

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHEDRAL

Mother Church and Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

300 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601

EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 12, 2009



**EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

Coat of Arms
of
The Most Reverend
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Bishop of Greensburg



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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-4:30 PM

Saturday, April 11

8:30 PM Easter Vigil - For the Parish

Sunday, April 12 - Easter Sunday

7:00 AM Special Intention
 9:00 AM Special Intention (Church & Hall)
 11:30 AM Special Intention (Church & Hall)
No Evening Mass

Monday, April 13 - Easter Monday

8:00 AM John Bodnar (Eleanor)
 12:10 PM **No Mass**

Tuesday, April 14 - Easter Tuesday

8:00 AM Mr. Merle Henderson (Son)

A Day of Prayer

Wednesday, April 15 - Easter Wednesday

8:00 AM Scuri Family (J. Scuri Newman)
 12:10 PM Joseph Arbore (Daughter)
 Exposition
 5:30 PM Vespers
 6:00 PM Our Lady Family Prayer Group
 7:30 PM Closing of Exposition

12:10 PM James Ranieri (Neil)

Thursday, April 16 - Easter Thursday

8:00 AM Olga Solochier (Family)
 12:10 PM Joseph Baur (Palmer)

Friday, April 17 - Easter Friday

8:00 AM Zita Porter (Catholic Dgtrs. of America)
 12:10 PM Mr. & Mrs. Dom DiStefano (Daughter)

Saturday, April 18 - Easter Saturday

8:00 AM John Ciavarra (Frances)
 11:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Giovanni & Caterina Bidese (Bidese)

Sunday, April 19 - Second Sunday of Easter

7:00 AM Henry & Anne Macko (Family)
 9:00 AM Blase J. Caranese III (Family)
 11:30 AM Fred Giovannini (Wife)

Exploring the Word

Second Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2009

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The early church is the ideal community we still struggle to become.

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

God's mercy endures forever. God's love is everlasting.

1 John 5:1-6

Jesus is known in the water, the blood, and by the power of the Spirit.

John 20:19-31

Another disciple seeks Easter insight: "My Lord and my God!"

It's a Wonderful Life

SO HERE IT IS: EASTER. Why should we be thinking about what has perhaps been the most popular movie ever of the season—the Christmas season, that is - *It's a Wonderful Life*? Sure, its heartwarming climactic ending occurs next to a Christmas tree and snow is falling and Jimmy Stewart is singing "Auld Lang Syne" off key. But in reality, it is a movie made more for what Easter is all about than Christmas.

Like the movie, we are celebrating one person's life today. In the movie, we are shown how difficult people's lives would be if the main character had not been alive to touch people's lives with his. Once he realizes how important his life was, he is reborn, resurrected if you will, and his goodness is celebrated by all of his family and friends.

This Easter we should ask ourselves, what if there had been no Jesus or if he had not been raised from the dead? What if there never was an Easter to celebrate? How different our lives would be.

Just as in the movie the goodness of one life touched so many, so, too, the Resurrection of Jesus has touched our lives in incredible ways. We are an "Easter" people. How does the Resurrection of Jesus show itself in our lives? How do we share Jesus' loving presence with others? When others ask the question, "So what?" with their indifferences to the importance of this day, how do we answer, we who believe in the Resurrection?

FROM THE PASTOR**JUST IN TIME**

Easter is coming just in time this year. After a long period of bad news in our world and of anxious times, we hear the Easter proclamation of God's victory over sin and death in Christ's resurrection. Now, can we take it to heart? That is the call of the Easter message.

What happened to Christ on Calvary continues to happen to every human being in our world in some form or another. Pain and suffering, rejection and betrayal, desperation and death are all part of the human lot. Jesus shared this condition fully, and because He who was fully God and fully human emptied Himself completely to humanity, our human condition can become holy.

We are called to that holiness. The transforming power of Easter disclosed in Christ's resurrection is now made available to all of us in the Risen Lord's Spirit. We must draw upon that power as we strive to live faithfully. So many forces of death and destruction to our human nature and its spirit are afoot these days: forces that dispose of persons in the most vulnerable of conditions because they are not useful to us; forces that create division and dissension among people of good intentions; forces that exploit the least among us for profit, convenience or simply from our disregard. The Spirit of the Risen Lord is here to transform these forces into life giving energy to respect all conditions of human life, to re-create our earth and to bring peace and meaning to human relations and the searching human heart.

Let us rejoice in the Lord's resurrection, and let our joy move us to accept the call to new life in Christ' Spirit. It is Good News that can make a difference, if we think, feel and act differently by the power it gives us.

Happy Easter to All!

Monsignor Statnick, Father Bill and the Staff of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

PARISH NOTES**Parish Office Closed**

On Monday the Parish Office will be closed. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 14 at 9:00 AM.

Friends in Faith

We will be reading about the "doubting" Thomas on Sunday, April 19. It's the gospel from John 20:19-31. But we hear so much more in this gospel. "Receive the Holy Spirit---". Come join us on Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Formation Center and see what you hear.

Cathedral Active Seniors

The Cathedral Active Seniors will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 16. At this meeting, the steering committee will talk about future plans and update everyone about the Spring trip. Please bring your thoughts and ideas. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. Gathering begins at 10:15 AM, meeting at 10:30 AM, Mass at 12:10 PM and lunch following Mass. A \$3.00 donation is requested for lunch. Please call the parish office at 724-834-3710 to make reservations.

Bereavement Support Program

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral will be hosting a six week bereavement support series on Thursday evenings beginning May 7. Each session will run from 6:30 – 8:00 PM and will be held at the Cathedral Formation Center.

Cheryl Giesey, Bereavement Counselor with over 30 years experience in family service, will lead this group. These sessions are designed to help participants understand their grief experience as well as provide practical ways of dealing with the adjustments caused by the loss. It is proven that those suffering a loss can benefit by being with others traveling a similar journey. All interested persons are encouraged to participate.

If you would like to participate in this bereavement support series, please contact Sandi Kocian at 724-834-3710, ext. 11, to register.

Before the Resurrection of Jesus, the disciples had not perceived the true significance of their master's person and work. . . . It could be said that from "disciples" Jesus' followers became true "believers" through the Easter experience.

- JACQUES DUPUIS, S.J.

Deacon Salomon's Farewell Reception

Next weekend, April 18/19, we will have a farewell reception for Deacon Salomon after all masses in the church hall. Deacon Salomon's final weekend here will be April 25/26. Everyone is invited to come down to the hall to thank him for his time spent here at the Cathedral.

BSC Youth Ministry 10:05-11:05 AM
Middle School - meet in Formation Center
 April 19
Leader: Neil Palmer
Senior High School - meet in Parish Office
 April 19 - *"In one Spirit we were all baptized
 into one Body"*
 Team 1: Jason & Charla Huber

Due to bulletin deadline the Weekly Financial Report for April 5, will be added in the next weekend's bulletin.

Just a reminder: If you would like to contribute monthly, please place just one envelope in the collection basket once a month.

Rosary

All are welcome to gather for the Rosary Monday through Friday at 11:30 AM.

Coping with Loss Grief Support

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral offers a grief support program that meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Cathedral Formation Center. This support program is an opportunity for those in their sorrow to join others for mutual support in grief. Please call Sandi Kocian in the Cathedral Parish Office for more information, 724-834-3710, ext. 11.



Used Eyeglasses

The Lions Club collects old, used eyeglasses and distributes them to those who need them. There is a drop-off container in the vestibule of the church where these eyeglasses can be placed for pick-up. Let's help the Lions Club. Please bring your old unused eyeglasses in for those who are less fortunate.

2009 Vacation Bible School

In partnership with Saint Bruno Parish, Saint Paul Parish and Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Saint Benedict in Marguerite will be hosting the 2009 Vacation Bible School from June 15 through June 18, 9:00 AM ~ 12 Noon for grades K ~ 5. If you wish to assist with this summer's program please contact Sue Craig at 724-834-6880, Christine Gannon at 724-836-0690, Sara Thomas at 724-834-3710 or Ruth Apone 724-834-9045. Registration is free and on a first come first serve basis. We are in need of monetary donations that will go toward the snacks. Checks should be made out to Blessed Sacrament Cathedral and mark on the envelope VBS. You can mail or drop your envelope into the collection basket. Thank you for your support.

**Annual Parish Picnic
 SAVE THE DATE!**

The parish picnic will be held at Idlewild Park on Sunday, August 16, 2009. If you would like to offer your help to make this year's picnic successful, please contact the parish office. Keep an eye on the bulletin for further details.



Liturgical Ministers Schedule April 18/19, 2009

5:30 PM Altar servers: R DeFrancesco & B Miller
 Lectors: S Harvath & G Nicoletti
 EM: B & T Laskey, J Mondock, K Patton, R Zuzik,
1 EM needed

7:00 AM Altar servers: M Leo & A Marko
 Lectors: C Seamens & J Lucas
 EM: S & N Cleva, C Missenda, R Bauer, T Willcox

9:00 AM Altar servers: D & F Milburn
 Lectors: E Nemanic & B Rua
 EM: M Cardella, M Felice, B Skergan, J & J Stauffer,
 K Scarpaci

11:30 AM: Altar servers: B Burke & C Wilson
 Lectors: L Emrick & B Lupinacci
 EM: L & R Whatule, G Williams, M Atherton,
 R Boynton, C Cabaniss

7:00 PM: Altar servers: J Marin & M Steinhauser
 Lectors: F Murrman & B Garofola
 EM: C Andros, J Kedzierski, C Marin, T O'Donnell
 P Secosky

**Blessed Sacrament Cathedral
 Membership Request / Change**

Name _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Check one: New Registration
 Change of Address
 Moving out of Parish

Please drop this in the offertory basket or mail to the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK AT BSC

Monday, April 13
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 14
 3:00-4:00 PM: Jr. Legion of Mary [Formation Center]
 6:00-7:30 PM: Coping with Loss Grief Support [Formation Center]
 7:00 PM: Cemetery Board Meeting [Parish Office]

Wednesday, April 15
 No Choir Rehearsal
 7:00-8:00 PM: Faith Sharing [Formation Center - EAS]

Thursday, April 16
 10:15-2:00 PM: Active Seniors Meeting & Luncheon [Hall]

Saturday, April 18
 2:00-4:30 PM: Jesus Day [Church & Hall]
 5:30 PM: Reception for Deacon Salomon after mass [Hall]

OUT AND ABOUT

Divine Mercy Sunday

- St. Bartholomew Church, Route 119, Crabtree on Sunday, April 19 with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10:30 AM Mass, public and personal prayer, confessions, Divine Mercy prayers, and benediction . A social in the Madonna Room at Marian Hall will follow. All are encouraged to attend part or all of the day.

Smokeless All Paper Bingo

- Saint Rose Church, Route 982, Latrobe on Sunday, April 19. Doors open at 11:30 AM; bingo begins at 1:00 PM. Admission is \$10 per package; extra packages are \$6 each or 2 for \$10. A box lunch is included in the admission. No one under 18 permitted to play. For advance tickets, call 724-537-3709 between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Natural Family Planning Instruction

- The next CM-BBT Method of Family Planning Session is scheduled for MONDAY APRIL 20, 2009 at 6 PM at the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg. PRE- registration is required. Contact Mary Ann Newhouse at Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840, ext 658.

Westmoreland County Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Program

We cordially invite you to attend the interfaith remembrance service and viewing of Dr. Hank Greenspan's one-man play *Remnants*. The play, which has received acclaim worldwide, is based on twenty years of the playwright's conversations with Holocaust survivors. Refreshments will follow.

Sunday, April 26, 2009 - Interfaith Service
 2:30 PM

Congregation Emanu-El Israel
 222 N. Main Street, Greensburg

Remnants
 3:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Social Hall
 300 N. Main Street, Greensburg

*Postcards are available in the vestibule with this information.

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