Saint Francis of Assisi

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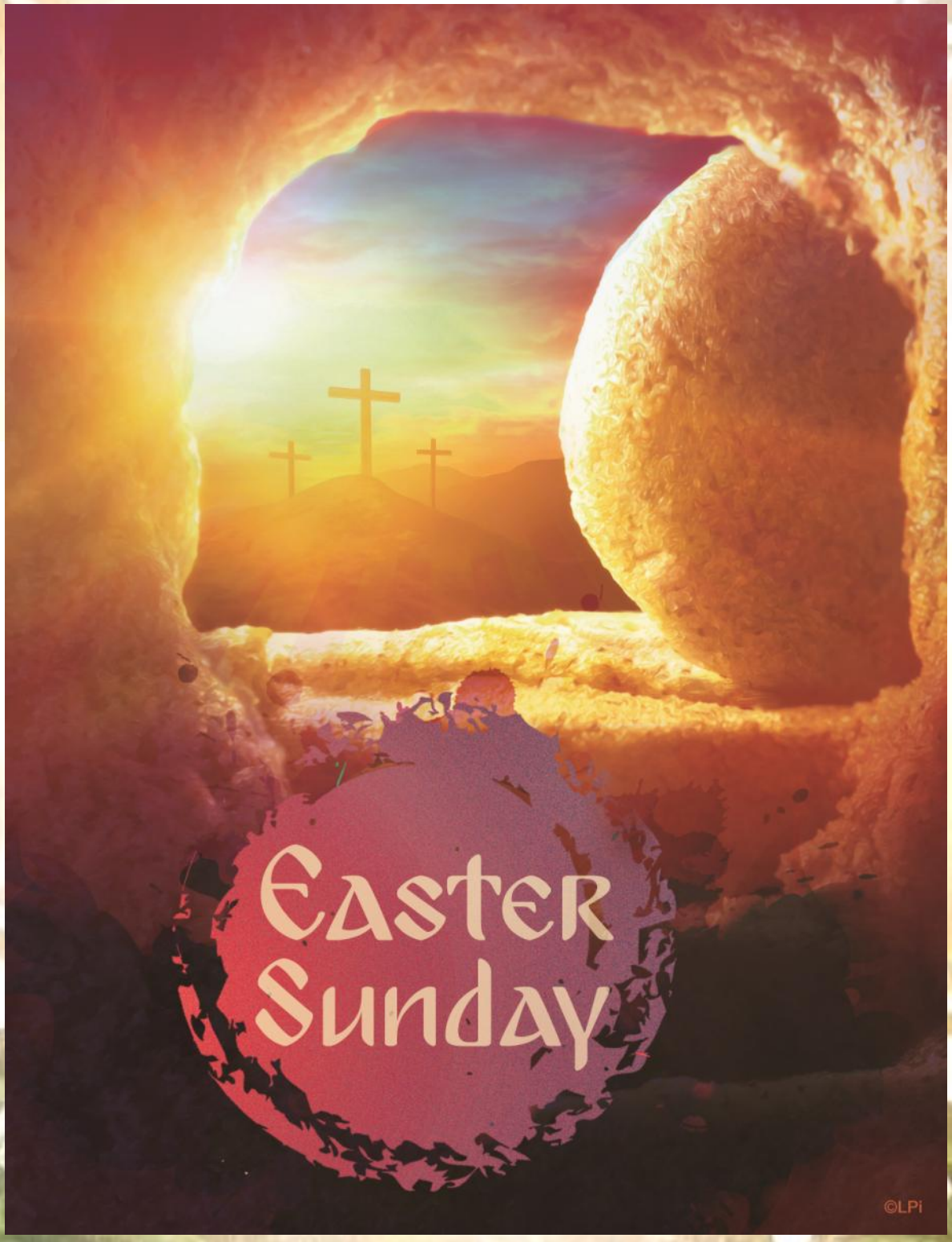

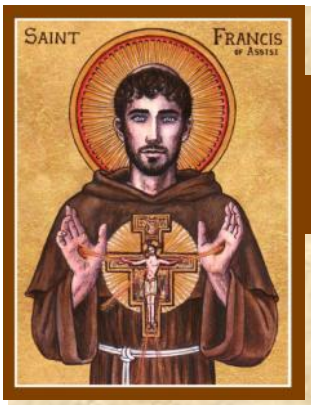

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Sacraments

Baptism - Instruction is required for first time parents. Call the office for details and scheduling.
Marriage - Please contact the office, arrangements must be made 6 months prior to the wedding date.
Confessions held on Saturdays, St. Mary- 11am-12pm and St. Joseph-12pm-1pm

WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

SUN 4/4	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
MON 4/5	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
TUES 4/6	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
WED 4/7	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
THR 4/8	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
FRI 4/9	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
SAT 4/10	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
SUN 4/11	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

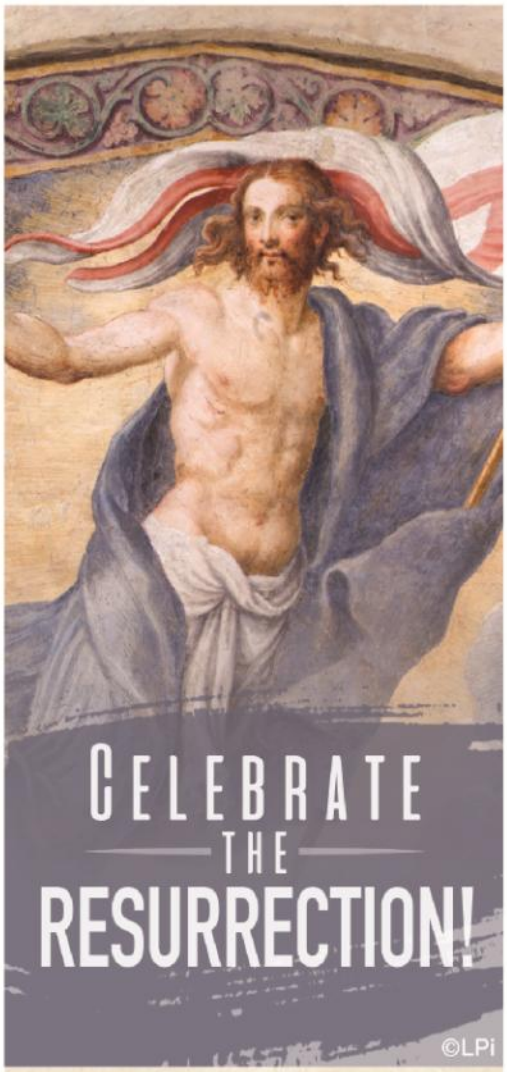
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 4, 2021

Sunday:	Easter Sunday
Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday:	Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday:	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.



Christ is Risen Indeed

Mass Intentions for the Week

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
Saturday, April 3 Holy Saturday	8:30 PM	St. Joseph	Carrie Smith	Denny & Patti Geary
Easter Sunday April 4	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Marilyn Hilderbrand	Family
	8:30 AM	St. John	Joe Snyder	The Stahoviaks
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Victor Carbin	Wife & Family
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Catherine Swartzlander	Family
Monday, April 5 within the Octave of Easter	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Charles & Olive Dougherty	Spohn Family
Tuesday, April 6 within the Octave of Easter	8:00 AM	St. John	Mary "Ruth" Rodgers	Family
Wednesday, April 7 within the Octave of Easter	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Marilyn Hilderbrand	Rick & Michelle Miller
Thursday, April 8 within the Octave of Easter	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Bill Cranmer	Karen Geibel
Friday, April 9 within the Octave of Easter	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Georgia Gaiser	Family
Saturday, within the Octave of Easter April 10	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	John Christie	Family
	4:00 PM	St. Mary	Evangelene Knoch-Strobel	Mom & Dad
	5:30 PM	St. Joseph	Regis Schiebel	Phyllis Bastin Family
Sunday, April 11 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi	
	8:30 AM	St. John	In honor of the 65th Anniversary of Pat & the late Paul Rodgers	Children
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Dean Schnur	Mary Rehm Family
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Mike Spohn	Bob & Eileen Rodgers

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers the sick, suffering, and homebound of our parish community, especially those listed below from our parish grouping.

Robert Rakarich
Rose Hinch
Marge Karenbauer
Mary Lou Beilstein
Jacob Robb
Gregory Robb
Bernice Durand
Elaine Lydon
Marge Steinhiser
John Lorenz
Kathy Miller
Joe Krall
Lois Davanzati
Elizabeth Rakarich
Evelyn MacDonald
Jeannie White
Agnes Widenhofer
John Prokopchak
Dick Leroy
Carol Rowley
Dan Jonczak Jr.
Judy Convery
Nicholas Miller
Mary Carbin
Jim Edwards
C.J. Kriley
Loretta Schnur
Janet Biscetlia
Fr. Victor Kriley, OFM, Cap.
Fr. Gary Stakem, OFM, Cap

Pray for all members of our armed forces, especially those from our parish families.

Gabre Knoch
Kyle Campbell
Michael Fritz
Tylor Grant White
Matthew McCandless
Jimmy Adley
Russell Bauer
Brandon Bauer
Jordan Cottage
Nicholas Cottage
Stephen Konyha
Dustin Michel

Please call or email Jenn to add or remove names from the grouping prayer lists.

This week's Sacred Heart candle at St. John is
In Memory of Victor Carbin
by Don & Josi Nebel

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you and will a lively sorrow for my sins. I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Within your heart I place my every care. In every need let me come to you with humble trust saying, Heart of Jesus, help me.
Amen.

This week's Blessed Mother candle at St. John is
In Memory of Barb Bart
by Don & Josi Nebel

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Mary this week is in memory of

Victor Carbin

Please continue to sign up for weekend Masses, the link is on the main page of our website, **www.saintfrancisparish.net.** Or go directly to **https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4DA9AF29A7FF2-april .** We ask that you please sign up by Thursday.
If you do not have internet access, please call the office by Thursday, and we'd be happy to sign you up for Mass.

Please note that ALL Church offices will be closed Monday, April 5th, in observance of Easter . Normal office hours resume Tuesday, April 6th.

Scheduling Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for St. Francis of Assisi (St. John, St. Joseph and St. Mary locations) are scheduled through Jenn. Contact Jenn by phone (ext. 216) or email to schedule your request. The stipend for each Mass is $10. Please send your check made payable to Saint Francis of Assisi***, indicate the date and intention*** in the check memo line and mail to 315 Stoney Hollow Road, Cabot 16023.

A Message from Fr. Matt . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Easter! This Lent has flown by for me. I can't believe the great Feast of our Salvation is here already. I don't know why Lent seemed to go so fast. I guess because so much of it was new and different. I am so happy to celebrate Easter with you. I feel like the luckiest, most blessed person in the world to have the assignments that I have. You show such faith, hope and love. You are an inspiration to me. Thanks for opening your hearts to me and to Fr. Lou, Fr. Jim, and Fr. Ward. We love you a lot. Thanks for loving us and being patient with us.

I have a friend who is a pastor at a non-denominational Christian church. We met during my first assignment in Wexford. He is a good pastor and a good man. We were walking through our church one time and he looked up at the Crucifix and said to me, "That is something that I will never understand." I thought he was talking about the amazing love that Jesus showed by dying on the Cross for us. So I said, "That is love beyond all telling." He said, "No. I mean I will never understand why you guys have the body still hanging on the Cross. Aren't Christians supposed to be Easter people? You don't ever let anyone stop thinking about Good Friday."

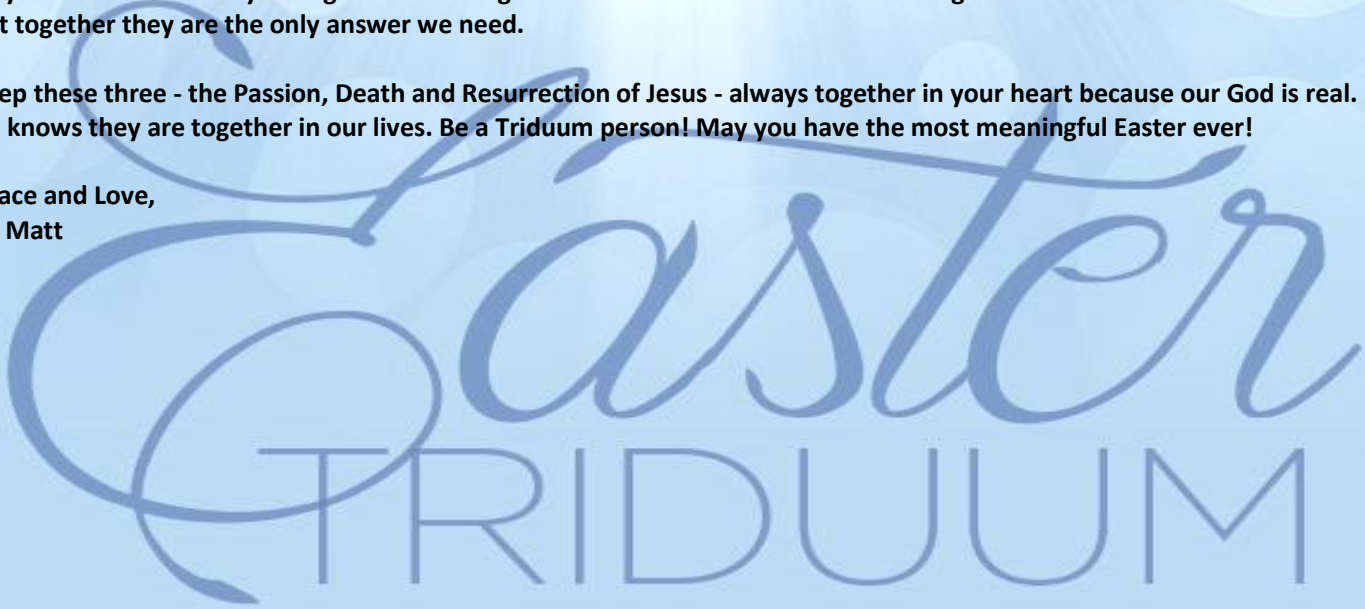
Does he have a point? Aren't we supposed to be Easter people? Well, yes. Easter is a wonderful part of who we are. But, what does Easter mean without Good Friday? I think one of the coolest things about being Catholic is the three days that we call The Triduum. On Holy Thursday we begin Mass like we always do with a Sign of the Cross. But have you ever noticed that we don't end Holy Thursday with the Sign of the Cross, like we would every Mass? Do you know why? Because the Mass isn't over. On Good Friday we don't begin the service with the Sign of the Cross because it is a continuation of what we began the night before. Same with the Easter Vigil. The Sign of the Cross only comes at the end of the Easter Vigil. We do this because The Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, are one, huge, three-day long, cannot-be-separated, solemn remembrance and celebration. Do you see what the Lord and His Church are teaching us here? We are not just an Easter people because you cannot separate Easter from Good Friday and Holy Thursday. Passion, Death and Resurrection. Any of them on their own do not make sense or have full meaning. We are not merely an Easter people. We are a Triduum people!

To me, that says our God is real! He isn't some "Don't worry. Be happy" God! That's not real. God knows that we have suffering, and He says to us in The Triduum that our suffering has meaning. God knows that things can be hard, but says that the tough stuff can help us to see the good stuff. This isn't a day for empty celebration. Today is a day to celebrate that we are alive, and life isn't easy but there is reason to hope. If for no other reason, because our God isn't distant and absent. Our God hurts with us, is abandoned like we are sometimes, is betrayed by those He loves. Our God dies with us and rises to tell us there is so much more to the story. Behold, He makes all things new! Our God is the realest!

Today, I hope that you celebrate. I hope you know that you have a reason to celebrate! Christ is risen from the dead. Christ is Crucified out of love for you. Christ's Body is broken and blood is poured out for you. Christ humbles Himself to be your servant so that you might be encouraged to serve others. None of these things on their own is a suitable answer, but together they are the only answer we need.

Keep these three - the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus - always together in your heart because our God is real. He knows they are together in our lives. Be a Triduum person! May you have the most meaningful Easter ever!

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt



First Eucharist

St. Francis of Assisi Parish has 21 children preparing to make their First Eucharist on the first 2 weekends in May.

Let us remember them in prayer as they prepare to join their parish family at the Lord's table.

Lord Jesus, Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.
May this day be an initial step into a life- long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to You for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow in full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May they grow in Christian maturity and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's witnesses in the world, spreading and defending the faith.
Amen.

CONFIRMATION

St. Francis of Assisi Parish has 18 youth who are preparing to celebrate their Confirmation on May 13 and May 20, 2021.
Let us pray for them as they continue to prepare for this Sacrament.

Holy Trinity, guide and protect the candidates as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Help them to discern God's will in their life and fill them with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, knowledge, right judgment, courage, understanding, reverence, wonder and awe) to empower them to serve God as a true disciple through
Your grace and in Your love.
Amen.

Children's Faith Formation Communication Corner

April 4-

April 11-
CFF/CGS II Group A
-9:15-10:45 AM **(St. Joseph)**
CFF 9:45-11:00 AM **(St. John)**
CGS II Group C 6-7:30PM **(St. Joseph)**
Edge 6-7 PM **(St. Joseph)**

April 17- Confirmation Retreat-
11:30AM **(St. Joseph Hall)**

April 18-
CGS Group B 9:15-10:45 AM **(St. Joseph)**
CFF 9:45-11:00 AM **(St. John)**

April 24-
Jesus Day/First Eucharist Practice
(First Eucharist Class) 9AM **(St. Joseph Hall)**

April 25-
CFF/CGS II Group A 9:15-10:45 AM **(St. Joseph)**
CFF 9:45-11:00 AM **(St. John)**
CGS II Group C 6-7:30PM **(St. Joseph)**
Edge 6-7 PM **(St. Joseph)**

April 25, 2021 is our last scheduled CFF/Edge Sessions for the year.
Please be looking for information about our Fall CFF/Edge Sessions in the bulletin and on our website - saintfrancisparish.net

Blessings for a safe and healthy summer!
See you in church!!

The Pittsburgh Catholic ONLINE

The new, online version of the *Pittsburgh Catholic* can be found at *www.diopitt.org*

Thank You

The Marian Guild would like to thank each and every person who generously donated food, gift cards, and funds for the Easter food giving baskets. Many thanks to all of the members who helped with shopping, packing and distribution as well. Many Easter Blessings to All!

Steven is looking for any cantors or instrumentalists interested in playing for Mass at the St. John location. Any skill level is fine! If you are interested in joining Steven to play for Mass, please contact him at 717-451-2082.

All registers from the three former parishes will be retained at the **Diocese of Pittsburgh Archives & Records Center**. If you need proof of a sacrament for any reason, you will need to contact the Archives & Records Center directly. Sacramental Record Request Forms can be printed from the website **diopitt.org/sacramental-record-request** or call 412-456-3158.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

In keeping with Pope Francis' proclamation of The Year of St. Joseph, we are offering an opportunity to participate in a consecration to him. What does it mean to consecrate yourself to St .Joseph? In its most basic sense, it means that you acknowledge him as your spiritual father and that you want to be like him. In return, St .Joseph will provide his undivided attention, protection and guidance. Using Fr. Don Calloway's book "Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father," we will begin this 33 day program the week after Easter. There are several ways that you can participate. You may join with the Bible Buddies on Wednesdays (Apr. 7th) or the Faithful Friends on Thursdays (Apr. 8th) from 10am to 12pm in the café, or you may work on the program on your own. In addition, if there is enough interest, another in person session or a Zoom meeting may be scheduled. Participation in the Consecration requires that you purchase Fr. Calloway's book. The date of our Consecration will be determined in accord with our completion date in the middle of May. For information regarding the program itself go to https://www.consecrationtostjoseph.org/introduction.html. To register for the Consecration contact Angela Robb at angela@saintfrancisparish.net.

The 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign ended on Palm Sunday, however, abortions continue at an average of 40 per week at Planned Parenthood in Pittsburgh. There is a newly formed team, 40 DFL 365, which will continue to meet each week on the abortion days to pray and to offer alternatives to those entering the facility. They could use your presence and prayers on these days:
Tues 8am –4:30pm,
Wed 8am –4:30pm,
Fri 8am – 4:30pm
and Sat 7:30am – 3:30pm all year long. To learn more or to sign up, please contact:

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The ***Respect Life*** Committee page of our website has been overhauled to include several helpful and useful links, including:

- Resources for Helping anyone "in need"
- Dating, Marriage and Family Resources
- Monthly Parish "Life" News newsletter
- Pro-life Books and Movies
- Contact your Elected Officials regarding Life issues
- Prolife Topics, Event and Activities

Visit **www.saintfrancisparish.net** and click on *Committees*, *Respect Life*. The page is a continual work in progress. If you have suggestions, please send them our way. Thank you!

HOPE AND HEALING ARE POSSIBLE!!!

For those struggling with addiction or substance abuse, for their families and for those who have lost loved ones to the disease of addiction and overdose. We come together in prayer!
PLEASE JOIN US FOR ROSARY AND SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS
TUESDAY: : April 6th, 13th and 20th; 2:30-3:30
April 27th; 7-8pm
WHERE: ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST., SAXONBURG

******CDC recommends wearing a mask******
When I am afraid I put my trust in You.
–Psalm 56:3
Questions: patomaszewski@zoominternet.net

Donation Update

Below is a list of all offertory and collection totals received by Saint Francis of Assisi through mid-March. Apologies for any prior confusion. We will do our best to have regular updates available.

Saint Francis of Assisi Financials
1/1/2021 thru 3/14/2021

Activity	Amount
All Saints Total	10.00
Ash Wednesday Total	1,463.00
Campaign for Human Development Total	672.00
Christmas Charities for Children Total	454.00
Christmas Flowers Total	25.00
Christmas Offering Total	1,823.00
Easter Flowers Total	735.00
Easter Offering Total	20.00
Food Bank Total	880.00
Good Friday - Holy Land Total	10.00
help offset the processing fee Total	25.86
Immaculate Conception Total	59.00
Mothers Day St VdP Total	10.00
Offertory Total	105,929.51
Parish Share Total	23,345.00
Religious Retirement Fund Total	50.00
Solemnity of Mary Total	1,746.00
St Anthony - DePaul School Total	2,134.00
St Vincent de Paul Total	115.00
Thanksgiving Total	5.00
Utility - Energy Fund Total	105.00
Grand Total	139,616.37

Thanks to all who support the parish with such generosity and commitment.

May God bless you abundantly.

Please Make ALL Checks now Payable To

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Thank you!

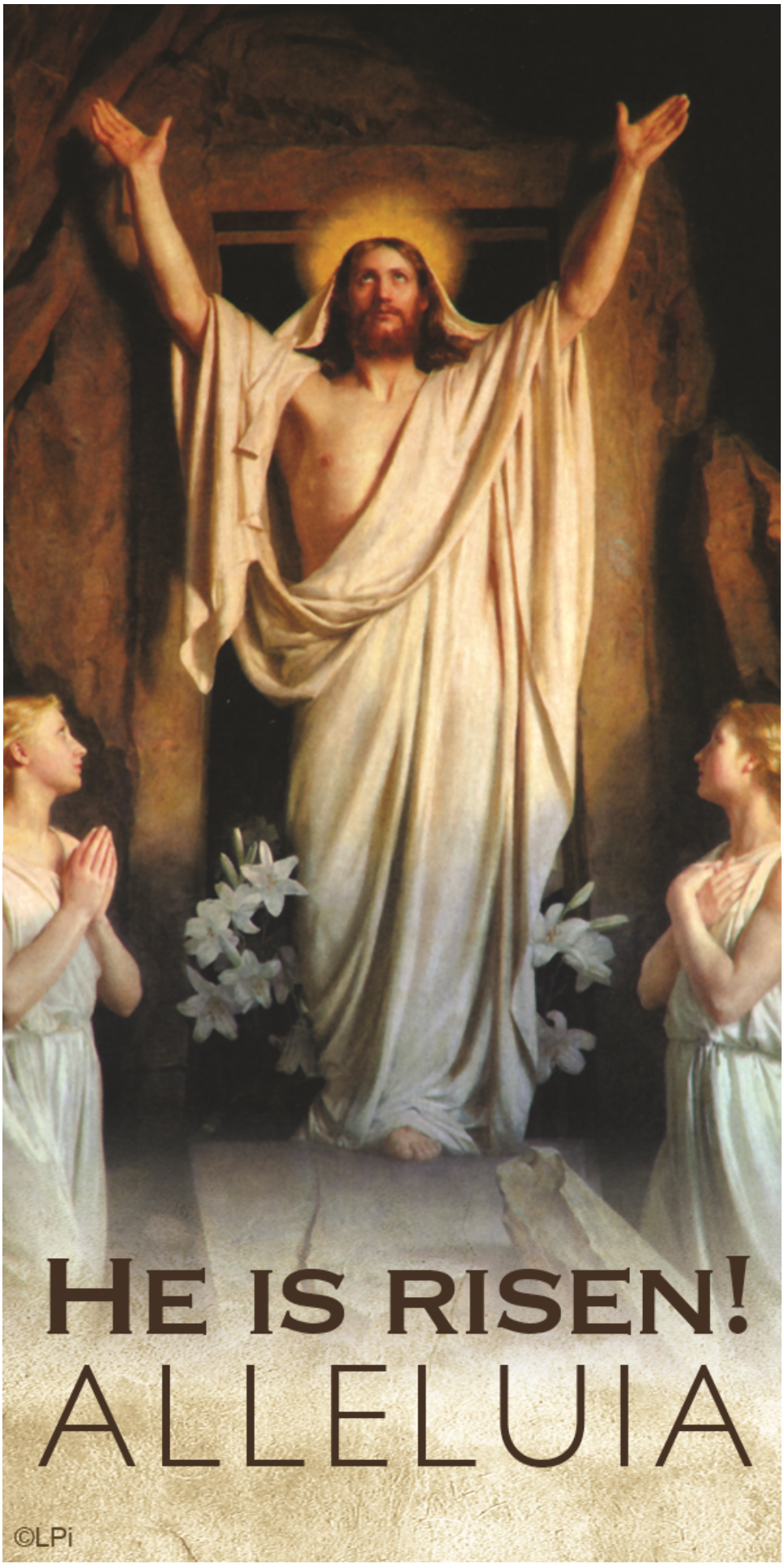
CA$H CALENDAR RAFFLE

Members from all three locations of our newly formed parish, Saint Francis of Assisi, have joined together to create our first united fundraiser, a Calendar Raffle. Calendar Raffle tickets are $25 and are available at the Church Offices and after Masses the weekend of April 11. The raffle will begin on July 1 and run through December 31, 2021. The winning number is based on the PA Daily Pick 3-- 7:00 PM drawing. Please help support Our Parish, Saint Francis of Assisi, with this new Fundraiser!

Thanks . . .

. . . to our Internal Auditing Team who completed the audit of envelopes, reports and bank statements for the period of August thru December 2020 for St. Joseph Church. Now that we have merged, they will perform the audit for our new parish. We appreciate their thoroughness and commitment. Thanks to: Mary Zotter, Joann Kale, Candy Bauer, Peggy Matas, Wanda Piccola, Irene Traggiai and Barbara Amy.

The final fish fry for the season at St. Mary on March 26th sold 1,112 dinners! Many thanks to all who have helped out in any way and to all the faithful patrons who came out to support this great annual event. We look forward to next year hopefully being back to normal, and would love to see all the new and old volunteers working together to make next year better than ever! Thank you!!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