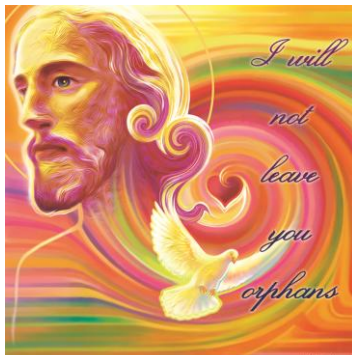


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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

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.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	05/11		
TUES	05/12		
WED	05/13		
THURS	05/14	4:00PM	Ascension of our Lord Vigil
FRI	05/15	5:30PM	Ascension of our Lord Mass
SAT	05/16	3:00PM	Confession
SUN	05/17		



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (May 11th – May 17th)

MON	5/11	7:50AM	+ Mother's Day Triduum
TUES	5/12	7:50AM	+ Mother's Day Triduum
WED	5/13	7:50AM	+ (A) John Cynar – (Wife & Children)
		ASCENSION VIGIL: 4:00PM	+ Stella David – (Daughter, Dolores)
THUR	5/14	7:50AM	+ Kevin Gritzer – (Aunt Patty)
		ASCENSION	5:30PM + Lawerance Haggerty – (Brother-in-law Tom Dadey)
FRI	5/15	7:50AM	+ (B) Sophie Timmeney– (Daughter, Sandra Huston)
SAT	5/16	4:00PM	+ (A) Carol David– (Sister, Dolores, Bill & Billy)
SUN	5/17	7:30AM	+ Christy Carpenter– (David Radnotti)
		10:30AM	+ Jason Mulvehill – (Parents, Pat & Terri)

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Stewardship Reflections: On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us Christian stewards of the importance and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. They also teach us that love of God shows itself in concrete actions - this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

Throughout the Easter season, our first readings, taken from the Act of the Apostles, have recounted the growth (and growing pains) of the early days of the Church. Today we read that the Samaritans had accepted the word of God, and while there was great rejoicing over this, they were still in need of more before they were fully empowered disciples. The 'more' that they needed, was the Holy Spirit.

Today is a great opportunity, especially as we draw nearer to Pentecost, to begin to examine our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Do we make full use of all of the grace and power the Holy Spirit has for us in meeting the challenges of life?

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (May 2nd – May 3rd, 2026)

Weekly	\$	4,453.00
Building Fund	\$	531.00
Easter	\$	40.00

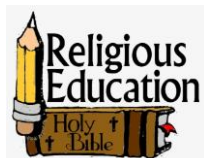


May Crowning was held last Sunday
Sunday, May 3rd
at 10:30AM Mass.

The May Queen this year is **Ava Deskevich**.
Accompanied by, Luka Hevia, Dominic Kniss,
Candice and Lydia Maurizio



Holy Day of Obligation
Ascension of the Lord Thursday,
May 14th. Vigil Mass will be held on
Wednesday, May 13th at 4PM. Feast
Day Masses on **Thursday, May 14th**
7:50AM and 5:30PM.



May 17th is the final class for CCD. We would like to Thank all the teachers who volunteer all year, our classes would not be possible without you. **Have a Great Summer**

Mother's Day Triduum...May 10th to May 12th, 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.



Thank you to the **56** families who have pledged as of April 30th a total of **\$9,175.00** towards our target amount of **\$23,100**. Saint Peter teaches us, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). Fr Bernards hope is for parishioner participation; we are now at **23.83% parishioner participation**. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means. You have until Dec 31st 2026 to pay your pledge in full

REGINA CAELI -

- 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

Mass for Widows and Widowers

Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 24, 2026 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at the 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 Thursday, May 21, 2026. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

All 2026 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 May 31st

We would like to acknowledge our young people for reaching these milestones in the June 7th bulletin.

NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

LEVEL COMPLETED: _____

PARENTS NAME: _____

SUMMER BASH & BASKETS

We are asking for and would appreciate the following donations:

Theme Basket (at least \$30.00 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. There is also a Donation request form in the vestibule, take it to your favorite place of Business, restaurant, beauty shop etc., and ask for a donation for the basket party.

Cases of soda: (coke, or Pepsi products etc.) and water, which can be dropped off Mon -Fri 9-2PM at the office.

We are going to need volunteers: For the outside Kitchen, Basket chances on Sunday, and Sunday afternoon at 2PM we will need runners for the basket drawing, any students that need service hours, this is a chance to get some easy hours, and Friday evening June 19th, to help set up the tents and tables and chairs.



*Wishing all Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers,
Special Aunts, Mothers-In-Law
a very Blessed Mother's Day*

May The Lord Bless and keep you;
May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace

Numbers 6: 24-26