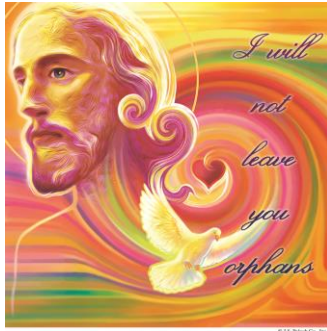


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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

FIRST READING: The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

PSALM: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66)

SECOND READING: Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18)

GOSPEL: I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21)

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE “What is the reason for your hope?” Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not “What are you hoping for?” or “What are you hoping to do?” No, this isn’t about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it’s “Why do you hope?” Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit. . Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	05/14	Happy Mother’s Day
MON	05/15	
TUES	05/16	
WED	05/17	
THURS	05/18	Holy Day of Obligation
FRI	05/19	
SAT	05/20	3:00PM CONFESSIO
SUN	05/21	



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (May 15th – May 21st)

MON	5/15.	7:50AM.	+ Mother’s Day Triduum
TUES	5/16.	7:50AM.	+ Mother’s Day Triduum
WED	5/17.	7:50AM.	+ John Cynar – (Darlene Lovas)
	Ascension of the Lord Vigil	4:00PM	+ Nancy Schultz – (Shank Family)
THUR	5/18.	7:50AM	+ Rebecca Alwine – (Son, Ryan)
	Ascension of the Lord . . .	6:00PM	+ (A) Charles Karalfa – (Wife, Donna & Family)
FRI	5/19.	7:50AM	+ Teresa Lill – (Sister, Patricia Henley)
SAT	5/20	4:00PM	+ (A) Carol David – (Sister, Dolores, Bill & Billy)
SUN	5/21.	7:30AM.	+ Chuck Dzendzel – (Wife, Helen)
		. . . 10:30AM.	+ (B) Bill Delich – (Marilyn, Jeanne, Mike & Families)



Sunday May 14, 2023

**We still have a few frozen piroghis for sale.
You can call the office from 9-2 Monday -
Friday to make arrangement for pick-up.**

Stewardship Reflections; Our readings remind us that God must come first in our lives, and that love of God shows itself in concrete actions. This is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary. St. Peter challenges us to put Christ first above all else in our lives. He is not merely the Savior of our lives, He is to be "Lord" of our lives as well. As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives, in our time, talent, and treasure. The stewardship way of life offers us a concrete means to "prove" our love. True love is not a mere sentiment. True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God's commandments. This requires courage, humility, and deep trust in Him. The rewards of this kind of love are indescribably wonderful. Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us? Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(May 6th & May 7th 2023)**

Weekly	\$ 5,031.00
Fuel	\$.....15.00
Building Fund	\$.....566.00
Easter	\$ 110.00

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

A Big Thank You from the Christian Mothers -



To all donors, workers that helped set-up, cooks and the bakers who made all the "delicious baked goods", a Big THANK YOU to you all. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication. Thanks for helping make our Flea Market a huge success.

REGINA CAELI - The Regina Caelis 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, has given joy to this world; grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the same joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Families and the Gospel - (John 14: 15-21)

In today's gospel Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure. Family life is a series of departures. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Today Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions. "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."

Celebrate Life!

This Mother's Day, May 13th & 14th you will have the opportunity to support **Birthright's Pro Life** work. Before and after each Mass, we will have **beautiful carnations** to share with you in exchange for your donations. We ask for at least \$1 per flower. Remember, we are not selling flowers; the flowers are simply a symbol of our celebration of life. Please make a donation that reflects your own commitment to protecting the sanctity of life. Thank you!



**Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic minister?
Please stop and see
Fr Crookston after 10:30
Mass**

Mother's Day Triduum...May 14th to May 16th, for all Mothers and Grandmothers, both living and deceased. There are Mother's Day Remembrance envelopes available in the vestibule. This is a wonderful way to honor your mother, whether she is living or deceased.

**Our Catholic Ministries Drive -
Together We Serve-**

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 31st, we have collected **\$7,710.00 of our \$21,083.00 Goal**. Please consider making a pledge to the Ministries Drive. You have until Dec 31st 2023 to pay your pledge in full.

All 2023 Graduates - (Pre-School, Kindergarten, Elementary School, 8th Grade, High School, Home School, Cyber School, College or Trade School).

Please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket by June 14th.

We would like to acknowledge our young people for reaching these milestones in the June 18th bulletin.

NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

LEVEL COMPLETED: _____

PARENTS NAME: _____

SUMMER BASH & BASKETS

July 22nd & 23rd

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, they would be much appreciated

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

Next Meeting is scheduled on Monday, June 19th at 6PM

We are going to be in need of volunteers: For the Kitchen, Chuck o Luck, Funnel Cake, and especially Friday night July 21st, to help set up the tents and tables and chairs. TBA

Community News & Events

The **Church of the Transfiguration** will be offering a Delicious Swiss Steak Dinner: take out and eat in. On **Sunday, May 21st from 10-2PM** at their school hall on 209 Third St., Conemaugh. Dinner includes a Delicious Swiss Steak, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, salad, and dessert. Cost is only **\$13.00**. Come early they go fast.

MAY DAYS at the Basilica of St. Michael - May 27th and 28th at Our Lady of Loretto Hall - featuring live entertainment, Cinch Tournament (Call Kathy 472-5815 to join) basket auction, flea market, silent auction, food, and beverages. **Saturday, 4pm-8pm** and **Sunday, 11am-4pm**. Proceeds from the weekend festival benefit *Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall, Pickin' for Wishes, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, and the Sisters of St. Joseph.*

Faith Day is Sunday, JUNE 25, 2023

The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to join us for the return of Faith Day at Delgrosso's Amusement Park! This year, Faith Day will be held on Sunday, June 25th. The high point of the day will be Mass with Bishop Mark at 4:30pm followed by a community dinner. Admission to the park is always free, but there will be reduced price Ride-and-Slide passes available, as well as a dinner that can be purchased. More information to come in the coming weeks!

SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP WITH ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH - The show for Sight and Sound is "Moses" at 3:00PM. The bus will depart on Thursday, August 10th at 8:30AM. Trip includes Roundtrip Motor Coach transportation, ticket to show and Buffet Lunch at "Bird in Hand" Restaurant. Please contact Fran King at 814-536-3667. **Money and Reservations are due by 7/1/2023.**