

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 8:30 AM TUESDAY - 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM
THURSDAY - 8:30 AM FRIDAY - 8:30 AM
SATURDAY - 4:00 PM
SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

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.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. May 27 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Maria Spayd
 Sun. May 28 - 8:00 AM - Norma Foose, Bill Foose
Sun. May 28 - 10:00 AM - Jim Campbell, Patrick Schurr

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. May 27 - 4:00 PM - Cholie Truscello, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 28 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Emily Miller
Sun. May 28 - 10:00 AM - Lexi Tatar, NOT FILLED

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. May 27 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 28 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. May 28 - 10:00 AM - Waltar Bloom, Cecelia Bloom

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. May 27 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel,
 NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 28 - 8:00 AM - John Becker, Jane Becker, Mike O'Neill,
 Ed Stoltz
**Sun. May 28 - 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Patrick Podoletz, NOT
 FILLED, NOT FILLED**

SACRISTAN

Sat. May 27 - 4:00 PM - Ray & Mary King
 Sun. May 28 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. May 28 - 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. May 27 - 4:00 PM - Becky Merilli, Julie Beiswenger
 Sat. May 28 - 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. May 28 - 10:00 AM - Jane Byrne, Carolyn English

A Few Words from the Pastor:

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. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us. Perhaps you know someone who needs transportation to this beautiful celebration and can offer to bring them.

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 baccalauri '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!

PENTECOST! The term Pentecost comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the Jewish festival of Shavuot celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. It is also known as the "Feast of Weeks" and is also called the *Feast of Harvest*. It became a day on which our Jewish ancestors renewed the covenant made with Noah, celebrating God's faithfulness and man's response. After the destruction of the Jerusalem temple in 70 A.D., the focus moved from an agricultural festival of the Harvest to a celebration and renewal of the covenant made with Moses on Mount Sinai.

RCIA: A NEW NAME, A RENEWED SPIRIT - With Covid behind us, it is important 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 many years has continued to take the lead in 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. This ministry is to be Catholic. You may contact Mark (mark.krepich@gmail.com) or Msgr. Becker with your interest.



SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS; Just a reminder that next Sunday, Memorial Day weekend (May 28), our 2nd Mass will begin at 10:00 AM. This Summer Mass Schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend.

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 this 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 21

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*

Monday, May 22 - Easter Weekday

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

Tuesday, May 23 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Yokitis Family* requested by Mary & Ray King

Wednesday, May 24 - Easter Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Brian Zitzlsperger* requested by Barbara Bundy

Thursday, May 25 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Margareta Goch*

Friday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri, Priest

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

Saturday, May 27 - Vigil of Pentecost

4:00 PM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM - Mass for *Wiona Reeder* requested by Ron & Joyce Cunningham

10:00 AM - Mass for *Dave Litzinger* requested by Carole Litzinger

MAY DAYS at the Basilica of St. Michael - May 27th and 28th at Our Lady of Loretto Hall – featuring live entertainment, Cinch Tournament (Call Kathy 472-5815 to join) basket auction, flea market, silent auction, food, and beverages. Saturday, 4pm-8pm and Sunday, 11am-4pm. Proceeds from the weekend festival benefit Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall, Pickin' for Wishes, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: The Ascension of our Lord must have been an extraordinary thing to witness. The apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long, "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!" This is a call to each Christian steward. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions. We are not meant to just stand here but to do something with these gifts, in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles. What are you doing? (www.CatholicSteward.com, 4/14/2023)

May 6/7

Envelopes	\$ 7,285.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 1,046.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 10.20
Parish Development	\$ 20.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 10.00
Catholic Education	\$ 80.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 170.00
Ascension	\$ 10.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 1.00
Food Bank Collection	\$ 35.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,282.00
Total Offertory	\$12,949.20

2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal - \$41,761

January 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023

Gifts/Pledges \$31,885

Pledge Balance (Not yet received) \$425

Total Gifts/Pledges (Received) \$31,460

LAKEMONT FIRE CO. CHIX BBQ: Sunday, May 28. Please support our neighbors & friends at the Fire Company with their fundraiser. 1/2 Chicken, Homemade Baked Beans, Applesauce, Roll & Butter - \$12. CASH - DRIVE THRU ONLY, 11:00 am until sold out. Any questions call Stan Neal @ 814-312-8056

DAY OF DISCERNMENT: The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Office of Vocations is sponsoring a Day of Discernment on May 31 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College. The event will give guys who are open to a vocation to the priesthood a great opportunity to meet and interact with priests of the diocese and a diocesan seminarian. There will also be prayer, fellowship, and a great meal. The Day of Discernment is open to all guys who are high school age or older. Please register by emailing Diocesan Director of Vocations Father Peter Crowe at vocations@dioceseaj.org or by calling him at (814) 317-2681.

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.

HOLY HOUR AND ORDINATION: The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is preparing to welcome a new priest. Bishop Mark Bartchak will ordain Deacon Justin Treon to the priesthood on May 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. A Holy Hour will be prayed for Deacon Treon on the eve of his ordination, May 26, at 5:30 p.m. at Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson. All are invited to join Deacon Treon at the Holy Hour in praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of his vocation and to pray for an increase of vocations in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Deacon Treon, the son of Raymond and Mary Ann Treon of Cresson, is a member of Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson and a graduate of Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Ebensburg and Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. He completed his priestly education and formation at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. In addition to his seminary studies over the past year, Deacon Treon served on weekends at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral and Saint Patrick Parish in Johnstown.

MAY 31ST MOMENT OF PRAYER: The General Secretariat of the Synod is inviting everyone in the Church to a moment of prayer on May 31st (Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary) in support of the upcoming first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. Each diocese has been asked to designate a place in which this prayer may be made by members of the faithful from throughout the diocese. Insofar as Wednesday, May 31st is the patronal feast of Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Johnstown, everyone is encouraged to participate in a special parish Mass at Visitation that evening at 6:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard at Visitation prior to the Mass from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Others are encouraged to set aside time for prayer in parishes or at home. It is recommended that recitation of the Rosary, Prayer to Mary Mother of the Church (Patroness of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown) or the Prayer for the Synod be offered. A partial indulgence is being granted for all those who participate.

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 this 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.

BABY DRIVE: The Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will be collecting baby items for Catholic Charities and other agencies in need until June 11th. Please place your donated 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.

Saint Joseph the Worker

Saint Joseph was Jesus' dad on earth. He was a carpenter so he spent his time building beautiful things. Do you think that Joseph taught Jesus how to build?



Year A: Seventh Sunday of Easter



Catholic Kids

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May 21, 2023

Easter

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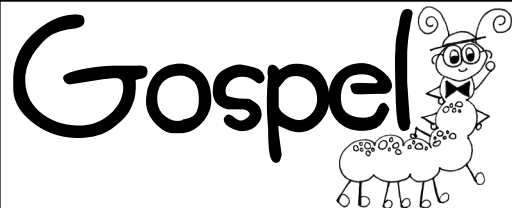
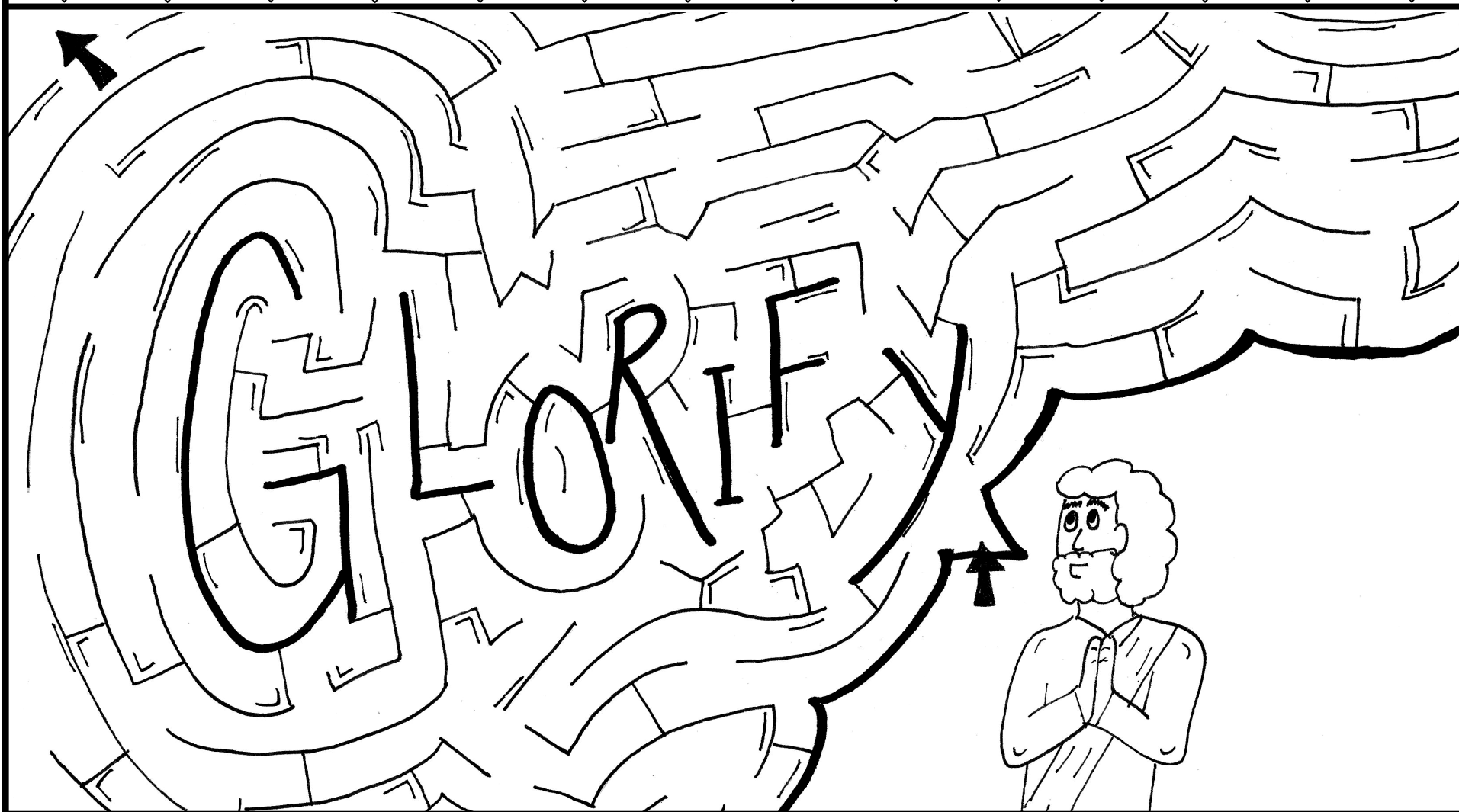
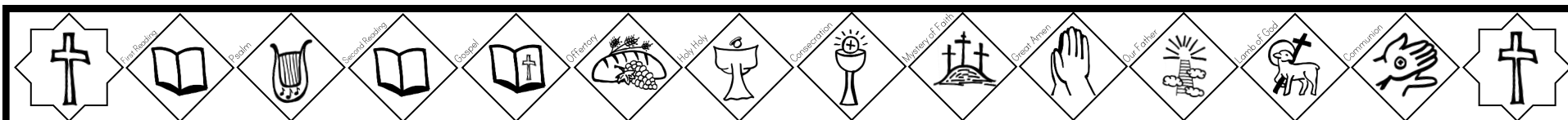
I believe that I
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In the Gospel, Jesus lifted his eyes to pray. Today, look up at the cross when you pray.



Jesus lifted his eyes to God and prayed. He said this prayer before he was crucified. He asked God to accept his sacrifice and bless his disciples.