



St. Catherine Church

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SATURDAY, April 26: VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 p.m. MASS – Andy Ketner by Louise and A.J.

SUNDAY, April 27: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 a.m. MASS – Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Monday, April 28: Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Mary Brennehan by Lewis and Jane Bellucci

Tuesday, April 29: Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. – † Josephine Danish and Margie Allenbaugh by Carol and Family

Wednesday, April 30: Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † For Vocations

Thursday, May 1: Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Communion Service

Friday, May 2: Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. – † James E. Welch, Jr by Joe and Maria Danish

SATURDAY, May 3: VIGIL OF THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Joseph Marino 70th Birthday by Cheryl

SUNDAY, May 4: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 a.m. MASS – Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Shirley Home for the Aged: Spring Jam 2025 June 8th from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Rain or Shine. Public Welcome, Free entertainment, refreshments (available for purchase.) Ice cream, Cake, Sloppy Joe's, Hotdogs. Live Music by Eric Armstrong. Basket Raffles, 50/50 Tickets. Bring your friends, family and a lawn chair! 17050 Country View Lane, Shirleysburg.

Mount Union Community Garden is located at Rogers-Newman Park. Features 40 raised gardening beds. Community members are able to lease raised beds on a first come first serve basis. A signed contract and a \$10 refundable deposit is required. Gardeners have access to a potting area, tools shed and water. Contact Ed and Jane Daschbach at (814) 542-2614.

Marian Devotions:

Approximately 30 minutes before each Mass begins with the recitation of the Holy Rosary

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for May 3/ 4, 2025

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Ed McGarvey	Ann Bonson	Volunteer	Mary Lyons Maria Danish
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Louise Ketner	Kasen Gipe Branson Gipe	Volunteer	Louise Ketner Beth Lear

Stewardship Reflections

April 27, 2025
2nd Sunday of Easter

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter; more recently in our Church's history, it has become known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often referred to as the story of 'Doubting Thomas' but the passage involved so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord, especially for us. His modern-day disciples.

We see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appears to them after His resurrection. They were paralyzed by fear and doubt, hiding and cowering and afraid. But Jesus returned to them on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them the authority to forgive sins. What a precious and powerful gift is this divine mercy.

We will find that the more deeply we embrace the gift of mercy through regular Confession, the greater will be our capacity of offer mercy to others because we will see ourselves as we really truly are – forgiven sinners deeply loved by God. Let's commit ourselves to become faithful disciples, stewards of Christ's mercy 2,000 years after His Resurrection. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" – in His merciful love.



SANCTUARY CANDLE:

The Sanctuary Candle acknowledging The Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning this week for **Poor souls**



COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:

Sunday, April 27, 2025: Kathy Lantz

Sunday, May 3, 2025: Will Crouse



Darren Gipe

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) –Regularly scheduled classes will be held every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Pro Life

April 27 --“It is a terrible mockery of values to save Mother Earth while ignoring the callous killing of her children.” Abortion kills children. F. LaGard Smith

LIVE MASS aired Every Sunday from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown on **WATM-TV ABC Channel 23** If you are homebound and not able to attend the Sunday Mass, please watch our Diocesan Program Proclaim at 10:30 a.m. and the live telecast of Sunday Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.

If you know of **Prayer Requests for a sick parishioner:** Write the name or petition in our Parish Prayer Request Book located in the vestibule of our church. The Prayer Request Book is brought into the church at each weekend Mass and all the intentions are included in the General Intercessions.

April/May 2025 Schedule for Liturgical Ministries at Saint Catherine

Date/Mass	Readers	Altar Servers	Ministers
8:30 p.m. Saturday April 19, 2025	Maggie Stiffler Dayton Shugarts	Julian Weirich Abe Weirich Quinn Weirich	Mary Lyons Louise Ketner Marcia Slates
9:00 a.m. Sunday April 20, 2025	Beth Lear	Maria Mellott	Will Crouse
5:00 p.m. Saturday April 26, 2025	Dayton Shugarts	Maggie Stiffler	Mary Lyons Maria Danish
9:00 a.m. Sunday April 27, 2025	Dennis Drake	Dane Varner Nolan Starr Jax McCartney	Marcia Slates Volunteer
5:00 p.m. Saturday May 3, 2025	Ed McGarvey	Ann Bonson	Mary Lyons Maria Danish
9:00 a.m. Sunday May 4, 2025	Louise Ketner	Kasen Gipe Branson Gipe	Louise Ketner Beth Lear
5:00 p.m. Saturday May 10, 2025	Cathy Wilson	Volunteer	Andrea Christoff Kevin Muha
9:00 a.m. Sunday May 11, 2025	Beth Lear	Maria Mellott Bella Starr	Will Crouse Marcia Slates
5:00 p.m. Saturday May 17, 2025	Louise Ketner	Maggie Stiffler	Louise Ketner Ann Bonson
9:00 a.m. Sunday May 18, 2025	Suzanne Brown	Abe Weirich Julian Weirich Quinn Weirich	Volunteer Beth Lear
5:00 p.m. Saturday May 24, 2025	Maggie Stiffler	Volunteer	Maggie Stiffler Mary Lyons
9:00 a.m. Sunday May 25, 2025	Dennis Drake	Dane Varner Nolan Starr Jax McCartney	Will Crouse Marcia Slates
5:00 p.m. Saturday May 31, 2025	Dayton Shugarts	Guy Kumpf	Maria Danish Volunteer