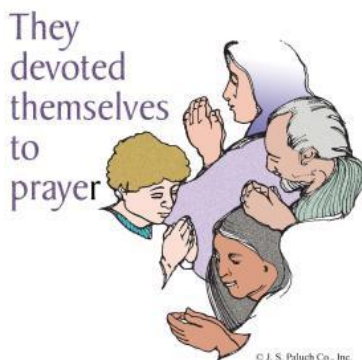


ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

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May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

5:30PM	Saturday, May 23rd	9:00 AM	Sunday, May 24th
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Kevin Houghton

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (May 18th -- May 24th)

MON	5/18	7:00AM. . . + Martin & Matilda Simcic
TUES	5/19	7:00AM. . . + Mary Mastrolembro – (Thien & Ngoan Tran)
WED	5/20	7:00AM. . . .For Living & Deceased Members of Kamniar/Gardill Family
THURS	5/21	7:00AM. . . .Our Seminarrians – Especially those new to the Diocese
FRI	5/22	7:00AM. . . + Bob Verhovsek – (Ester & Hank Hughes)
SAT	5/23	5:30PM. . . .For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg/Swaney Family - (Barbara)
SUN	5/24	9:00AM. . . + Holy Souls in Purgatory – (Bob Kuhns)

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 9th & 10th, 2026

Weekly	\$ 1,675.00
Monthly	\$ 143.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 5.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 5.00
Ascension	\$ 40.00
Poor Box	\$ 61.00

*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!*



Coffee and Cake...will be served in the Church Hall after both Masses **this weekend, May 16th & 17th** for all those parishioners who are celebrating their birthday this month! **Everyone is welcome.**

Hope to see you there



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.

Today, we take up the collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign, (CCC)**. Your support helps CCC fulfill its mission of love to share the gospel message of hope with people in the United States using the internet, television, radio and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese to support local efforts. The other half support the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States and abroad. Be part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today!



Catholic Ministries

DRIVE

Sent To Serve

Thank you to the families who have pledged as of **April 30** a total of **\$5,250 (82%)** towards our target amount of **\$6,400**. We are now at **22.73% parishioner participation**. 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)

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. You have until Dec 31st 2026 to pay your pledge in full.

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

REGINA CAELI – The Regina Caeli is said beginning Easter Sunday until Pentecost. It is said standing:

- 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, 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

Mass for Widows and Widowers

Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 24, 2026 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Barchak 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.



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



PUBLIC ROSARY

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

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.



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 15th 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



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!



All 2026 Graduates

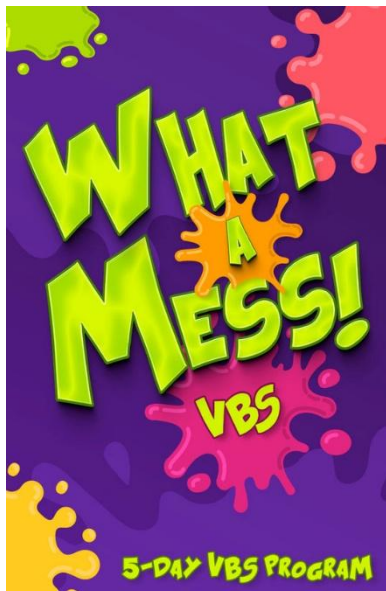
**(Pre-School, Kindergarten, Elementary School, Middle School,
High School, Home School, Cyber School, College or Trade School).
Please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket by June 1st
We would like to acknowledge our young people for reaching these milestones
in the June 7th bulletin.**

NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

LEVEL COMPLETED: _____

PARENTS NAME: _____



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

This year's theme
What a Mess!!

Watch the bulletin in the next few weeks for more information
