

LITURGY – April 4 – April 12

<u>HOLY SATURDAY</u> 8:00 p.m.	EASTER VIGIL April 4 All Members of the Parish
<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u> 9:00 a.m.	April 5 Robert W. Black by Carol Mearkle
<u>MONDAY</u> 8:30 a.m.	April 6 Tom & Janet Smith by Don & Shirley
<u>TUESDAY</u>	April 7 NO MASS
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 8:30 a.m.	April 8 Dale Weyant by Fred & Margaret Grover
<u>THURSDAY</u> 8:30 a.m.	April 9 Susan Prescott by James Whisker
<u>FRIDAY</u> 8:30 a.m.	April 10 Bob Harclerode by Carol Harclerode
3:00 p.m.	EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR
<u>SATURDAY</u> 5:30 p.m.	April 11 All Members of the Parish
<u>SUNDAY</u> 9:00 a.m.	April 12 Angeline Grover By Fred & Margaret Grover

PRAYER LIST: Raymond Smith, Don Butler, Anna Weber, John McKnight, Bob Will, Bob Stubler, Anne Jones, Billy Clapper, Bob Marko, Richard Heming, Harvey Bennett, Kyle Foust, James McDonnell, Adam Wright, Jim Buchanan, Jim Macy, Tim Kiser, Bob Myers, Ron and Sally Perrin, Mitch Durst, Judy Mardis, Janice Heming, Bill Wigfield, Dianne Hush, Danielle Henry, Suzanne Porsch, Chaddie Kidd, Nancy Pennel, Doreen Spargo, Mary Belle Zelanko, Rose Marie Stoeffler, James Bernarding, Shirley Smith, Linda Stubler, James Ford, Janine Anna, Caden Davis, Jane Cunard, Kathleen Yingling, River Troutman, Richard Koontz, Anne and Casmir Majcher, Joette Reid, Hope Burkett, J.B. Whisker, Pat Young, Rose Feight, Helen Snyder, and Nancy Stolarski .

(Please call to add or remove a name once the person is recovered or no longer in need of special prayer. If you are placing someone other than a family member on the list, please be sure to have their permission first.)

SUNDAY OFFERING	
April 29, 2025	
Weekly:	\$1,746.00
Thank You!	

LOCAL NEEDS COLLECTIONS: A few weeks ago, we had a talk about the Everett Elementary Backpack Program. A question arose as to how to donate to this need. They are one of the local needs we support, along with: St. Vincent de Paul Society, Everett Food Pantry, In One Accord and Breezewood Trucker Traveler Ministry. Designated donations in the monthly envelope are honored. Donations not designated are distributed among these 5.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE (CMD) 2026: This year's theme, *Sent to Serve*, reminds us that, by virtue of our baptism, each of us has been *Sent to Serve*, entrusted with gifts that are meant to be shared for the good of others. This drive supports 9 ministries in our diocese, under evangelization, serving those in need, or formation of priests and deacons. This year our diocesan goal is **\$9,200**. Everything over that will be used for our project of replace our entrance sign.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: 814-979-0272
Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people!

Through your donations, you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering the effects of poverty in Bedford County. During the month of March, you enabled the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist 26 families with the following: utilities (heat, water, electric, etc.) – 15, rent/mortgage – 6, food & gas – 1, overnight housing – 1, motor vehicle needs – 3. Thank you and God bless you!

A NOTE FROM FR. FAIRMAN: My thanks to everyone who made our Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum special. I appreciate our servers, readers and Eucharistic ministers. I appreciate our choir and the guest organist for their dedication from Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday. I appreciate those who contributed to the banners. My thanks to everyone who contributed to the Easter flowers! Be sure of my prayers for everyone during this Easter season.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *Today's Gospel writer, John reminds us of the amazement and alarm the disciples felt when they arrived at the empty tomb on Easter Morning because "they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead."* Jesus Christ invites each of us to new life. We begin by opening our hearts to him in the mystery of the Resurrection. By virtue of our baptism, are called to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ, truly risen from the dead for the salvation of the world, to the world that still lives in darkness. Jesus is the Light of the World. Easter morning, he opened heaven for the salvation of all who come to believe in him.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Samantha Yokum who was welcomed into the Catholic Church and received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation on Easter Sunday. Our appreciation to Ben Zimmerman, her sponsor, who faithfully supported her spiritual journey.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: If you know of any adult who is interested in becoming Catholic or an adult who needs to finish his or her initiation (First Communion or Confirmation) please encourage them to contact Father Fairman.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar
Today's gospel instructs us that Jesus "had to rise from the dead." The "dying" we experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.

LADIES OF ST. JOHN: The next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 8, at 4 p.m.** in the social hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

RAFFLE TICKETS: RAFFLE 2026: A big thank you to those who purchased tickets last weekend. There will be two more 'before-mass' opportunities to purchase tickets before the raffle date, May 31. Don't miss out on your chance to support your church family and possibly win 1 of 16 cash prizes in the process. Tickets are always available by notifying Pat at 717-679-2081.

THE ST. MONICA CLUB: The next meeting is **Wed., April 8, at 1 p.m.** in the social hall. New participants are always welcome.

EVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM: Our parish continues to support this program that provides supplemental food for weekends and holidays to students whose families are suffering food insufficiencies. A list of suggested food items is on the bulletin board above the collection bin. Please donate.

CANDY SALES: For your enjoyment, there is still a good variety of our Easter candy available for sale after Mass. All proceeds from this fundraiser help support our many parish projects and activities.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and join with people worldwide in praying for these intentions.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for April: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

SPECIAL EVENT COMMITTEE: This spring and summer, our parish will mark two special milestones. We would like to form a committee to plan a celebration of all we as a parish have to be thankful for. This will be a one-time commitment to help organize an enjoyable event. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule **next weekend.** Please enter your name, phone number and check a time that best suits you for meeting. If you have questions, please contact Judy at 814-623-6022.

TASTES OF TANZANIA: Hosted by the Bishop Guilfoyle National Honor Society, will be Friday, April 17, 4-7 PM at the school's Pleasant Valley campus. The evening will feature African cuisine, art, and jewelry. There will be student presentations, raffles and a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit Selfless Solutions, a non-profit founded by BG graduate Patrick Irwin. It supports educational opportunities for Tanzania youth. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and can be ordered at www.selflessolutions.org With questions, contact Patrick Irwin at 814-207-8490.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLE: Please drop off rinsed, crushed aluminum beverage cans ONLY for recycling, near the garage doors. Aluminum foil and plates ARE NOT RECYCLABLE. The proceeds from this ongoing project are sent, by secure means, to the Haiti Missions. Catholic support for Haiti missions focuses on education, healthcare, food security, and spiritual development. The need is great.



THE NOVENA TO OUR LORD'S DIVINE MERCY
The nine-day devotion, requested by Jesus to St. Faustina, began on Good Friday and continues until the Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. In her diary, St. Faustina recorded what the Lord requested of her: *"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death."*