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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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

<u>5:30PM</u>	Saturday, June 7 th	9:00 AM	Sunday, June 8th
Lector:	Linda Lopez	Lector:	Elaine Angus

Mass Intentions for the Week: (June 2nd – June 8th)

MON	06/02	7:00AM + Anthony Lograsso— (Carol Roberts)
TUES	06/03	7:00AM+ For Deceased Members of the family of Mrs. Cirila Graicar
WED	06/04	7:00AM For the Intention of Sr. Agnes O.C.D.
THURS	06/05	7:00AM Matilda & Martin Simcic
FRI	06/06	7:00AM+ Philip Scott— (Joe & Chris Carpenter)
SAT	06/07	5:30PM+ Martha Lopez— (Sam & Chris Wisor)
SUN	06/08	9:00AM Christian Mothers

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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 & 25th, 2025

Weekly	\$ 1,435.00
Monthly	\$ 7.00
Ascension	\$ 10.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!



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



2025 Catholic Ministries Drive Follow Me.

Thank you to the families who have pledged as of April 30th a total of \$3,260 (37%) towards our target amount of \$8,800. Through it, 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. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target.

All funds over our target will be returned to St. Anne's Parish

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

> Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia. R. For He whom you merited to bear, Alleluia

٧. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia Pray for us to God, Alleluia R.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, ٧.

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



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

A Family Perspective (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.

Community News & Events



Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg, is sponsoring its 64th Annual Festival on May 30, 31 and June 1 featuring a Fish Dinner (Fried or Baked) on Friday

May 30th from 4 to 7 PM, (Adults \$15, children under 12 \$7) and a Turkey Dinner on Sunday June 1st from 11 AM to 4 PM (Adults \$15, children under 12 \$7). Refreshments, musical entertainment, family fun & games, baked goods, kiddie corner, giant flea market, basket raffle with over 100 baskets and more!

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.