

EASTER SUNDAY

the  
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of the  
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**Parish Stewardship for 2018-2019**

Weekly amount originally budgeted for 2018-19. . . . \$3,529.00  
 Offertory for the weekend of April 6-7.....\$4,088.00  
 Deficit/Surplus for weekend April 6-7.....\$ 559.15  
 Budget from July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019.....\$183,500.00  
 Deficit/Surplus to Date .....-\$9,814.19

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**St. Joseph “Prayer Chain” and “Care and Concern”**  
 If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish or who would like to be remembered with a card or note, please call Charlene at 787-7601

**Food Bank**

The many items brought for the food bank have been appreciated. You may continue to bring your donations for the Food Bank by dropping them off at the church office or by using the box in the church vestibule. Please note the expiration date on your items. Thank you for your donations.

**Baptismal Training Classes:**

May 7 — Queen of the World — 834-4701 — 7:00 p.m.  
 June 6 — St. Marys, St. Marys — 781-1019 — 7:00 p.m.

**Upcoming Events**

The **Church Office will be closed** Monday, April 22 and will reopen Tuesday, April 23 at 9:00 a.m.

**Cemetery Committee** — Thursday, April 25 – 6:30 p.m.

**First Communion** — Sunday, April 28 - 9:15 a.m. Mass

**May Crowning at the Fatima Shrine** after Sunday Mass on May 5. More details to follow.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** prayed 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28.

Sunday, April 28 there will be an evening of music and **prayers for healing** with Deacon Daniel Satterlee will be at St. Bernard’s Church in Falls Creek at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Judy Smart 814-6375930 or Rich Kenawell 814-771-7932

**Mother’s Day Women’s Breakfast — May 12.**

Once again the men of our parish will be preparing a delicious breakfast for our parish ladies of all ages. Tickets will be on sale after each Mass in the social hall beginning this Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28. The ticket price will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for girls under 12.

**DIAPER DRIVE FOR MATERNITY CLOSET**

Once again on Mother’s Day weekend there will be the Diaper Drive/Wipes for the Maternity Closet that serves families throughout the area. As last year on **Mother’s Day weekend** a Porta-Crib will be located in our social hall for the collection. **Please** consider donating diapers/wipes to the collection. There is an ongoing need for diapers of assorted sizes particularly sizes 4 & 5.

**St. Michael Outreach** will have a **Craft/Vendor/Soup sale** on Saturday, April 27 from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Joseph Hall, 301 S. State St., DuBois. Questions? Call 814-583-5445.



**Sustaining the Power of Resurrection**

My brothers and sisters, we have arrived now at this Holy Season of Easter. These last six and a half weeks have been a time of offering *special prayers*, of *fasting* from certain foods or activities, and of *almsgiving* to the Rice Bowl or to another charity. May I also add that hopefully, this too, has been a time of conversion for all of us.

By conversion, I mean that maybe you have identified a particular sin, weakness, or bad habit that you wanted to stop. The efforts in prayer, fasting, or almsgiving have helped you rid yourself of that obstacle to your spiritual life and health. A good question to ask ourselves is “Has each of us seen progress in our spiritual life during these past weeks, or not?”

It might be too much to expect of ourselves immediate perfection from every sin and weakness. However, what areas — even small areas of our spiritual life — have we grown and developed? For example, if you have by God’s grace and your cooperation conquered a bad habit of eating unhealthy foods, then that is a personal resurrection for **you**. If you have done the best you can to give up a bad habit of talking about others’ faults or swearing, then this too is a personal resurrection that has come to **you**.

A good question for all of us during this Easter and well-beyond is “How can we *SUSTAIN THE POWER AND GRACE OF JESUS’S RESURRECTION* in every area of our life where we have seen little or a lot of growth?” If all of us want something that desperately, then we need to ask God to sustain it and even deepen the *GRACE* in that particular area of our life everyday. Each new day until your last day on earth, ask Jesus our Lord, Savior and Friend to give you the grace to be continually victorious over the sin, weakness, or bad habit you had strived to give up during Lent.

Reading and praying the Bible regularly, sharing your resurrection story with someone you trust, and believing in the Power of Jesus’s Resurrection at Mass and in all of the Sacraments *WILL BE EFFECTIVE* ways of sustaining and growing positively in your spiritual life.

Just as John the Apostle went into the empty tomb “and saw and believed” (John 20:8b) in Jesus’s Resurrection, so too, when we see some spiritual growth in our life, we see that this is truly the Grace of Jesus’s Resurrection.

God Bless,  
 Fr. Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scripture
Monday, April 22, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	George Chiodo	sister Aileen Luca	Monday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15 (261)
Tuesday, April 23, 2019 No Mass	Communion Service		Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18 (262)
Wednesday, April 24, 2019 No Mass			Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35 (263)
Thursday, April 25, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Anna and Walter Cheslock	Larry and Jean Brown	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48 (264)
Friday, April 26, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Glenn Benigni (anniversary)	The Family	Friday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14 (265)
Saturday, April 27, 2019			Saturday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15 (266)
Saturday, April 27, 2019 5:30 p.m. Mass	George and Grace Berasi (wedding anniversary)	Bob, Marlene, Sandy and Joanne	Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	(see below)
Sunday, April 28, 2019 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	Acts 5:12-16 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31 (45)

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Thursday ..... 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 p.m; **Sunday:** 9:15 a.m; **Holy Days:** 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m; **Daily:** Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m, No Mass Wednesday  
**BULLETIN INFORMATION**

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

**Baptism** – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

**Eucharist** – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

**Confirmation** – High School youth who are entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

**R.C.I.A.** – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

**SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION**

**Priesthood/Permanent Deaconate** – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Deaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

**Matrimony** – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

**SACRAMENTS OF HEALING**

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** – Is celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available anytime upon request.

**Reconciliation** – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m, or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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