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Celebrating the Easter Season



Lent is long—forty days; but the Easter Season is even longer—50 days! Obviously, the Church wants us to rejoice and celebrate the “Feast of Feasts” for more than a day. After all, good is triumphant over evil, and our God is willing to share his risen life with us, so that we, too, can live forever. As disciples of Christ, we know that, but is it evident in our homes?

Through the 50 days of the Easter Season, remind the members of your “little home church” of their Easter faith. Proclaim your Christian identity to all who visit.

- Include a potted Easter flower on the kitchen table.
- Display an “Alleluia, Christ is Risen” sign (this could be created by family members together).
- Meet at the “Alleluia” sign for a bedtime hug.
- Use a white tablecloth (plastic or cloth) at mealtimes to remind us of this holy season.
- Light an Easter candle or plain white candle at the evening meal from Easter to Pentecost. As it is being lit, say, “Christ is the Light of the World.”
- A sung or said “Alleluia” might be added to the meal prayer.



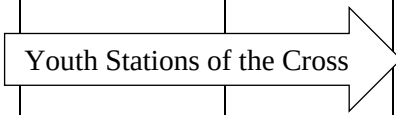
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“A CHANGE OF HEART - Lent and Easter at Home.”

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4  First Friday Confessions 8:30 – 9:00 Adoration 8:30 – 9:30 Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm <i>With Benediction</i>	5 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45
			Youth Stations of the Cross 			
6	7 Parish Council 6:00pm Hall	8 St. Vincent de Paul Society (2 nd Tuesday) 2:00 pm Church Hall	9	10	11  Stations of the Cross 6:00pm	12 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45
13 <i>Palm Sunday</i>  Palm Sunday 10:00am Solemn Mass with Procession	14 Chrism Mass at 11:00am <i>(in Altoona's Cathedral)</i>	15 First Confessions for 2nd Graders 6:00pm	16 Parish Confessions 6:00 pm <i>(Several priests available)</i>	17 <i>Holy Thursday</i>  Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight	18 <i>Good Friday</i>  Good Friday Office of Readings with Solemn Lauds 9:00 am Passion Service 3:00 pm Stations with Novena 6:00 pm	19  Holy Saturday Office of Readings with Solemn Lauds 9:00 am Decorate Church 10:00am Novena with Blessing of Food Baskets 3:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

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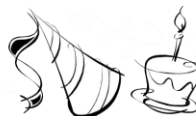
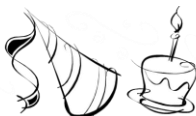
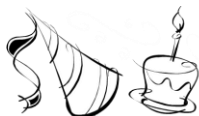


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20 Easter Sunday 8:00 am Mass and 10:00 am Mass 6:00 pm Solemn Vespers with Novena	21 Easter Octave Mass with Novena Prayers 8:00 am	22 Easter Octave Mass with Novena Prayers 8:00 am	23 Easter Octave Mass with Novena Prayers 8:00 am Knights of Columbus (4th Wednesday of month) 6:30 pm Church Hall	24 Easter Octave Mass with Novena Prayers 8:00 am	25 Easter Octave Mass with Novena Prayers 8:00 am	26 Easter Octave Mass with Novena Prayers 8:00 am Confessions  3:15pm – 3:45pm Divine Mercy Vigil Mass 4:00pm
27  Divine Mercy Sunday 10:00am First Holy Communion Mass 2:00pm Solemn Mass & Devotions	28	29	30	Help Wanted Dust Busters Please contact Fr. Matthew if you can help. (814-886-2504) Next cleaning: Monday, April 7, 2025 1:30 pm 		

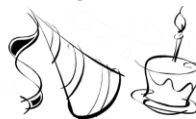
You don't have to be the greatest
to be of great value to the Lord.



April



1	Allen Keagy John Skura	10	Joseph Kratzer Mary Paul Philip Shedlock	20	Margaret Cochran Mary Furfari Thomas Muldoon, Jr
2	Isaac Eckenrode Duane Misiura Shirley Przybys Jamie Pyo John Pyo Patrick Shedlock	11	William Gallagher Warren Krumenaker Richard Leahey, Sr. Carmella Martynuska	21	Brynn Lego Dallas Hite Marisa Rabatin
3	Bradun Gides Rita Klayko Scott Schilling	12	Antionette Doyle Patricia Grove Christopher Phillips Patricia Tremel	23	Rita Butterbaugh Gia Ricupero Claudine Falger
4	John Bost Howard McIntosh Patricia Muldoon Francis Risko	13	Deacon Samuel Albarano Bennett Haney William Walters, Jr.	24	Brigid Crane Nathan Keagy Stanley Kukla
6	Amy Davies	14	Isabella Borlie Juliana Ricupero	25	Michael Lingafelt Bryan Nagy Elizabeth Phillips Andrew Regan
7	Linda Behe Mary Lukacs Deborah Wilson	15	Adrienne Ditosti Shauna Haney Mary Kozak John Sanders Kimberly Wilkinson	26	Susan Roles Ryan Haney Helen Phillips Riley Hazlett Theresa Stevens
8	Karen Claar Riley Petrunak	16	Ray Himes	27	Chelsea Hallinan Timothy Klayko Ruth Mulhearn
9	Amy Cropsey Max Haney	17	Charles Wheeler	28	
		19	Kathleen Hammond	29	
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Please call Fr. Matthew, the Pastor, if there are any necessary corrections.

Special Birthday Celebrations



The following members of the parish family will be celebrating special birthdays this month.

Carmella Martynuska	96	Thomas Muldoon, Jr.	85	Duane Misiura	81
Shirley Przybys	94	Helen Phillips	83	Francis Risko	81
John Skura	85	Mary Paul	82		
Margaret Cochran	85	Mary Furfari	82		

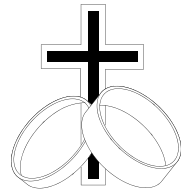


Happy Anniversary

20	Doug and Mary Lou Custer	25	Robert and Mary Paul
22	Raymond and Kathryn Martynuska	30	Richard and Karen James
23	Barry and Cathy Yagoda	30	Andrew Sr. and Mandy Lee

Anniversary Milestones

Congratulations to the following couples celebrating special anniversaries this month.



Robert and Mary Paul	61	Raymond and Kathryn Martynuska	58
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Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference



Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish established a St. Vincent de Paul Conference in August 2006. Inspired by Gospel values, the Society, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person to person services (help with utility bills, rent, food, clothing, etc.) to the needy and suffering in the tradition of the founder, Blessed Frederick Ozanam and patron saint, St. Vincent de Paul.

We want to thank you for your generous donations in the past. With these donations, we were able to help 70 people in the Lilly area through phone calls/home visits. We paid over \$6,543 toward utility bills, rent, food, clothing, and disaster relief (in US & worldwide) to help needy people during the fiscal year October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024.

If someone needs help, please call SVDP at 814-886-8972.

Officers are as follows:

Shelley McIntosh, President

Madeline Conrad, Vice President

Leona George, Secretary

Pattie Grove, Treasurer

Deacon Sam Albarano, Spiritual Advisor

Spotlight on the Knights of Columbus



Council 11084 - Lilly, PA

For more information, contact these leaders of our local council:

Officers for 2024-2025

Grand KnightGary Nagy
Deputy Grand Knight..... Deacon Sam Albarano
Chaplain.....VACANT
Financial Secretary.....James R. Secriskey
Chancellor.....Robert Kunrod
TreasurerPatrick J. Rainey
Recorder.....George W. Nesbella

Knights of Columbus COAL Tickets

The Knights of Columbus COAL Tickets
have arrived.

Chance Of A Lifetime 2025 COAL Drawing
16 Great Cash Prizes - \$ 65,000

Contact a member for your chance to win.

***Please consider becoming
a member of our Knights
of Columbus.***

Contact
Gary Nagy
Grand Knight
Lilly Council #11084

We need new members
with new ideas of how we
can better serve the church
and community.



The parish held our spring craft fair on Saturday, March 15, 2025 from 10am to 3pm. In all we had 17 vendors selling their products. It was great weather and all enjoyed the day! Our total profit is seen below. The parish thanks Amy Hazlett, our 2025 Head of this Craft Fair, for running this year's Craft Fair, and special thanks to all the vendors for coming and making this event possible.

2025 Craft Fair Financials: Income = \$720.00 Vendors; \$716.00 Kitchen; \$22.00 Donations; \$260.00 Chances; \$248.00 50/50 ... Expenses = \$124.00 50/50 Winner (Joe Krug); \$52.16 Kitchen ... Total Income = \$1886.00; Total Expenses = \$176.16 ... **TOTAL PROFIT = \$1,789.84**



The Sunday after
Easter Sunday is
Divine Mercy
Sunday

St. Faustina Kowalska

A humble Polish nun, St. Faustina received extraordinary revelations in the 1930s, which she recorded in her diary.

Our Lord told her, “In the Old Covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart” (Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 1588).

Jesus specially chose her for the mission of bringing His message of Mercy to the world, and He called Divine Mercy Sunday mankind’s “last hope of salvation” (995). Your help in petitioning the Holy See to declare St. Faustina a Doctor of the Church would magnify Christ’s redemptive mission to proclaim anew His infinite love and mercy for all humanity. Please help spread God’s Divine Mercy through St. Faustina!

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when “*all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened*”. (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of His Mercy, now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church.

Jesus promised that “*The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.*” (Diary 699) He went on to say “*I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy.*” (Diary 1109)

We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great feast of mercy “Divine Mercy Sunday”.

Join us for the Divine Mercy Solemn Mass followed by Devotional Prayers on Sunday, April 27th, beginning at 2:00 pm. Confessions at 1:15pm to 1:45pm and again after Mass and Devotions are concluded.

