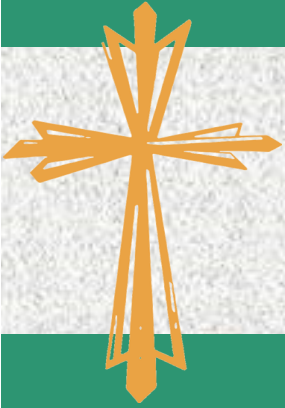


Sunday, April 12, 2020 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Year A)



SAINT MATTHIAS

— P A R I S H —

*We are the caring, healing, vibrant Catholic Eucharistic faith communities,
who celebrate and promote the Divine Mercy of God through prayer and service.*



EASTER SUNDAY

“Do not be afraid! I know
that you are seeking Jesus
the crucified. He is not here,
for he has been raised just
as he said. Come and see
the place where he lay.”

- Mt 28:5b-6

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**No further
masses open to
the public until
further notice.**

County website access: www.stmatthiasgreene.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation

**NO Confessions
until further notice as
directed by Bishop Zubik
until restrictions are lifted
for COVID-19.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

By appointment. Prior to your baby's Baptism, you must be a practicing Catholic and attend a pre-baptism class. A God-parent must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic, age 16 or older.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least six (6) months in advance. Participation in marriage program is required. Please notify your home parish for visits of

Anointing of the Sick | Sick Calls

Communion to the sick, shut-ins, and those confined to hospital.

St. Hugh Sanctuary Candle



Burns April 12th thru April 25th
In Loving Remembrance or
Special Intention of:

*Patty Yoders
by Husband, Richard Yoders
(St. Hugh)*

Diocese of Pittsburgh

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator Office:
412-456-3093
Diocesan Victim Hotline: 1-888-808-1235
PA ChildLine: 1-800-932-0313
Call 911 immediately if a child is in danger.

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Good Neighbor Lunches will be served
by TAKE-OUT only!

On Mondays, Thursday and Saturdays
11:30 am to 12:15 pm

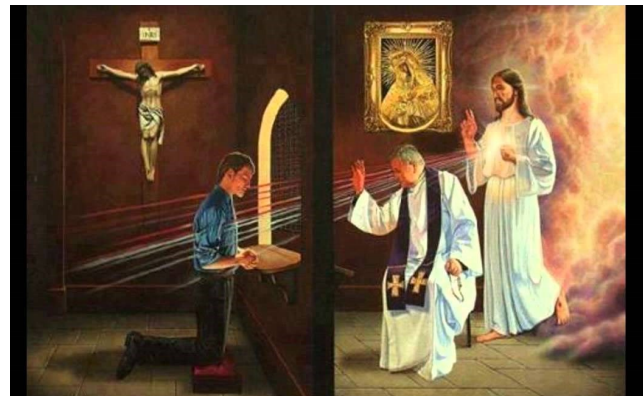
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your support is vital to the life of the parish. All contribution envelopes may be mailed to the St. Ann Parish Office Center, 232 E. High St., Waynesburg, PA 15370. Thank you for supporting us during this critical time.

Confessing Sins

Question:

If I go to the Sacrament of Penance and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?



There is a popular expression that says, "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet!" Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change.

When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God's grace, we will succeed.

MASS INTENTIONS

All mass intentions will be celebrated privately for all scheduled masses below.
Intentions will be said by either Fr. Al or Fr. Francis until further notice.
All mass requests will be honored.

SATURDAY, April 11 (Easter Vigil) and

SUNDAY, April 12 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

All Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Matthias Parish and RCIA

Emil Verosko by Janet and Barbara Moskal

Deceased of the St. Ignatius Holy Name Society

MONDAY, April 13 - Monday within the Octave of Easter

Pat Lawrence by Jim and Lana Monas

Louise Giacomel by McCombs and Klamerus Families

TUESDAY, April 14 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Robert Desmet (Birthday) by Wife

Anthony Chambers (Uncle Tony) by Connie Knepshield

WEDNESDAY, April 15 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Lena Stoner by Attilia Shumaker

Frank Boczar by Elsie Rumancik

THURSDAY, April 16 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Mary Jankowski by Jim and Paula Zalar

Doris Cettin (Birthday) by Gary and Carol Polosky

FRIDAY, April 17 - Friday Within the Octave of Easter

Victor Kovach by Jim and Lana Monas

Anna Wojtowicz by Medunic Family

SATURDAY, April 18 (Sunday Vigil) and

SUNDAY, April 19 - Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

Deceased of the Dobrunick Family by Attilia Shumaker

Garnet Swestyn (Birthday) by Children and Grandchildren

John Vukmanic by Bob and Lynn Hoover

Pat Lawrence by Basinger Family

Anna Novak (Birthday) by Gary and Carol Polosky

WORSHIP SITES:

St. Ann, (Waynesburg); **St. Hugh** (Carmichaels); **St. Ignatius** (Bobtown); **St. Marcellus** (Jefferson)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 13

Acts 2: 14, 22-33

Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 14

Acts 2:36-41

John 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 15

Acts 3:1-10

Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 16

Acts 3:11-26

Luke 24:35-48

Friday, April 17

Acts 4:1-12

John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 18

Acts 4:13-21

Mark 16:9-15

Sunday, April 19

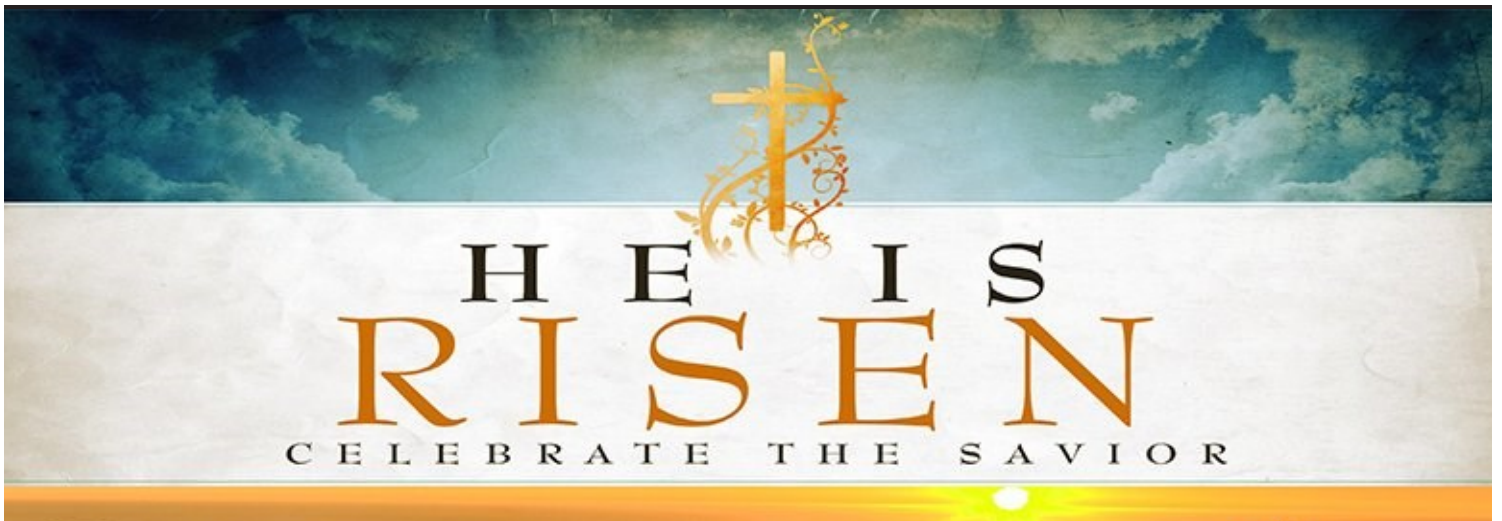
Acts 2:42-47



1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

April 12, 2020



Passion, Death and Resurrection

Dear Parishioners,

We pray that this letter finds you all well and free of COVID-19. We have missed you during our Sunday liturgies. One of the hardest things for us has been to celebrate Mass daily and be unable to have you participate fully—especially not being able to give you communion. It is most disconcerting not to be able to celebrate this Holy Week and Easter with you.

Nevertheless, we must not forget the meaning of the events we commemorate in this season. Our Lord Jesus has died and rose again to overcome sin and death for us. Our God is still in charge and intends to free us from all evil and to know life in abundance through his Son's suffering and death. As we go through this time of pandemic with its fears, worries, and doubts, may we hold onto the cross of Christ knowing that we will rise again! Our Lord has overcome death at the first Easter, not only for himself but for us. Let this be our hope during these difficult times. May our faith and confidence in the Lord's victory carry us through this crisis.

Know that we keep you and the world in our daily prayers, especially during our private Masses. We look forward to the day we can gather again at the Lord's Table.

May God bless you and keep you. Thank you for your kind prayers and remembrances. We certainly appreciate it. The Lord is risen, Alleluia! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Happy & Blessed Easter,

Father Al & Father Francis

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this? John 11:25-26

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2020

PLEASE NOTE:

**Livestreams can ONLY be found on our
Facebook Page (St. Matthias Parish - Greene County)
Once it is livestreamed, it will be uploaded to our
Website: www.stmatthiasgreene.org
For Daily Mass: Once recorded, it will be uploaded to our
Facebook Page and Parish Website**



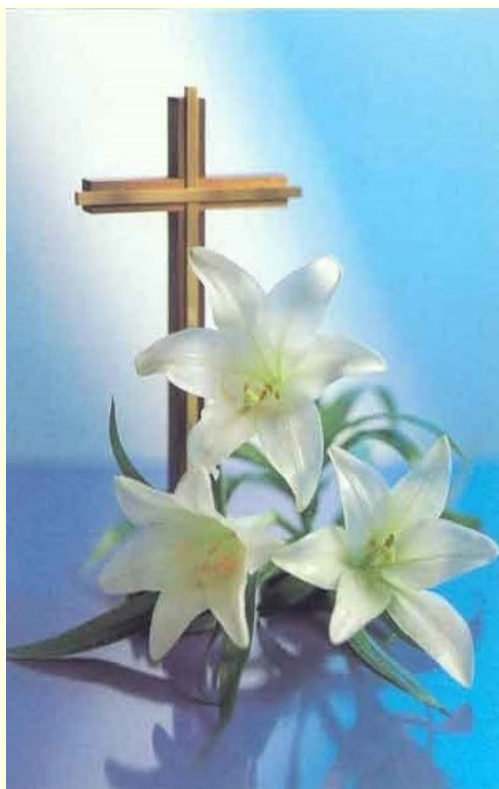
April 9 (Holy Thursday)

Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

**6:00 pm Mass will be livestreamed and then
Posted on Facebook and Website**

April 10 (Good Friday Liturgy/Services)

**3:00 pm Services will be live streamed
and then Posted on Facebook and Website**



April 11 (Holy Saturday Easter Vigil) Mass

**8:30 pm will be livestreamed and then
Posted on Facebook and Website**

April 12 (Easter Sunday)

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

**10:00 am will be livestreamed and then
Posted on Facebook and Website**

He is Risen!

FAITH LIFE

**FIRST READING**

"He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead." (Acts 10:42)

PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) or Alleluia

SECOND READING

When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. (Col 3:4)

GOSPEL

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8)

**ALTERNATE
SECOND READING**

1 Cor 5:6b-8

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**WORSHIP & MEDITATION****GOSPEL MEDITATION****Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying "so what" or "alleluia"? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of "so what." Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.

Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don't sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and "find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The "so what" response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn't important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn't impress us or matter all that much. It's all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant "tomorrow" that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking "so what?" or "alleluia"?

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn't need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!

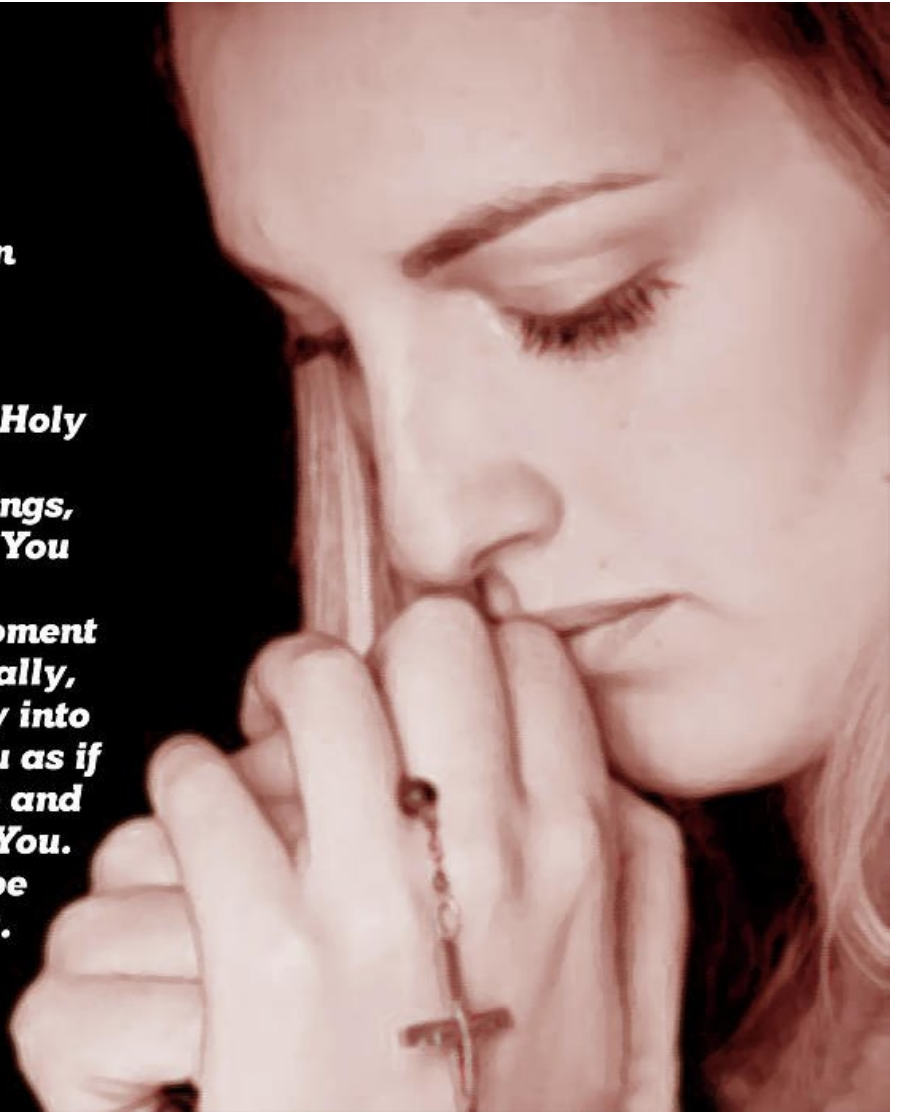
HOW TO MAKE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are unable to attend Mass because of measures taken by your diocese to halt the spread of the coronavirus or are otherwise homebound, consider making an act of Spiritual Communion.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You
into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into
my heart. I embrace You as if
You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.
Amen.**



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St. Matthias Prayer Requests for 2020

Ester Adriano	Honey Desrosiers	Bernadette Klamerus	Linda Mosier
Mildred Bair	Denise Dillow	Linda Klueber	Marian Nopwasky
Kate Beale	Bob Doman	John Kozlowski, Sr.	Gertrude Opolinsky
Kim Belmont	Kathy Durr	Janie Kowalewski	Donna Parish
Patty Bennett	Charles Elko	Joseph H. Lang	Mary Pascuzzo
John Bokin	Sr. Margie Frazer	Debbie Lippert	Julia Plasko
Daniel Bradmon	Patricia Galloway	Frank Lippert	Frank Roth
Don Breier	Barbara Gera	Shawn Lohr	Pat Roth
Judie Buday	Alysia Ginsburg	David Ludrosky	Jean Scott
Todd Burns	Sheryl Giovanelli	Deborah Lukacs	Deacon Jim Sheil
Bob Cerjanec	Mary C. Grove	Janet Maddich	Colby Simkovic
Charlene Chulick	Mary Grybos	Mel Markulik	Michelle Sroka
Carol Clish	Mary Ann Haiden	PJ Martin	Nancy and Tom Tanney
Jeanette Collar	Mike Henry	Mary Matis	Susan Teagarden
Florence Commons	Dennis Homer	Nikki & Matt Matovich	Brittney Trich
Mary Ann Cox	Janice Howard	Elizabeth Matyus	Helen Wesolowsky
Andrew Cubic	Patty Jones	Leslie Matyus	Christopher Watson
Rosanne Defibaugh	Nancy Juracko	Carl Miller	Natalie Whitlatch
Lexi DeHaas	Lucy Kamauf	Marcia Morris	Hank Workman

We pray with special love and concern for all those who are ill or infirm, asking the Lord for his consoling grace to heal those in need. We also remember all those in personal care/nursing homes.

Pray for those in the Military



Mychael Barzanti, (US Air Force, Guam); Joshua Boyle, SSGT (US Army, Fort Knox, KY); Jessica Breuer (US Air Force, Korea), Andrew Buchtan, (US Army Specialist, Houston, TX) Sam Cuss, (US Navy Petty Officer Third Class, Oceania, VA); Warren Dickerson (US Navy, Norfolk, VA); Wendy Dickerson (US Navy, Norfolk, VA); Petty Officer 1st Class Elizabeth Fedora Gillum (Andrews Air Force Base); Capt. Aaron Lazuka D.D.S. (US Army, El Paso, TX); Emily Phillips (USMC) and Brandon Phillips (US Army); Major Luke Vitolo (Air Force, Rabat, Morocco); Major John Vitolo (Air Force, Alabama); Lance Corporal Ryan Woods (USMC, Iraq).

Prayer for the Sick

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.



DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY

April 19, 2020

The message of the Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that his mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon him with trust, receive his mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share his joy.

Jesus I Trust in You!