

April 26 & 27, 2014

Divine Mercy Sunday

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.



Mass Intentions

(Please Note: Mass times for the week)

Monday – 4/28 – 8:00 AM

Edith Gober by the Family

Tuesday – 4/29 – 8:00 AM

The Totani Family by the DiGirolamo & Totani Families

Wednesday – 4/30 – 9:00 AM

Elizabeth Roach by Mary Ann Mansell

Eucharistic Adoration starts after Mass

and concludes with devotional prayers, about 7:45 PM

Thursday – 5/1 – 8:00 AM

Ted Evans by wife Ellen

Friday – 5/2 – 8:00 to 8:45 AM

Confessions

9:00 AM

Memorial Mass Fund Intentions

Saturday – 5/3 – 4:00 PM

Parishioners of St. Jerome's

Sunday – 5/4 – 8:00 AM

Lewis and Mae Smith by the Family

11:00 AM

Frank and Jim Kane by the Family

Sunday Contributions

Weekend of April 19 & 20

May God bless the gift you give in return for the gift He bestows upon you!

Church Account Balance: April 21	\$28,461*
Regular Income For: April 21	\$25,024
(Good Friday) Shrines of the Holy Land	\$371
(Fund Raising Income)	\$00
Bills Paid: April 22	\$14,570
Ending Balance: April 25	\$39,286

*Does not include Special Fund donations.

Total unpaid Diocesan Assessment Obligation: \$215,382

Total reserved in Special Fund as of March 28: \$56,332

Sanctuary Lamp is in Memory of:

Frank and Jim Kane requested by the Family.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Lector	EM	Altar Server
Sat – 4/26	4PM	J Malarkey	A Baddick	1. A Baddick 2.
Sun – 4/27	8AM	J Menconi	B Haggerty	1. C Osenbach 2. J Minehan
	11AM	M Cinicola	E Beidler	1. L Sieger 2. N Sieger
Sat – 5/3	4PM	D Baddick	M Leitzel	1. L Baddick 2.
Sun – 5/4	8AM	J Meier	R Hechler	1. P Pratt 2. S Pratt
	11AM	J Habel	E Mocchiola	1. G Valentine 2. D Valentine

Office News...

Mother's Day Envelope Deadline – May 1

The Deadline for the Mother's Day Memorial Envelopes is on May 1. Names received after May 1 may appear in the bulletin after Mother's Day.

Liturgical Ministers Meeting – May 13

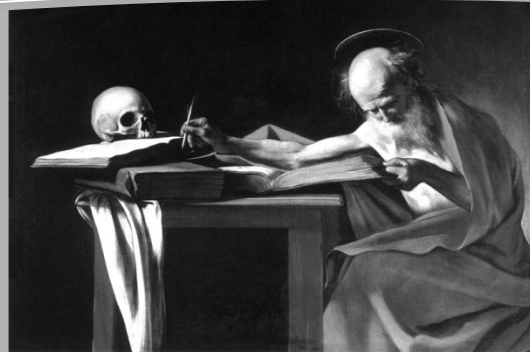
All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers who wish to continue to serve in their roles for St. John XXIII Parish are invited to a special meeting on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:00 PM in the St. Jerome Regional School Hall. Anyone who would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Usher for St. John XXIII Parish is also invited to attend this important meeting.

Tamaqua Hunger Walk – May 18

It has been a long hard winter and many people in our area do not have sufficient funds to buy healthy food. For this reason, the Tamaqua Area Faith Network is sponsoring a Hunger Weekend in May to help provide food to our Community Food Banks for families living in the Tamaqua Area. A Tamaqua Hunger Walk will be held on May 18 (Raindate on May 25). All proceeds from the Hunger Weekend will be divided between the Food Banks at the Salvation Army and Trinity UCC. For more info, please contact Paul Dodson at (570) 668-0289

St. Jerome's St. Vincent DePaul Society will be collecting nonperishable food items in the back the back of the Church from now until May 18. For more info, please contact Rose Marie at (570) 386-2249

From the desk of Father John...



Parish of St. John XXIII Sunday Mass Survey

Statistical information to aid in next week's survey for scheduling Masses at St. John XXIII Parish:

- Currently there are six Masses each weekend held in two Churches: 4:00PM, 8:00 & 11:00AM at St. Jerome Church and 5:00PM, 8:00 & 10:30AM at SS. Peter & Paul.
- Currently an average of 950 people attend these six Masses. In each parish, the Saturday afternoon Mass and the later Mass on Sunday has the largest attendance, therefore the seating capacity of the church must be a consideration
- St. Jerome Church seats about 450 people, SS. Peter & Paul Church seats about 300 people.
- Remember, if there are four Masses each weekend, with two scheduled in St. John XXIII Church and two in SS. Peter & Paul Church that equals seating for about 1500.
- Father will need time to transition between the two churches.
- Religious Education program runs on Sunday mornings for an hour and twenty minutes ending about 15 minutes prior to the last Sunday morning Mass.
- Next weekend, you will be given the opportunity to select ONE of three options:

Option one:

4:30PM	St. John XXIII Church
7:30AM	SS. Peter & Paul Church
9:00AM	SS. Peter & Paul Church
10:45AM	St. John XXIII Church

Option two:

4:30PM	St. John XXIII Church
8:00AM	SS. Peter & Paul Church
9:30AM	SS. Peter & Paul Church
11:00AM	St. John XXIII Church

Option three: you choose time and location (only 4 Masses, 2 in each Church)

Please, if you indicate only one Mass time/location, your "vote" will not count. You must create a "full" schedule.

As you consider your options, please start with a prayer; maybe a prayer to the Holy Spirit, and / or a prayer seeking the intercession of our new patron Saint John XXIII.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. John

Feast of Divine Mercy Celebration
April 27

- Confessions: After the 11:00AM Mass
- Eucharistic Adoration: Noon to 3:00PM
- Prayer Service (Chaplet and Benediction): 3:00PM

Religious Education
Mrs. Jane Habel, DRE
DRE Office: (570) 668-1211
religioused@sjctamaqua.org
Office Hours are Monday to Friday:
9:00 to 4:00PM

(Please call for an appointment)

CCD

The last CCD Class for the 2013 – 2014 School Year is April 27. Registration for the 2014- 2015 School Year will be accepted this summer. Please watch the bulletin for announcements.

Thank you to all of the catechists and helpers. It takes many volunteers to educate our children in our Catholic Faith. I hope that you found the experience to be spiritually rewarding.

Special thanks to: Adrienne Ligenza, Denise Linkhorst, Sonia Pucklavage, Georgene Gallagher, Nichelle Pucklavage, Tianna Pucklavage, Olga Williams, Danielle Williams, Michelle Dolinsky, Madeline Dolinsky, Doreen Milot, Pat Glogg, Angela Schmidt, Deb Minchhoff, Janet Plasha, Joe Gazdick, Tracy Agosti, Sandy Gallagher and Roxanne Banditelli.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following children and their families on the children's first reception of Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, Saturday, April 26: Ava Agosti, daughter of James & Tracy Agosti; Gabrielle Blasko, daughter of Mark Blasko & Christine Wertz; Brady Bobrowski, son of Dr. Daniel & Holly Bobrowski; Aubrey Bonner, daughter of Samuel Bonner & Nicole Hill; Connor Dillon, son of Kevin & Mary Dillon; Lennon Forster, son of Joseph Forster II & Valaree Nattress; Blaise Gigli, son of Bernard & Brenda Gigli; Martin Griffin, son of Thomas & Michele Griffin; Caleb Jones, son of Todd Jones & Helen Cherry; Breanna Kunkle, daughter of Bruce Kunkel & Candice Triano; Jakob Mummey, son of Glenn Mummey & Dr. Cristin Weicker; Anthony Odorizzi, son of Anthony & Kathleen Odorizzi; Taylor Wargo, daughter of Stephen & Anne Wargo; Amelia Williams, daughter of William & Marade Williams.

May you and your families always remain close to Jesus.

Confirmation Meeting – May 18

Students in Grade 8 who are properly prepared will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Parish of Saint John XXIII in the Spring of 2015. A meeting for parents of children preparing for the sacrament will be held Sunday, May 18, after the 11:00AM Liturgy in St. Jerome Church. At least one parent for each candidate is asked to attend.

Vacation Bible School / Catholic Kids Camp
June 23 to 27

Our annual VBS, or Catholic Kids Camp will be held June 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27 in the SJRS Gym from 9:00 to 12 Noon.

Adult and teen helpers are asked to contact the Religious Education Office now to sign up to help. Helpers are needed the week of camp and in the weeks prior to prepare the crafts and decorations.

The program is ideal for children in Pre-K through Grade 4. Students in Grades 5 – 12 earn service hours by helping the young campers.

If you can volunteer one, two or five days to teach the children to make a craft or make a creative snack, please call or email Mrs. Habel.

All volunteers must have background checks, attend PGC and must read and abide by the sexual code of conduct and volunteer code of conduct.

Retreat – June 18

Brothers of Borromeo / Girls of Goretti Vocation Congress 2014 will be held on June 18 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, PA for Boys and Girls in Grades 6, 7 and 8.

The Retreat includes: music, games / activities, prayer, food, t-shirts, Eucharistic Adoration and Liturgy. Cost is \$25.

For more information visit: www.beapriest.com or contact Msgr. David James, Director of Vocations, at: 1-610-437-0755.

Parent Day of Recollection – June 18

A Parent Day of Recollection will be held on June 18, from 9:30 – 6:30PM at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, PA. Cost is \$15.00. Take a 'break' from your daily routine to enjoy the peace and tranquility of St. Charles Seminary, while exploring your faith." Contact Sue Matour, 1-610-289-8900, Ext. 231 or smatour@allentowndiocese.org

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Debra Early Memorial 5K Walk/Run – June 7

SJRS will hold its 5th Annual Debra Early Memorial 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, June 7, at Marian High School. Registration begins at 7:00 AM. The race begins at 9:00 AM.

For more info, call the SJRS Office. Registration forms are available on the school's website: www.sjrschool.com

Hollywood Casino Trip – May 18

A Bus Trip to the Hollywood Casino, sponsored by the SJRS H & S Assoc., will be held on May 18. Cost is \$30 with \$25 in Slot Play and \$5 Food Voucher. The Bus will leave from the Tamaqua Family Practice at 9:00 AM and will depart from the Casino at 3:00 PM. Call the SJRS Office to reserve a seat.

Save, Save, Save for SJRS

The following Items can be dropped off in the baskets in the back of the Church, given to a SJRS Student or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Please continue to save these items for SJRS: *Redner's Save-a-tape; Box Tops for Education; Campbell's Products; Turkey Hill Milk Caps; Tyson Project A+, Giant A+ Awards, Terracycle – Juice Products, Kellogg's Rewards and Target – Take Charge of Education*

Boyer's Key Tags

Boyer's Key Tags (which are available in the SJRS Office) can be used at any Boyer's Stores. (When the Key Tags are used, SJRS receives 1% of the sale)

Good Search

Good Search is a search engine for the internet that donates 50% its advertising revenue to the nonprofits and schools selected by its users. It is simple to use.

Go to: www.goodsearch.com and enter **SJRS** as the organization you want to support and every time one searches on the internet using Good Search they will donate \$0.01 per search to SJRS

Friday Night Bingo
Doors Open at 4:00 PM
Bingo Starts at 6:00 PM

Community and Student Service Hours are available. To sign up for Service Hours or for more info, please contact Donna at (570) 668-0599

Donations needed for Bingo: *Any type of Can Soda Products // Ice Tea // Decaf Coffee // Napkins // Ketchup // Small Paper Plates // Paper Towels*

Donations may be dropped off during the week at the Parish Office or at the School Gym anytime on Fridays after 2:30PM.

Thank you for your continued support to
St. Jerome's Bingo!!!!

Fabulous Greaseband – May 17

Marian High School is sponsoring a dance, which will be held at the MHS Campus on May 17. "The Fabulous Greaseband" will be performing from 7:30 – 10:30 PM in the school gymnasium. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased for \$15.00 and at the door for \$18.00. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. A limited number of tickets will be sold. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the Development Office at (570) 467-0641 or (570) 582-0021.

MHS – Registration

Registration forms are still being accepted for the 2014-2015 school year. Information or questions may be directed to Mrs. Teresa Sheer, Director of Studies/Enrollment at (570) 668-2225 or (570) 467-3335. Extension 2217.

Roast Beef Dinner – April 27

A Roast Beef Dinner will be held at Trinity Church in Tamaqua on April 27 from 11:00 to 1:00 PM. Eat in or Take out.

American Doll Bingo – May 4

St. Michael's Church in Shenandoah will hold an American Girl Doll Bingo on May 4. Doors open at Noon and the Early Bird Bingo starts at 1:15PM. Admission is \$20. For more info or Tickets, please call (570) 462-0809