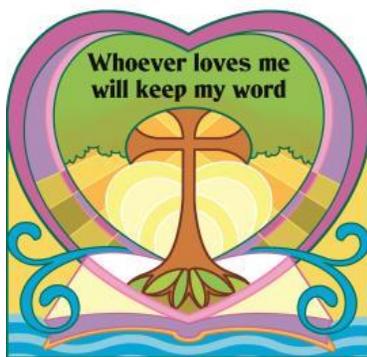


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## Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022

**FIRST READING:** The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

**PSALM:** O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

**SECOND READING:** John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) or Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

**GOSPEL:** The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29) or John 17:20-26.

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION- RETURNING TO ORDINARY LIFE

Six weeks into our Easter rejoicing, the Church gives us readings today that start preparing us for a return to ordinary life. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel both dwell on proper daily behavior for followers of Jesus, while the reading from Revelation reminds us why we bother with laws at all. In Acts, leaders of the church meet to discuss which essential elements of the Mosaic Law converts must obey if they wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ. John's Gospel reflects back to the Last Supper discourse when Jesus himself emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commandments. Observing God's law, says Jesus, shows a desire to be intimate with the Lord. We follow rules not for their own sake, but to love God and neighbor better. This more excellent love brings us closer to Revelation's vision of paradise, gleaming with "the splendor of God."  
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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	5/22	10:30AM . . . . .	First Holy Communion
MON	5/23		
TUES	5/24		
WED	5/25		
THURS	5/26		HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
FRI	5/27		
SAT	5/28	3:00PM . . . . .	Confession
SUN	5/29	10:30AM . . . . .	Outdoor Mass (weather permitting)



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (May 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>)

MON	5/23 . . . . .	7:50AM . . . . .	+ (B) Bill Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)
TUES	5/24 . . . . .	7:50AM . . . . .	+ M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan Cisz)
WED	5/25 . . . . .	7:50AM . . . . .	+ Loretta Sefcik – (Theresa Hubbard)
	Ascension Vigil . . .	4:00PM . . . . .	+ Kevin Gritzer – (Mom & Dad)
			Ascension of our Lord
THUR	5/26 . . . . .	7:50AM . . . . .	+ John Jedrzejek – (Vietnam Veterans Chapter 364 Johnstown)
		. . . . . 6:00PM . . . . .	+ Peggy Murray – (Tom & Melissa Reese)
FRI	5/27 . . . . .	7:50AM . . . . .	+ Intention Dantis
SAT	5/28 . . . . .	4:00PM . . . . .	+ Genevieve & Debbie Trotz – (Carol Audey)
SUN	5/29 . . . . .	7:30AM . . . . .	+ (A) Damien Lovas – (Wife, Darlene)
		. . . . . 10:30AM . . . . .	+ (A) Charles Karalfa – (Wife, Donna & Family)

## Sunday May 22, 2022

**Stewardship Reflections** The concept of hospitality is fundamental to a stewardship way of life. We picture inviting those new to our parish with a warm and sincere welcome. Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to think of hospitality in a slightly different way. We hear Jesus speaking to his disciples and then to us, that we permit the blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us. This request is stunning and tells us that our first and most privileged form of hospitality should be directed towards God Himself.

How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God "at home and at ease" within us? Jesus tells us how: we are to keep His word, to follow his teachings. To keep His word, we must know His word. The study of Scripture and Church teachings must be a priority in our lives. Then our own hearts will be a hospitable dwelling place for the Blessed Trinity. Our greetings and ministries will radiate with the warmth of God's love. And our parish family will become at least a little bit like heaven on earth. This is the simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/04/26)

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (May 14<sup>th</sup> & May 15<sup>th</sup> 2022)

Weekly .....	\$ 5,239.25
Fuel .....	\$ 5.00
Building Fund .....	\$ 92.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.

### Holy Day of Obligation - Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Vigil Mass will be held on **Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 4PM.** Feast Day Masses on Thursday, **7:50AM and 6:00PM.**



**Ascension**

### May 26, 2022: Ascension (LK 24:46-53)

Jesus tells us today, "you are my witnesses" and guarantees the "promise of the Father" to "clothe us with the power to accomplish this mission. It is not worldly power which dominates and manipulates. It is the power of the Kingdom of God to live in peace, forgiveness, compassion, service to others, love of enemies and care for the poor and defenseless.



Weather permitting, Fr Karmanocky will have Sunday Mass at 10:30 outside in the breezeway starting May 29<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your lawn chair



**A Memorial Mass for Frank Gorchesky will be held on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM.** Everyone is welcome to attend.

**REGINA CAELI** - The Regina Caeli is said beginning Easter Sunday until Pentecost. It is said standing:

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
- R. For He whom you merited to bear, Alleluia
- V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia
- R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
- R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

**Let us Pray:** O God, who through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, did vouchsafe to give joy to this world; grant, we beseech you, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen

### **Our Catholic Ministries Drive -Forward In Faith-**

Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, we have collected **\$5,575.00 of our \$20,392.00 Goal.** Please consider making a pledge to the Ministries Drive. You have until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 to pay your pledge in full.

### **Families and the Gospel..... (John 14: 23-29)**

Jesus gives this advice: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another. Don't miss the forest for the trees. We are living today what we worried about yesterday

### **Christian Mothers Flea Market**

A big, big thank you to everyone who helped make our Flea Market a huge success!! From the men who helped set up the tables, to the woman that tagged, organized, and sold the items. Thanks to all who baked the goodies for the Bake Sale. Last but not least, A special thank you to all who donated their items, and for the customers who purchased, without you, there wouldn't be a Flea Market! We so appreciate your support in this project. See you next spring!

### **Community News & Events**

**Church of the Transfiguration is hosting a Swiss Steak Dinner**  
Sunday, May 22, 2022  
Dine-in or take out  
From 10AM -2PM  
Cost is \$12.00 a meal.

**MAY DAYS**

**The Basilica of St. Michael - May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**  
at Our Lady of Loretto Hall -  
Live entertainment, basket auction, flea market  
Cinch Tournament (Call Mag 674-2631 to join),  
silent auction, food, and beverages.  
**Saturday, 4pm-8pm and Sunday, 11am-3pm.**  
Everyone is welcome!

**Mass for Widows and Widowers** to be Televised  
Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 29, 2022** with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on the Atlantic Broadband channel 9. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. **The last day to register is Tuesday, May 24, 2022.** The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

**Out Door Mass**

All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our outdoor Masses every **Sunday evening at 7 PM** at the beautiful **Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies**. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated May 29<sup>th</sup>. Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend-September 4, 2022. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

Babies are bits of stardust, blown down from the hand of God"



**ABORTION: Intercessions for Life:**

*"For all children who await birth in their mother's womb: that a loving family and a hopeful world might await them."* We pray to the Lord

**SUMMER BASH & BASKETS**

We are asking for and would appreciate the following donations:

**Theme Basket (at least \$25.00 in value)** for the basket raffle. If Basket making isn't your specialty you can make a monetary donation, we will make it for you! If you have a large family and would like to go together and donate a large prize, or if your company would be interested in donating a large prize, that would be greatly appreciated.

**Cases of soda:** (coke, or Pepsi products etc.) and water.

**Next Meeting is scheduled on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM**

**We are going to be in need of volunteers: For the Kitchen, Chuck o Luck, especially Friday night July 8<sup>th</sup>, to help set up the tents and tables and chairs.**

**All 2022 Graduates - (Pre-School, Kindergarten, Elementary School, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, High School, Home School, Cyber School, College or Trade School).**

**Please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket by May 29<sup>th</sup>.**

We would like to acknowledge our young people for reaching these milestones in the June 5<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LEVEL COMPLETED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

# FIRST EUCHARIST

Congratulations and God's Blessings on our children who will receive our Dear Lord for the very first time today, Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the 10:30A.M. Mass.



**FRANKLIN ALT**

**DOMINEC BENCE**

**GABRIEL KURTZ**

**RONAN PERTERMAN**

**ELIJAH PODVOJSKY**

**JOSEPH SAMO**

We pray that these children will stay close to Jesus by receiving him in Holy Communion often.

## **PARENT'S PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND HOPE**

***O LORD, WITH JOYFUL HEARTS WE OFFER OUR CHILDREN TO YOU.  
WE BESEECH YOU, HELP THEM ALWAYS AND KEEP THEM IN YOUR CARE.  
MAKE US, AS PARENTS, GENTLE YET FIRM,  
CONSIDERATE AND WATCHFUL.  
HELP US TO DEVELOP IN OUR CHILDREN  
A CHRIST-LIKE LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE.  
WE KNOW THERE IS MUCH EVIL IN OUR WORLD.  
THAT IS WHY WE PRAY, LORD  
KEEP OUR CHILDREN CLOSE TO YOU.  
WE PROMISE TO GUIDE OUR CHILDREN  
BY OUR EXAMPLE AND LOVE.  
AMEN.***

We are so grateful to Mrs. Francine Podvojsky for sharing her time and faith with these children to prepare them to receive Holy Eucharist.