

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

St. John the Evangelist Church
309 Lotz Avenue, Altoona, PA 814-942-5503
www.stjohnsaltoona.org

May Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For Church Movements and Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 8:30 AM • TUESDAY - 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION - 6:00 PM
ASCENSION THURSDAY - 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM
FRIDAY - 8:30 AM
SATURDAY - 4:00 PM
SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Wed. May 17 - 6:00 PM - Patrick Schurr, Jim Campbell
 Thur. May 18 - 6:30 PM - Camille Krug, Barbara Bundy
 Sat. May 20 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, Maria Spayd
 Sun. May 21 - 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. May 21 - 11:00 AM - Gary Johnson, Richard Consiglio

ALTAR SERVERS

Wed. May 17 - 6:00 PM - Bob Olson, Lexie Tatar
 Thur. May 18 - 6:30 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sat. May 20 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 21 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 21 - 11:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Wed. May 17 - 6:00 PM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
 Thur. May 18 - 6:30 PM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
 Sat. May 20 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 21 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark
 Sun. May 21 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Wed. May 17 - 6:00 PM - Wendy Campbell, Jane Becker, John Becker,
 NOT FILLED
 Thur. May 18 - 6:30 PM - NOT FILLED, Carolyn English, Lou Ann Clark,
 Darlene Scarpaci
 Sat. May 20 - 4:00 PM - Karen Moughemer, Dennis Moughemer,
 David Langguth, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 21 - 8:00 AM - Ray Kennedy, Jane Strasser, Mary Truesdale,
 NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 21 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, NOT FILLED, Mary Grace
 Horton, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN

Wed. May 17 - 6:00 PM - Marilyn Bevan
 Thur. May 18 - 6:30 PM - Barbara Bundy
 Sat. May 20 - 4:00 PM - Jane Byrne
 Sun. May 21 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. May 21 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

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Sat. May 20 - 4:00 PM - Becky Merilli, Christopher Palazzi
 Sat. May 21 - 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. May 21 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY - "The mother's heart is the child's school-room." —*Henry Ward Beecher*

"To the world, you are a mother, but to your family, you are the world." —*Unknown*

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." —*The Little Flower*

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION - This Thursday the church celebrates the glorious feast of the Ascension! There will be a vigil Mass on Wednesday at 6:00 PM, and Masses on the feast itself at 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, and all are encouraged to make the effort to join us!

GRADUATIONS ARE HERE! The month of May brings with it the graduation of our children from grade school, high school, college and beyond. Associated with graduation is the baccalaureate Mass or address. The word itself comes from the medieval Latin baccalaureatus, from baccalaureus 'bachelor'. The earlier form baccalarius was altered by wordplay to conform with bacca lauri 'laurel berry', because of the laurels awarded to scholars. The word "Commencement," which is at times considered an ending, actually means "beginning," as our young people move forward, "commence" into adulthood. Our congratulations to all!

MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - We will be celebrating a Mass of Anointing here at St. John's on May 21 at 2 PM in the afternoon. Attending this Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us. We will need volunteers to minister as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Hospitality. Please call the office (814-942-5503) if you are willing to help. Also, perhaps you know someone who needs transportation to this beautiful celebration.

RCIA: A NEW NAME, A RENEWED SPIRIT - For many years, RCIA has indicated the "Rite of Christian Initiation

of Adults." It has become apparent, however, that this process of becoming a Roman Catholic is much more than a "Rite." It is a process of preparation for entrance into the church which entails prayer, study, and the companionship of committed Catholics. The American Bishops have encouraged us to now speak of it as the OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. The traditional categorization of those petitioning for full acceptance into the Church has also been changed. The new revision includes: catechumens (who are unbaptized adults); baptized non-Catholic Christians, and adult baptized Catholics in need of Confirmation. With Covid behind us, it is most appropriate that we renew our commitment to our outreach to those wishing to learn more about the Faith, and who may seek full initiation into the Church. We are most grateful to Mark Krepich, who for several years has directed this ministry. We are now seeking additional team members who can share in this work of evangelization. This ministry is fundamentally one of accompaniment: Catholics willing to accompany those desiring to be Catholic. Please consider this invitation to share your faith with others. You may contact Mark (mark.krepich@gmail.com) or Msgr. Becker with your interest.

PRAY AND WORK FOR AN END TO GUN VIOLENCE - It can only be considered an epidemic! Gun violence is the leading cause of death for children in America! In the first 127 days of 2023 there have been over 200 mass shootings in this country! The weapon of choice for such killings? The AK 47, of which there are 18 million in circulation in our country. Gun violence has killed some 14,600 people so far in 2023, according to a recent tally. The Gun Violence Archive, which tracks such incidents in the U.S., said that among those killed, 521 were teens and 93 were children. Can we really be content with "thoughts and prayers?" Just sayin'!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULING FOR JUNE 3 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

It's time to schedule for Summer 2023.

If you have internet access please enter your NOT available dates in your profile in Ministry Scheduler Pro.

Here is the direct link to that website – www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/teammates

There is also a link from our parish website (WWW.STJOHNSALTOONA.ORG) and a link in the email reminder you will receive soon.

There are cards available in the Gathering Space for those who do not have access to the internet.

If you are not able to update your profile online or visit the church to fill out a card, you may give Mark a call on a weekday evening between 7 PM and 10 PM or on the weekends at 814-932-2223.

Please update your profile online or call me or fill out a card and return it by midnight on Sunday, May 21st.

Family members can fill out one card front and back.

Thank you for your service to our faith community throughout the year!

Schedule for the Week of May 14

Sunday, May 14 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

11:00 AM - Mass for *Ron Peschock* requested by Betty Peschock

Monday, May 15 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Helen Baca* requested by Family

Tuesday, May 16 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *John Despot* requested by Barbara Bundy

Wednesday, May 17 - Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Clarence & Eileen Becker* requested by Becker Family

Thursday, May 18 - The Ascension of the Lord

8:30 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

6:30 PM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by Robert & Diane Budd

Friday, May 19 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Fred Mazzarella* requested by Karen Mazzarella

Saturday, May 20 - Vigil of Seventh Sunday of Easter

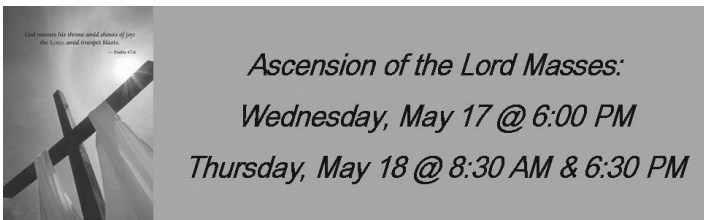
4:00 PM - Mass for *Fern Weyant* requested by Ron & Joyce Cunningham

Sunday, May 21 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

11:00 AM - Mass for *Murray & Georgia Dolphin* requested by The Dolphin Family

2:00 PM - Mass for *the Sick and Homebound of the Parish*



SCHOOL REGISTRATION: St. Patrick School is now enrolling students for grades Pre-K-8th for the 2023/24 school year. Interested families can contact the principal, Tara Steinbugl, at the school, 814-695-3819.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;

Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Our readings remind us that God must come first in our lives, and that love of God shows itself in concrete actions. This is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary. St. Peter challenges us to put Christ first above all else in our lives. He is not merely the Savior of our lives, He is to be "Lord" of our lives as well. As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives, in our time, talent, and treasure.

The stewardship way of life offers us a concrete means to "prove" our love. True love is not a mere sentiment. True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God's commandments. This requires courage, humility, and deep trust in Him. The rewards of this kind of love are indescribably wonderful. Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us? (www.CatholicSteward.com, 4/11/2023)

April 29/30

Envelopes	\$ 3,734.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 248.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 5.00
Parish Development	\$ 30.00
Good Friday Holy Land	\$ 11.00
Easter Offering	\$ 215.00
Food Bank Collection	\$ 120.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,727.00
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2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal - \$41,761

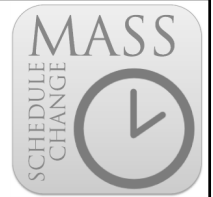
January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023

Gifts/Pledges \$ 30,035

Pledge Balance (Not yet received) \$ 50

Total Gifts/Pledges (Received) \$ 29,985

Just a reminder that on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, (May 28) our 2nd Mass will begin at 10:00 AM. This Summer Mass Schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend.



SUMMER SPIRITUALITY SESSIONS: This summer please join us for small group discussions based on Bishop Robert Barron's Sunday sermons. Each session we will delve into Bishop Barron's sermons where we can feel free to share our thoughts and concerns with others. The sessions will be every second and fourth Thursday of the month and will start in May and conclude in July. We will meet in St. Mary's Social Hall starting at 6:30pm and concluding at 7:30pm.

If you would like to participate, please email or call Dave Madden. Email address: coachdave1251@gmail.com
Phone number: 814-695-0395

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at giny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from the prayer list. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

**All Garvey Manor Residents • Anne Showalter
Idy Caporuscio • Mary Lee DeStefano
Michael DeStefano • Sherryl Hartman • Patricia Olson
Ryan Raybuck • Reed Stellabotte**

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Frank Swalga

May he rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL WORKSHOP: May 20, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. at Bertschi Center, Mount Aloysius College, Cresson Pa, with Eucharistic presentations on "Beginning Again" to assist Catholics in recognizing the gift the Catholic Church has in the Eucharist as being the center of our Worship and our belief in the "REAL PRESENCE." It's a workshop you don't want to miss. To register go to www.dioceseaj.org/beginning-again. (You will need to type in the web site) *The cost is \$10.00 payable online with a credit card or with exact change at the door.*

BABY DRIVE: From May 6th through May 28th the Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will be collecting baby items for Catholic Charities and other agencies in need. If you would like to donate, please place your item(s) in the baby box provided in the Gathering Space. As always, thank you very much for helping with this endeavor. God bless you all. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Grace Horton @ 814-942-0397 or Jennifer Crum-Waite @ 814-215-1067.

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year.

If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503 or email stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Sharing the Journey is a bereavement support group for adults who have lost a loved one. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, May 23rd in the Church Cry Room from 6:00-7:30. This month's topic will be Who am I now? Our meetings always include time to share, or to listen. We are a Christian based group and all faiths are welcome. There is no need to pre-register. *For more information contact Mary Petrak, 814-502-6076.*

FAITH DAY: The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to join us for the return of Faith Day at Delgrosso's Amusement Park! This year, Faith Day will be held on Sunday, June 25th. The high point of the day will be Mass with Bishop Mark at 4:30pm followed by a community dinner. Admission to the park is always free, but there will be reduced price Ride-and-Slide passes available, as well as a dinner that can be purchased. More information to come in the coming weeks!

SUNDAY EVENING OUTDOOR MASSES: All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our outdoor Masses every **Sunday evening at 7 PM** at the beautiful **Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies**. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated May 28th! Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- September 3, 2023. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

The Chapel House of Father Demetrius Gallitzin is not open for personal tours. However, we will be open for visiting hours this summer. The hours that one may visit the Chapel House are: June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6, and August 20 from 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

HOLY TRINITY "SELL YOUR STUFF" YARD SALE: Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 7:00am-Noon in Maria Parish gymnasium. Spaces are \$20 and you can bring your own tables and items to sell. Everything you make on the sale is YOURS. If you need a table, you can rent a table from Holy Trinity for an additional \$10. Scan the QR code for more details or call Mrs. Jan Crossman, Holy Trinity Catholic School Business Manager, at 814-942-7835 to reserve your table today.



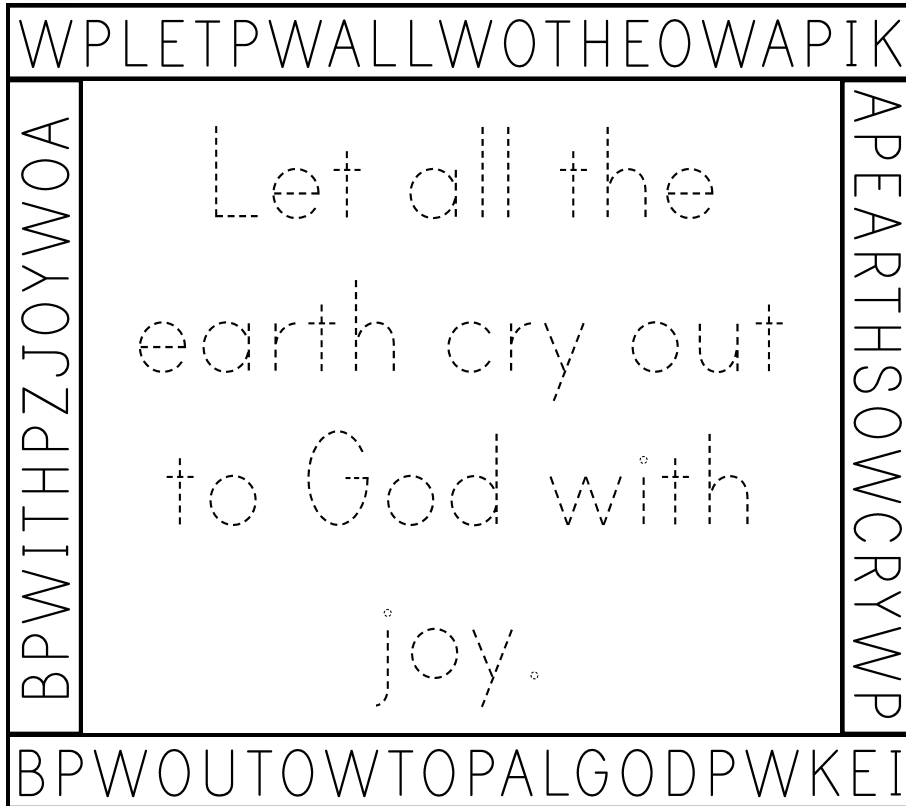
Saint Philip Neri

God's love appeared to Saint Philip Neri. It looked like a ball of fire and entered his heart.

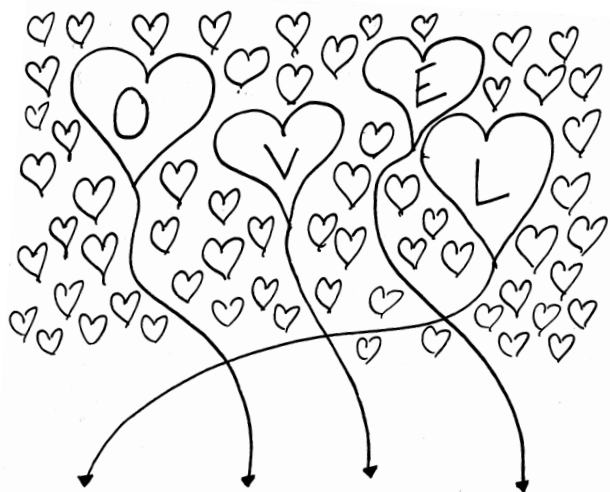
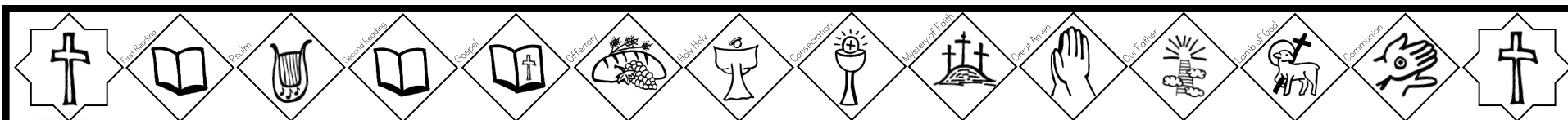
There are some strange symbols in this picture. Saint Philip Neri did weird things to get people to listen to God's word.

Once, he shaved only half of his beard!

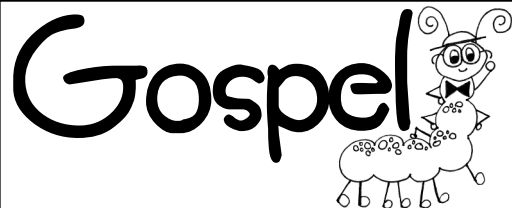
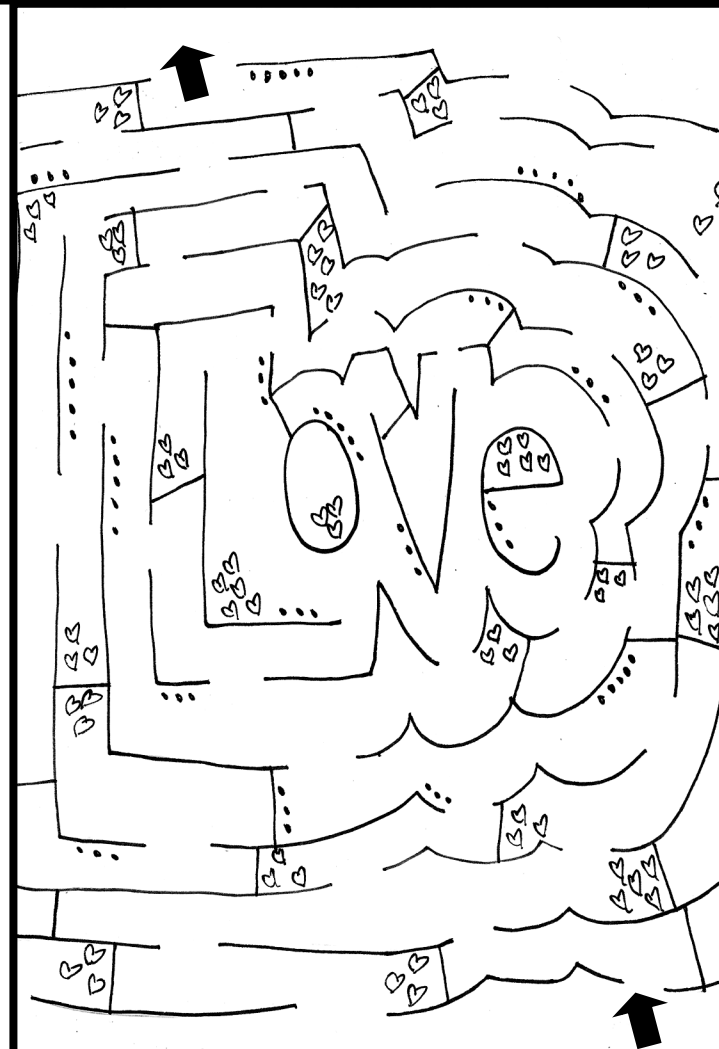
Saint Philip Neri wanted to teach a man to be humble so he asked him to "walk a dog" by carrying the dog around all day.



It is still the Easter season.
What can you do today to
celebrate Easter?



Use this box to
draw a picture
of LOVE.
How do you
show people
that you
love them?



Jesus said, "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."