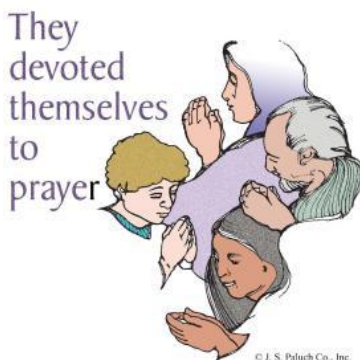


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## Seventh Sunday of Easter

**May 17, 2026**

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. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

|              |              |               |                   |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <b>MON</b>   | <b>05/18</b> |               |                   |
| <b>TUES</b>  | <b>05/19</b> |               |                   |
| <b>WED</b>   | <b>05/20</b> |               |                   |
| <b>THURS</b> | <b>05/21</b> |               |                   |
| <b>FRI</b>   | <b>05/22</b> |               |                   |
| <b>SAT</b>   | <b>05/23</b> | <b>3:00PM</b> | <b>Confession</b> |
| <b>SUN</b>   | <b>05/24</b> |               |                   |

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (May 18<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>)

|             |             |                |  |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|--|
| <b>MON</b>  | <b>5/18</b> | <b>7:50AM</b>  | <b>+ Sr Agnes Mikolaj – (Sister, Anne &amp; Family)</b>        |
| <b>TUES</b> | <b>5/19</b> | <b>7:50AM</b>  | <b>+ John Cynar – (A Friend)</b>                               |
| <b>WED</b>  | <b>5/20</b> | <b>7:50AM</b>  | <b>+ Agnes Malysko – (Sister, Eileen)</b>                      |
| <b>THUR</b> | <b>5/21</b> | <b>7:50AM</b>  | <b>+ (A) Dorothy Ramirez – (Daughter, Karen &amp; Mark)</b>    |
| <b>FRI</b>  | <b>5/22</b> | <b>7:50AM</b>  | <b>+ (B) Bill Labuda– (Daughter, Marie &amp; Paul Nikonow)</b> |
| <b>SAT</b>  | <b>5/23</b> | <b>4:00PM</b>  | <b>+ (B) Bill Delich– (Marilyn, Jeanne &amp; Families)</b>     |
| <b>SUN</b>  | <b>5/24</b> | <b>7:30AM</b>  | <b>+ David Keafer– (Joe &amp; Anna Tomera)</b>                 |
|             |             | <b>10:30AM</b> | <b>+ (A) Charles Karalfa – (Wife, Donna &amp; Family)</b>      |

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# Sunday, May 17, 2026

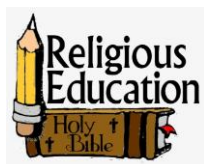
**Stewardship Reflections:** This week, we celebrated the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord, that glorious moment when Jesus, 40 days after His resurrection, was lifted up - quite literally - into heaven, as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.

But the apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long. "While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly 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!'

Let us take a moment to 'look up at the heavens' and ponder all the graces and blessings our loving God has given us. And then, let us do something! Let's put all those gifts to work as we serve as grateful witnesses to this amazing God.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (May 9<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026)

|               |          |          |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Weekly        | ..... \$ | 3,424.00 |
| Building Fund | ..... \$ | 295.00   |
| Easter        | ..... \$ | 10.00    |



**TODAY, May 17<sup>th</sup>** 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**



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## Sent To Serve

Thank you to the **56** families who have pledged as of April 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2026 to pay your pledge in full



**Congratulations** to "Penny" Stibich who was the winner of the early bird drawing on Mother's Day Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> of the Cash raffle tickets. Thanks to all who purchased their ticket early.

Penny is very excited, she sees a new frisbee in her Future.



## 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



**Electronic Devices-** Just a friendly reminder, to please refrain from using all electronic devices during liturgical celebrations. Thank-you

## Community News & Events

### Swiss Steak Dinner

Steak Dinner Save the Date: **The Church of the Transfiguration in Conemaugh** will be hosting a Swiss Steak Dinner on **May 17th from 11 AM—2:00 PM**. Eat in or take out, **cost is \$15**. The menu includes Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad with Roll and Dessert!

### Young Adult Cookout & Social

Looking to meet new people and make real connections? Railroad City Catholics invites all young adults ages 21-35 to a Cookout & Social at the Catholic War Vets in Altoona, 290 Valley Ave. Friday, May 22nd at 6:30pm.

Whether you're looking to get competitive with a game of ultimate frisbee, volleyball, or cornhole, or just want to relax by the fire with some s'mores, there's a spot for you. Burgers, hot dogs, and refreshments provided.



### PUBLIC ROSARY

In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima  
Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:30 PM St. Clement Church

#### 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](mailto: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.



In celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, all the faithful are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Mark on **May 31 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. Priests, deacons, and men and women religious will be in attendance. All parishioners of the diocese are welcome and encouraged to attend the Mass. Anyone interested in being part of the festival choir for the Mass may contact Cathedral Music Director Robert Long by emailing him at [rlong@dioceseaj.org](mailto:rlong@dioceseaj.org).



**HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG**, is sponsoring its **65th Annual Festival** on **June 5th, 6th and 7th** featuring a Fish Dinner (Fried or Baked) on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, (Adults \$15.00, children under 12 \$7.00) and a Turkey Dinner on Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Adults \$15.00, children under 12 \$7.00). Refreshments, musical entertainment, family fun & games, baked goods, kiddie corner, giant flea market, basket raffle with over 100 baskets and more!



**HITMIX MUSIC BINGO** - Will be held on **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** at **Visitation Gymnasium** 1127 McKinnley Ave. Johnstown. Doors open at 5:15 PM with first game beginning at 6:30PM. Tickets are **\$25 each** which includes dinner and non-alcoholic beverages, one bingo card for each game, and cash prizes throughout the night. Also available for purchase are extra bingo cards, Qualifiers, 50/50, chances on baskets and \$10 beer bracelets. Cash bar. **NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED.** Must be 18 or older to participate. For more information and to purchase tickets, please call Debbie Magro 814-536-3426 or 814-243-9028!



**SIGHT & SOUND TRIP TO SEE "JOSHUA"** - St Francis of Assisi we will be going to see "JOSHUA" on **Tuesday, August 25th** for the 3:00 PM Show. Cost for this event is \$185.00 which includes your Bus transportation, Lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord and your ticket to the show. Reservations need to be made by **June 1<sup>st</sup>**; **payments need to be made by June 15<sup>th</sup> 2026.** For more information, please contact Fran King at (814)536-3667.



Interim Hospice is currently seeking volunteers in a variety of roles, including Direct Patient Support, Administrative, Assistance, Veteran to Veteran Support, Pet Therapy, Hairdressing Service. And more. I have included a flyer and kindly ask that you display it in your building and share it with others who may be interested. Contact us today and 814-262-8305 Candace Bea, Volunteer Care Coordinator, or email [Cbeam@interim-health.com](mailto:Cbeam@interim-health.com)

*I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord  
I will come back to you  
and your hearts will rejoice  
John 14:18*



**All 2026 Graduates - (Pre-School, Kindergarten, Elementary School, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, High School, Home School, Cyber School, College or Trade School).**

Please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket by May 31<sup>st</sup>

We would like to acknowledge our young people for reaching these milestones in the June 7<sup>th</sup> 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.), which can be dropped off Mon -Fri 9-2PM at the office.

**We are going to need volunteers:** For the outside Kitchen, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, to help set up the tents and tables and chairs.



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Vacation Bible School will be held here at  
St Therese in the Church Hall  
June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>

This year's theme  
What a Mess!!

Look in the bulletin in the next few weeks for more information