haith, Josh Gregor, Katie Simmons, Shaun Shaffer, Daniel Veltre, Justin Porta, Marco Veltre, Jeremy Porta, Patrick Sanders and Cpl. Hunner Flint.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 814- 979-0272

April 14 - Third Sunday of Easter:

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus explains that the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

Have you considered answering the call to “help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life” by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

If anyone has Rosaries that need repaired please contact Linda Steele at 814-979-0882.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK:

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| Weekly Envelopes | \$4,256.00 |
| Monthly | 1,787.00 |
| Loose | 530.89 |
| Candle | 16.00 |
| Good Friday | 55.00 |
| Easter | 545.00 |
| Total | \$ 6,989.89 |

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: ASSEMBLY MEETING, THURSDAY APRIL 18TH AT 7:00PM IN CHAMBERS.

Prayer for our Nation:

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation’s leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the “culture of death.” Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

April 14, 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

During this Easter season, in addition to celebrating all that Christ did for us, we are also reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives. The knowledge of His sacrifice should not only affect our minds but also our hearts, changing how we live. Through sin, we betray Jesus once again. It is like saying, “crucify Him!” Sometimes we deliberately turn away from Jesus out of pride and selfishness, and other times, we are not even aware of the gravity of our sin. Whether we know our weaknesses or are ignorant to them, let us ask God to reveal the areas of our lives in which we are betraying Him – maybe through addiction, materialism, and how we spend our money or time and putting things above God. And let us ask for the grace to repent and change our ways.

As we are still in the midst of this Easter season, let us take some time to think about what Christ did for us and the changes we should make in our daily lives to help us grow closer to Him.

RECONCILIATION (Confessions): Saturdays – 3:45 pm

ADORATION: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Will be held every Monday after 8:00 am Mass until 9:00 am

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: The First Friday of every month after 8:00 am Mass there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:30 am

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: Mass The First Saturday of every month at 8:00 am. Confessions following.

HOLY HOUR: Friday afternoon at 3:00 pm. Confessions at 4:00 pm.

BAPTISMS OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN: Parents are expected to be registered in the parish and to attend a class on the Sacrament of Baptism before a child is baptized. Due to the hectic schedule that often faces new parents as well as the nature of the material covered, we encourage parents to attend prior to the birth of the child. Call the Rectory Office for an appointment.

MARRIAGES: The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of Preparation. Arrangements are to be made with the Priest of the Parish nine months before the date of marriage. Your church date and time are to be set prior to your reception date and time. The Pre-Cana Conferences or Engaged Encounter must be part of the marriage preparation. **Either the bride or the groom or both must be a registered and practicing member of St. Thomas parish.** To make Marriage Preparation arrangements in the parish, call 623-5526.

Children of parishioners are reminded that they are removed from their parents' registration upon their 22nd birthday and must register as an adult member of the parish.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Certified diocesan instructors are located throughout the diocese. Contact the diocesan Family Life Office, 814-886-5551; familylife@dioceseaj.org; www.dioceseaj.org/family-life

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME! Please call the Rectory for an appointment. If you are moving away or returning, please let us know so we can maintain accurate records. Changes in phone number are also appreciated.

INACTIVE CATHOLICS: Baptized Catholics who have not been practicing their faith are most welcome to return Please call or email Fr. Tomkosky if you have questions.

R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): This process sees to the needs of adults who wish to become Catholic. Catholics baptized as infants and have never received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation are also invited into this process. Call the Rectory for Details.

CARE OF THE SICK: Those confined to home due to illness or age should contact the Rectory. Arrangements will be made to bring the Eucharist and if needed, the Sacrament of the Sick.

ENVELOPES: Regular use of envelopes provide a stable income for the parish and enables us to prepare a budget. A record of your contributions is kept and a statement will be mailed upon your request.

PROJECT RACHEL: Is a program of counseling, compassion, and healing for women and men who have been involved in an abortion. Call (814) 884-8000 or ProjectRachel@dioceseaj.org **HURTING RELATIONSHIPS?** Spouse to Spouse or Spouse to Child. Call (814) 535-6538.

BIRTHRIGHT: Believes that every pregnant woman has to right to give birth, and every child has the right to be born. Call 1-800-550-4900. www.birthright.org Birthright, 216 Dibert Street, Johnstown, PA 15901

CATHOLIC COUNSELING: Call Catholic Charities...Altoona office... 814-944-9388.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Church

SUNDAY: 7:00 a.m. Mass in the Church

9:30 a.m. Mass in the Church

Note: The Rosary is recited ½ hour before each Mass.

Confessions: Saturday, 3:45 p.m. in the Church.

Or call the rectory for an appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 8:00am-12:00pm

Thursday 8:00am-11:30am

All ordinary parish business should be conducted at this time. Please call Father to make an appointment with him at 623-5526 ext.3

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Psalm 66