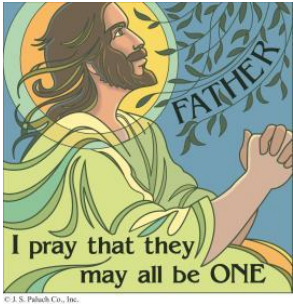


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June 1, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: Because Stephen professes his faith in the Son of Man, he is stoned to death
(Acts 7:55-60).

PSALM: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

SECOND READING: I, the Alpha, and the Omega, am coming soon (Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

GOSPEL: Father, I pray that they may all be one, as you and I are one, that they may be brought to perfection (John 17:20-26).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: NEVER A DULL MOMENT

Today’s readings take us through a wide range of powerful feelings; they seem to promise that the life of a believer will never be dull. In the Acts of the Apostles, we see Stephen become the first martyr among Jesus’ followers. His attackers harbor such rage toward him and his words about Jesus that they cover their ears as they run toward him. Before he dies, Stephen asks the Lord to forgive his murderers. The reading from Revelation uses the word come six times, assuring us that the Lord hears the prayers of witnesses like Stephen. God, who is Alpha and Omega, invites faithful followers to enter into the eternal city. As John’s Gospel assures us, we glimpse heaven even now, in daily life, when we tend to our loving relationship with God. Rage, forgiveness, violence, paradise, intimacy—today’s readings help us understand the demands and ecstasies of discipleship.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	06/02	
TUES	06/03	6:00PM Holy Name Meeting Church Hall 7:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting Church Hall
WED	06/04	
THURS	06/05	11:30AM Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & meeting
FRI	06/06	
SAT	06/07	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	06/08	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (June 2nd- June 9th)

MON	06/02	7:50AM. + Edward Pavlosky – (Family)
TUES	06/03	7:50AM. + (B) Doris Vaskovich – (Son, Dennis Alberter)
WED	06/04	7:50AM. + (B) Ted Figart – (Wife, Anne & Family)
THUR	06/05	7:50AM. + Carl Pavlosky – (Family) 12:00PM. + Christian Mothers
FRI	06/06	7:50AM. + Betty Dukery– (Ron Mock)
SAT	06/07	4:00PM. + Irene Lasagna (6 month) – (Vince Kondash)
SUN	06/08	7:30AM. + (B) John Jedrzejek – (Wife, Flo & Family) 10:30AM. + Holy Name



Sunday, June 1, 2025

Stewardship Reflections: This week was the Feast of the Ascension, when we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples.

Embracing a stewardship way of life, with it's emphasis on the use of time, talent, and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is of great benefit to take some time individually throughout the year to take stock of the commitments we have made - looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area.

During this week, and the Feast of the Ascension, let's take the time to celebrate our victories as Christ's disciples and to renew our commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to us!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(May 24th & May 25^h, 2025)

Weekly	\$	2,561.00
Building Fund	\$	30.00



Raffle Tickets - Once again we are asking that each family please consider purchasing or selling at least 10 raffle tickets. Please stop in the vestibule to pick up your tickets. Tickets are \$2.00 apiece. Drawing will be held at the Summer Basket & Burger Bash July 20th.

Summer Basket Bash

The **Summer Bash** has been set for **July 19th & 20th 2025**. We are asking again for **Themed baskets at least \$30 in value**. The next meeting is **next Sunday, June 8th at 5PM**. Anyone interested in helping plan or working the Bash please attend the next meeting. This is a Church Fundraiser; we will need as many hands as possible. It is your chance to *Get Involved!*

Families and the Gospel: (John 17:20-26)
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.

Holy Name Society will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 6th at 6PM in the Church Hall.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held Tuesday, May 6th at 7PM in the Church Hall.

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting on Thursday, June 5th starting at 11:30AM.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

2025 Outdoor Mass

The faithful of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown are invited to outdoor Masses at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto every Sunday evening at 7 PM beginning on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend (May 25) and concluding on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend (August 31). Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

Thank you

To Father Bernard and all who contributed in anyway to the 65th Anniversary!! It was great!!! I know God loves and rewards!
God Bless all!

Fr. Balestino



Mark your Calendars!!
We will celebrate our Vacation Bible School on **June 30- July 3, 2025**.
A Summer Camp Adventure with God
This is for **anyone in Grades K -5**
Activities include: Bible Stories, Arts & crafts, Science Experiments and more.
Pick up your registration form in the back of the Church. This event is **Free**