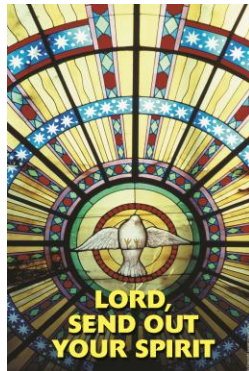


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Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

FIRST READING: Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

PSALM: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

SECOND READING: In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13)

GOSPEL: Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE RICHNESS OF THE SPIRIT

Students, and most adults recalling their school days, are familiar with the phrase “compare and contrast” that shows up from time to time on tests. Today we hear two different accounts of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church. Let’s contrast, then compare. Luke’s account from Acts is filled with arresting details: the mighty wind from heaven, the tongues of flame, the miracle of different languages. John’s account seems timid: fearful disciples, the wounded Christ, the expelling of breath from his risen body, not from the sky. Our literal, modern minds wonder which way it happened; our noisy culture probably makes us prefer the former. But if we compare the two, we find that the dazzling richness of the Spirit fills both accounts, for it is the very breath of the risen Christ, ascended to the sky in Luke, that appears to his disciples in John and sends his followers forth to carry on his mission of forgiving sin and proclaiming the mighty acts of God.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	05/25	office will be Closed
TUES	05/26	
WED	05/27	
THURS	05/28	
FRI	05/29	
SAT	05/30	3:00PM Confession
SUN	05/31	



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (May 25th – May 31st)

MON	5/25	7:50AM	+ (A) Mary Richiuto – (Christian Mothers)
TUES	5/26	7:50AM	+ David Bartkovich – (Marge, Brian & Eve)
WED	5/27	7:50AM	+ Fr Bonaventure – (St Therese Parish)
THUR	5/28	7:50AM	Fr Balestino 66 th Ordination – (St Therese Parish)
FRI	5/29	7:50AM	+ Damien Lovas– (Wife, Darlene)
SAT	5/30	4:00PM	+ Betty Rozich Kinnele– (Daughter, Jone & Joe Hochstein)
SUN	5/31	7:30AM	+ Runt & Cassie Radnotti– (Son, David)
		10:30AM	+ (B) Dom Kurtz Sr. – (Kristi Lengyel)

Sunday, May 24, 2026



Stewardship Reflections: Our Easter celebration reaches its grand finale today as we celebrate the glorious feast of Pentecost. Today, we focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and in our individual lives.

Throughout our readings today, we see the amazing truth that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts and guidance in a very personal way - and that we are meant to use these gifts to build up the Body of Christ in a way that is unique to each one of us. What a stunning privilege and awesome responsibility. We must rely constantly on the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best use of the gifts, talents and blessings we have been given so that we can fulfill the specific mission to which we have been called.

As this Easter season comes to a close, let us be at peace. And let us resolve to lean on the Holy Spirit more and more as our guide through the stewardship way of life.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(May 16th – May 17th, 2026)

Weekly	\$	3,489.00
Building Fund	\$	26.00

Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Carol Searle** who was called to her eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Carol** and peace and consolation to her family.



Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Francis Urban** who was called to his eternal reward last week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Fran** and peace and consolation to his family

The Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th to observe the Memorial Day Holiday.



May God Bless you, Fr Balestino on the 66th Anniversary of your Ordination. We are deeply thankful for your years of dedication and the love you have shown us. May God continue to Bless you!

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 Bernard's 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



Mark your Calendars!!

We will celebrate our Vacation Bible School on **June 29th- July 2nd, 2026.**
9:00AM - 11:30AM

What A Mess!

This is for **anyone in Grades K -5**
Activities include: Bible Stories, Arts & crafts, Games and Fun! Come Get Messy with Us!
Pick up your registration form in the back of the Church. This event is **Free**



In 2029 we will be celebrating our **Centennial** here at St Therese. Fr Karmanocky would like to form a committee of volunteers to help organize the first stages of our centennial celebration. If you are interested in helping with this celebration please call the Rectory, during office hours 9-2PM Mon -Fri.

Along with the Centennial Celebration we are also looking for volunteers to help with the putting together timeline of the history of the Church. We are already started but have some years to catch up on. If interested please call the rectory during office hours 9-2 Mon -Fri 814-539-7633.

Community News & Events



In celebration of the 125th 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.



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 5th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, (Adults \$15.00, children under 12 \$7.00) and a Turkey Dinner on Sunday June 6th 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 6th** 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 1st**; **payments need to be made by June 15th2026**. 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

Twelve Ways to Show God's Love Today

Encourage a child
Make a New Friend
Forgive a wrong doing
Laugh out loud
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
Thank God for His many Blessings





Dear Parishioners,

May the Lord give you HIS peace.

Years ago, it was the custom for the pastor to visit the homes of parishioners every so many years for a census. Now with technology this is no longer necessary. But in the next year or so, I would like to visit our parishioners to get feedback and suggestions as to the needs of parishioners, and ideas to promote the life of the parish. Hopefully, this endeavor may spark some new initiatives for the benefits of our parishioners in the future

F. Bernard

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 19th, to help set up the tents and tables and chairs.

To Our Veterans
for so proudly serving Our Country
and so bravely protecting Our Freedoms
Thank You



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: _____