



EASTER SUNDAY

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.
- Lk 24:2

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 04/06/25	\$2,725.00
Weekly collection for 04/13/25	not available
Weekly budget goal	\$3,425.00
Difference	-\$700.00
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal	\$30,504.00
CSA Pledges to date	\$27,515.00

POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL
For The Use of New Technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.
Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2025

April 30th	6:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	814-772-3135
May 22nd	6:30 pm	St. Marys Church	814-781-1019

The office will be closed on Monday, April 21st and will re-open on Tuesday, April 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

FAITH FORMATION -- NO Faith Formation classes this weekend. Classes will resume on April 27th for all students, except 3rd Grade. Everyone will meet in the FF office.
First Holy Communion will be held next Sunday, April 27th, during Mass at 9:15 a.m.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday, May 11, 2025, after Mass. Due to the damage at the Social Hall, we will gather for breakfast at the Bennetts Valley Community Center (former elementary school).
Tickets will go on sale after Mass on April 26/27 and May 3/4. The cost will be \$8 for adult/\$3 for children 10 and under.

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Be Vigilant: It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children and communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture of prevention. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing the warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. When we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. In the Diocese of Erie for particular questions, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

Just a reminder to please remove any old flowers/decorations that were placed on your loved one's grave. Clean-up of the cemetery is beginning. Any old/faded flowers left on graves will be discarded. Thank you.

Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville, PA

Website: <https://www.anawimministries.com>

Upcoming Retreats in 2025:

Drumming - April 25 @ 9:45 am - \$50 includes lunch

Poetry - May 15-18 @ 5:30 pm on Thursday - \$475

Directed Silent Retreat - May 27-June 3 @ 5:30 pm - \$875

A Resurrection Story of Divine Healing

This is a story of a young man, a seminarian, studying for the priesthood. He had come home on Easter Sunday to visit his parents and to stay for a few days before going back to the seminary. They were grateful to see him come home for Easter. But, they had to give him the not so good news that his mother has to go to the hospital the next morning for a biopsy because of an obvious spot that the x-ray had shown.

The son told his parents that we need to pray the rosary and pray for healing. The next day, the seminarian went to daily Mass and in the priest's homily, he said everything will turn out very well, without him knowing anything about the seminarian's mother's medical situation. When the son got home, his mother and father were there and they described to the son that the doctor took a series of x-rays that morning to locate the spot before the biopsy, and the x-ray revealed that the spot was no longer there. To the surprise of the doctor, the cyst was gone. The mother was sent home and her husband and son rejoiced to hear the Good News. This was an Easter gift of Divine Healing through the praying of the Rosary.

My brothers and my sisters, the Resurrection of Christ that we celebrate this day and in these next seven weeks of Easter, is the celebration of Jesus' Divine Healing and Profound Mercy and Forgiveness. Jesus is risen from the dead and has opened the gates of heaven for all of us. In order for us to experience Jesus' Healing and Merciful Forgiveness in our life, we need to simply ask Him to bring healing in the areas of our life as in the story of the seminarian and his mother. In addition, Jesus' Mercy and Forgiveness is always offered to us when we know that we have done something that we should not have done.

As Jesus' closest friends ran to the tomb on that first Easter morning, with their desire to see the Risen Lord, so too, may we have that same enthusiasm every time we pray and believe that somehow, someday, God hears and will answer our prayers. May we also have that same anticipated joy every time we come to Mass and experience the Risen Lord in the Word proclaimed and in the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord Jesus as we receive Holy Communion.

Happy Easter!

God Bless,
Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 21, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Dolly Garvelli birthday	Family	Monday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2: 14, 22-33 Mt 28: 8-15 (261)
Tuesday, April 22, 2025 No Mass			Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2: 36-41 Jn 20: 11-18 (262)
Wednesday, April 23, 2025 No Mass			Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3: 1-10 Lk 24: 13-35 (263)
Thursday, April 24, 2025 No Mass			Thursday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3: 11-26 Lk 24: 35-48 (264)
Friday, April 25, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Dolores Floravit	The Gausman Family	Friday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4: 1-12 Jn 21: 1-14 (265)
Saturday, April 26, 2025 No Mass			Saturday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4: 13-21 Mk 16: 9-15 (266)
Saturday, April 26, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Alberta Crocco birthday	nephew-Joe Sexton	Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, April 27, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass Sunday of Divine Mercy	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 5: 12-16 Rv 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20: 19-31 (45)

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Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday

Divine Mercy Sunday April 27, 2025

Father Mark will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning at 3:00 pm in the Church. Following the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Dr. Janet Satterlee will be conducting an afternoon mini-retreat on prayer in the Faith Formation Center.

On the following Mondays, during the month of May, the 5th, 12th, and 19th, Dr. Janet Satterlee will be leading an Adult Faith Formation class on The Blessed Mother, Mary, and the Rosary, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Center. (All are welcome)

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