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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

FIRST READING: The Eleven and the women devoted themselves to prayer (Acts 1:12-14).

PSALM: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living (Psalm 27).

SECOND READING: Glorify God if you suffer for the name of Christian (1 Peter 4:13-16).

GOSPEL: The Son will give eternal life to all those who are given to him by the Father (John 17:1-11a).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: DEVOTED TO PRAYER –

Today, as we await Pentecost, we come to the end of the baptismal homily from Peter that we have heard over the past few weeks. This homily was written by a realist who knew the joy and the glory of a Resurrection faith, but also knew that the strength of that faith would be put to the test and tried in suffering. Earlier this year we heard Jesus preach, “Blessed are you when they insult you . . . because of me” (Matthew 5:11) and this is echoed today by Peter. These words are also formed in the image of Christ who prays to the Father in heaven today, a prayer that is placed in John’s Gospel right before Jesus endures his suffering and death. Our awaiting the Spirit, awaiting our mission for Christ means that we are, most likely, awaiting some sort of trial and suffering. We don’t endure the same degree of persecution that Peter and John knew, but each of us has our faith put to the test eventually. And it is for this reason that we, like Jesus and like those faithful followers gathered in the upper room, devote ourselves to prayer.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	05/21	
MON	05/22	
TUES	05/23	
WED	05/24	
THURS	05/25	
FRI	05/26	
SAT	05/27	3:00PM CONFESSION
SUN	05/28	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (May 22nd – May 28th)

MON	5/22. 7:50AM.	+ (B) Nancy Schultz – (Eleanor Blair)
TUES	5/23. 7:50AM.	+ (B) Bill Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Bill Nikonow)
WED	5/24. 7:50AM.	+ Joseph Gorka – (Russak Family)
THUR	5/25. 7:50AM	+ Frank Karmanocky – (Cass Kasper)
FRI	5/26. 7:50AM	+ James Marshall – (Aunt Doris & Uncle John)
SAT	5/27 4:00PM	+ Theresa Conway – (Bea Haggerty)
SUN	5/28. 7:30AM.	+ John Radnotti – (Sons)
	. . . 10:30AM.	+ Kenneth Ditko – (Wife, Lillian)



Sunday May 21, 2023

Stewardship Reflections; The Ascension of our Lord must have been an extraordinary thing to witness. The apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long, "two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?'" In other words, "Don't just stand there, do something!" This is a call to each Christian steward. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions. We are not meant to just stand here but to do something with these gifts, in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles. What are you doing? Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (May 13th & May 14th 2023)

Weekly	\$ 3,103.00
Building Fund	\$....419.00

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



Congratulations to the winners of the St Anne's Christian Mothers ticket!!

#454	Violet Croyle	
#453	Karen Revesz	(#below)
#455	Jim Voytko Jr.	(#above)

Thank you to all who supported us by purchasing a ticket!

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.

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."

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

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.

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



ABORTION: At eight weeks, the baby is capable of feeling pain; all body systems are present; sucks thumbs, wakes and sleeps. This is the time when most abortions are performed. "The greatest gift of God, I would think, is the gift of life. The greatest sin of humans, it would seem, would be to return the gift ungratefully and unopened."

-John Powell, S.J.

Armed Forces Day



Thank you to all who served.

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

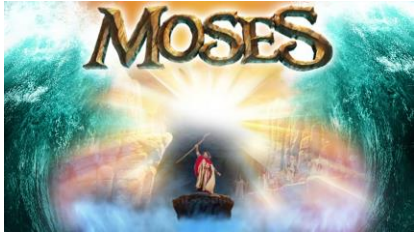
The Church of the Transfiguration will be offering a Delicious Swiss Steak Dinner: take out and eat in. **TODAY Sunday, May 21st from 10-2PM** at their school hall on 209 Third St., Conemaugh. Dinner includes a Delicious Swiss Steak, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, salad, and dessert. 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.**



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.**

HOLY HOUR AND ORDINATION -- The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is preparing to welcome a new priest. Bishop Mark Barchak will ordain Deacon Justin Treon to the priesthood on May 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. A Holy Hour will be prayed for Deacon Treon on the eve of his ordination, May 26, at 5:30 p.m. at Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson. All are invited to join Deacon Treon at the Holy Hour in praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of his vocation and to pray for an increase of vocations in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Deacon Treon, the son of Raymond and Mary Ann Treon of Cresson, is a member of Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson and a graduate of Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Ebensburg and Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. He completed his priestly education and formation at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. In addition to his seminary studies over the past year, Deacon Treon served on weekends at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown and Saint Patrick Parish in Johnstown.



HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG, is sponsoring its **62nd Annual Festival on June 2, 3 and 4** featuring a Fish Dinner (Fried or Baked) on Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, (Adults \$13.00, children under 12 \$6.00) and a Turkey Dinner on Sunday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, (Adults \$13.00, children under 12 \$6.00). Take out dinners available. Refreshments, games, baked goods, activities for kids, flea market, basket raffle with over 100 baskets and more!



BIG 50 BINGO

Big 50 Bingo will be played at St. John The Baptist parish in New Baltimore on **Sunday June 11th beginning at 1pm.** (Doors open at 11:30 AM) Admission is **\$30.** Payouts: Regular Games-\$50 Specials-\$100 Jackpot- \$500. Refreshments available.

2023 Outdoor Masses: 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 28th!** Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- September 3, 2023. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel

This month many are graduating and moving to a new stage in their lives. Take time with those who are moving on. Let them know that you are there to listen and to give support when they need it. Listen to their hopes and fears about the future. Reminisce about your own experiences through these times of life transition with them. Offer advice when it is asked for. More than anything, encourage them to stay faithful to God. It will help them through the difficult times, and bring the only true fulfillment that can be found here on earth.

Twelve Ways to Show God's Love Today

- Encourage a child
- Make a New Friend
- Forgive a wrong doing
- Laugh out loud
- Memorize o Bible verse
- Visit someone in a nursing home
- Sing a song of praise
- Lift someone's spirits with a phone call
- Say a prayer on bended knees
- Give a gift anonymously
- Write to a far away friend
- Thank God for His many Blessings