

May 3 & 4, 2014

3rd Sunday of Easter



Mass Intentions

(Please Note: Mass times for the week)

Monday – 5/5

No Mass Today

Tuesday – 5/6

No Mass Today

Wednesday – 5/7

No Mass Today

Eucharistic Adoration starts at 9:30 AM

and concludes with devotional prayers, about 7:45 PM

Thursday – 5/8 – 1:30 PM

SJRS – May Procession and Mass

Friday – 5/9

No Mass Today

Saturday – 5/10 – 4:00 PM

Mother's Day Memorial Intentions

Sunday – 5/11 – 8:00 AM

Mother's Day Memorial Intentions

11:00 AM

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Sunday Contributions

Weekend of April 26 & 27

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

Church Account Balance: April 28	\$39,286*
Regular Income For: April 28	\$5,507
(Fund Raising Income)	\$733
Bills Paid: April 29	\$9,509
Ending Balance: May 2	\$35,284

*Does not include Special Fund donations.

Total unpaid Diocesan Assessment Obligation: \$215,382

Total reserved in Special Fund as of May 2: \$56,807

Sanctuary Lamp is in Memory of:

Daniel & Catherine Tracy requested by their son Dan.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Lector	EM	Altar Server
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
Sat – 5/10	4PM	S Pentz	M Dakosty	1. C Fegley
				2.
Sun – 5/11	8AM	G Schmauch	E Beidler	1. C Ackerman
				2. M Bonetsky
	11AM	T Ward	J Habel	1. M Baddick
				2. E Hunsicker

Office News...

Memorials: Louise DeWire requested by Irma & Mary. Louise DeWire requested by Armando & Claudette Zarra. Louise DeWire requested by John & Rose Marie Hechler. Robert Byatt requested by Barbara Karnish. Robert Byatt requested by John & Rose Marie Hechler.

Memorial Mass Fund: Mary Boyle requested by the Keefer & Weicker Families.

Liturgical Ministers Meeting – May 13

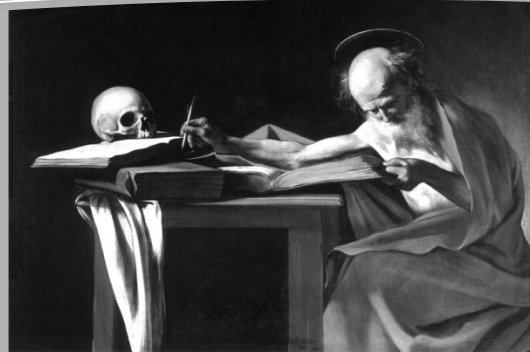
All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers who wish to continue to serve in their roles for St. John XXIII Parish are invited to a special meeting on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:00 PM in the SJRS Hall. Anyone who would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Usher for St. John XXIII Parish is also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

Tamaqua Hunger Walk – May 18

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. 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 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...



Ministries of the Parish of St. John XXIII

Parish ministries are a vitally important aspect of the life of any community. Ministries are those functions that allow every member of the community to participate in the day to day function of the parish. My hope and prayer is that every member of St. John XXIII Parish has an opportunity to become involved in the life of the parish to some degree or another.

On **Tuesday, May 13th** there will be an important meeting for all those who are currently and wish to continue to act in the role of Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers (Lectors) and Ushers. Anyone who is not currently but would like to help in one of these ministries should plan to attend this meeting which will take place in **St. Jerome Regional School Hall at 7PM**. Please note: anyone who currently "takes communion" to anyone, anywhere, should also plan to attend this meeting.

On **Monday, May 19th** there will be an important meeting for all those involved in our Music Ministry (all singers and instrumentalists). This meeting will take place in **St. Jerome Regional School Hall at 7PM**. This meeting is for anyone who is currently a part of the parish music ministry as well as anyone who would like to help with our parish music ministry is encouraged to attend this meeting.

As we move along in the process of bringing together the communities of St. Jerome Parish and SS. Peter &

Paul Parish, we will be scheduling meetings for other parish ministries. This includes Altar Servers, Holy Name Society (SS. Peter & Paul Parish), and the St. Vincent DePaul Society (St. Jerome Parish). One goal is to invite all members of St. John XXIII Parish to participate in these ministries which previously *may* have been made up of members of one or the other parish.

We will also schedule opportunities for everyone to discover ways to help in our Religious Education Program; this includes our programs for school age children such as children's liturgy of the word, summer bible school, Sunday 'CCD', etc.

An important ministry, currently lacking and needs to be established, concerns our high school age students. We absolutely need to begin a well-organized program for this important group of parishioners. I ask that you pray for our young people as we work to renew this important ministry.

Finally, the most important parish ministry, of which everyone is a part, is our prayer ministry. Please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our new parish. This is an especially important ministry for anyone who is troubled by the 'whys,' 'whens,' and 'hows' of this time of change.

Peace & Blessings, Fr. John

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Many thanks to those who have already made a pledge to the Bishops' Annual Appeal.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal funds the annual budget that offers vital services like Catholic Charities, care for our retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians and support for our Special Learning Centers.

Together, we will make a difference in the lives of many people. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you received in the mail or visit the Appeal's Website at: www.2014baa.org

Religious Education

Mrs. Jane Habel, DRE

DRE Office: (570) 668-1211

religioused@sjctamaqua.org

Office Hours are Monday to Friday:

9:00 to 4:00 PM

(Please call for an appointment)

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 11:00 AM 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 12:00 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.

Carnation Sale – May 10 & 11

Carnations will be for sale in the back of the Church after all Masses next weekend, May 10 and 11, in honor of Mother's Day.

The sale benefits Birthright of Frackville, an excellent pro-life organization that provides caring, non-judgmental support to girls and women who are distressed by an unplanned pregnancy. A vase will be available for flowers to be placed on Our Lady's Altar as well.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The last Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held on June 8. We will resume meeting in the Fall.

Thank you to Mr. Mayernik for the Easter peeps for the Children's Liturgy!

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 // Decaf Coffee // Lemonade // Ketchup // Small Paper Plates // Paper Towels // Water*

If you are unable to donate any of the above, Bingo will also accept Gift Cards to: **Walmart** or **Boyers**

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

Thank you for your continued support to

St. Jerome's Bingo!!!!

Fabulous Greaseband – May 17

"The Fabulous Greaseband" will be performing from 7:30 – 10:30 PM in the MHS Gym on May 17.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the Development Office at (570) 467-0641 or (570) 582-0021.

SJRS

Mrs. Mary Ann Mansell, Principal

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www.shop.com/SJRS

May Procession and Mass – May 8

SJRS May Procession will be held on May 8. The students will process down Broad Street beginning at 1:30 PM and Mass will begin when everyone is in the Church. The May crowning will be held during Mass.

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*

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

American Doll Bingo – May 4

St. Michael's Church in Shenandoah will hold an American Girl Doll Bingo on May 4. Doors will open at Noon and the Early Bird Bingo starts at 1:15 PM. Admission is \$20.

Chinese Auction – May 4

The Coaldale Volunteer Fire Company will hold a Chinese Auction on May 4. Browsing will be from Noon to 3:00 PM. The Auction will begin at 3:00 PM.

Living Rosary – May 5

The Knights of Columbus in Coaldale will hold a Living Rosary followed by a Mass on May 5 starting at 6:30 PM in their Council Hall. All are invited.

Pilgrimage to Padre Pio Shrine – May 20

The Knights of Columbus, Schuylkill Council 431, will sponsor a Pilgrimage to the Padre Pio Shrine in Barto on May 20. The bus will leave Pottsville at 8:30 AM and we expect to be back in Pottsville around 5:00 PM.

A tour of the shrine, an outdoor Rosary, lunch, a blessing with a relic of Padre Pio, lighting of personal votive candles at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine and a 56 page My Saint Pio Prayer Book are included as part of the \$32.00 Pilgrimage Fee.

We will then stop at the Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Bally for a Pilgrimage Mass. The church is the oldest church in the Diocese of Allentown and the 3rd oldest church in the original 13 colonies. Father Bechtel will celebrate a Mass for Personal Intentions.

For additional info, please contact Deputy Grand Knight David Donlin at (570) 624-1796, or Treasurer Ron Whalen at (570) 294-6332.

Veterans Trip – Sept. 6

The Schuylkill County Veterans Trip Organization annual trip to Washington, DC, will be held on Sept. 6. Any Schuylkill County Veteran is eligible to participate. The trip is free for Veterans and \$50 for a companion. For further info, please call (570) 622-0730.