



Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

St. John the Evangelist Church

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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

Formation of Religious and Seminarians

We pray for religious women, religious men and seminarians; may they grow in their vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation-leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. May 25- 4:00 PM - John Majcher, David Langguth
 Sun. May 26-8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Mary Truesdale
 Sun. May 26-10:00 AM - Donna Moyer, Dave Auerbeck

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. May 25- 4:00 PM - Lexi Tatar, Iris Tatar
 Sun. May 26- 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley
 Sun. May 26-10:00 AM - Estella Koch, Evie Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. May 25- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 26-8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 26-10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Cecelia Bloom,
 Walter Bloom, Barbara Bundy, Dolores Capriotti, Bob Olson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. May 25- 4:00 PM - Carolyn English, Dennis Moughemer,
 Karen Moughemer, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 26-8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Ashley Greslick,
 Mike Greslick
 Sun. May 26-10:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Lou Ann Clark,
 Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. May 25- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
 Sun. May 26- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. May 26- 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. May 25- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, Gary Johnson
 Sun. May 26- 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. May 26- 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

MASS TIME CHANGE! Just a reminder that on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, (May 26) our 2nd Mass will begin at 10:00 AM. This Summer Mass Schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend.

A Few Words from the Pastor:

OUR SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY: Beginning May 26, our Sunday morning Masses will be at 8 AM and 10 AM, not at 11 AM. Our Summer Mass schedule will be in effect until Labor Day.

CELEBRATING THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH – On Monday the church universal celebrates the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. This Mass reminds us how Jesus Himself, through an act of entrusting, willed that the divine maternity be extended to all men and women, that is, to the Church herself. In 2018, Pope Francis established **the Monday after the Solemnity of Pentecost**, the day on which the Church was born, as the date for this memorial. The title is not a new one. In 1980, Saint John Paul II, invited the faithful to venerate Mary as Mother of the Church. Even before that, on 21 November 1964, Saint Paul VI, on the conclusion of the third Session of the Second Vatican Council declared Mary as the “Mother of the Church”. And in 1975, the Holy See proposed a votive Mass in honor of the Mother of the Church.

OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Our weekly bible study gathers each Wednesday at 6:45 in the parish center. Our focus will be upon the readings for the following Sunday, so that we are well prepared to hear God’s Word with hearts ready to receive Christ in both Word and Sacrament! Please plan on joining us!

WEEK 34: A TECH FREE ZONE for OUR SACRED STORY RETREAT: *To aid in our spiritual journey, and to have the silence necessary for prayer, we are encouraged to create a technology-free zone.* Between smartphones, laptops, and even wearables such as watches and rings, it seems hard to escape technology at times. That’s why some folks are creating a technology-free zone in their homes as a way to tear their eyes away from the screen and give them some much-needed peaceful time for prayer. These zones can consist of a dedicated area of the home (such as a library) or little areas of the house (such as the dining room table or bathroom). Be faithful to a scheduled time for your Tech Free Zone and use it as a refuge in our world of constant distraction.

OUR GRADUATES! Congratulations to our 2024 high school graduates: from Hollidaysburg we have Ava Dolphin and Nevaeh Langenbacher... From Altoona Area High School we honor Ryan Isenberg and Jacob Kormanski.... From Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School we celebrate Joseph Colombo, Nicholas Helsley, Emily Miller and Trenton Wandersee.... Remember that the word “Commencement” doesn’t mean the end, but rather, your BEGINNING!

SAVE THE DATES!

Summer Mass Time Change: Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, (May 26) our 2nd Mass will begin at 10:00 AM and will continue through Labor Day weekend

Memorial Day Mass: Monday, May 27th at 9 AM

Chicken BBQ: Sunday, June 9th-Knights of Columbus

Vacation Bible School: Tuesday, June 18th-Thursday, June 20th from 6pm-8pm in the school gym for children ages 5-12 years-Rocky Railway theme

Annual Parish Picnic: Sunday, July 21st in Fr. Bailey Hall after 10am Mass

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULING For June 1 – Sept 2, 2024 It’s time to schedule for Summer 2024. 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 me 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 19th.** 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 19th

Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*
 11:00 AM - Mass for *Fred Mazzarella* requested by
 Karen Mazzarella

Monday, May 20 - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:30 AM - Mass for *Jane Byrne* requested by
 Bob & Ginny Reeder

Tuesday, May 21 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Frank Ringkamp* requested by
 Chris & Melissa Ringkamp

Wednesday, May 22 - Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Francis (Hezzie) Thompson* requested
 by Bill & Norma Foose

Thursday, May 23 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Brian Zitzlperger* requested by
 Barbara Bundy

Friday, May 24 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Wiona Reeder* requested by
 Bob & Ginny Reeder

Saturday, May 25 - Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity

4:00 PM - Mass for *Paul & Betty McManuels* requested by
 Dave & Connie McManuels

Sunday, May 26 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM - Mass for *Richard Bender & Mary Jo Sibert*
 requested by Larry & Carol Field
 10:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please email any upcoming bulletin announcements to Diane Ryan at stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net or call the Parish Office at 814-942-5503. Bulletin announcements need to be submitted by Wednesday to be included in the following weekend's bulletin.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CLEANING SUPPLY DRIVE:

Throughout the month of May, we will be collecting paper products, cleaning supplies, hygiene items, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, umbrellas, socks, hand sanitizer and several other items to support local families in need or those who are experiencing homelessness. Please see the box in the Gathering Space for the complete list of items needed and to drop off donations. Thank you for your support!

MAY DAYS 2024: Basilica of St. Michael - May 25th and 26th at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall – live entertainment, cinch tournament (call Mag 421-2867 to join) basket raffle, flea market, silent auction, and refreshments. Saturday, 4pm-8pm and Sunday, 11am-4pm. Chicken dinner Sunday at 11AM. \$10 per person. All are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: As we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven, we recall that He is not of this world and we were not made for this world. We were made for eternal life. Our readings today remind us that we are called to be set apart as disciples of Christ. In our Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that as Christian disciples, we do not belong to the world. He prays to God the Father, "I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." We must stop and ask ourselves, "Who do we belong to?" The answer is that we belong to our Loving and Gracious God. But do we act like we belong to God? How we spend our time, what we do with our talents and how we spend our treasures are a good reflection of who or what we belong to. Jesus' ascension is a good reminder for us that we, too, are called to heaven. Let us strive to live our lives as a reflection of this goal in mind. And let us pray for the grace to understand just a fraction of God's Perfect Love for us and for the grace to express our love in return.

May 4/5

Envelopes	\$ 5,283.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 468.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 20.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 80.00
Parish Development	\$ 35.00
Catholic Education	\$ 160.00
Ascension	\$ 50.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 10.00
Easter Offering	\$ 50.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,684.15
Total Offertory	\$ 9,840.15

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$42,400

January 1, 2024 - April 30, 2024

Gifts/Pledges - \$40,815.00

Total Gifts Received - \$40,335.00

Pledge Balance - \$480.00

MASS FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS: Sunday, May 26, 2024 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Barchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00 pm on the Breezeline channel 9. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at 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 Wednesday, May 22, 2024. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

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. **Prayer list will be cleared at the end of May. Requests to remain on the list must be resubmitted for June.** 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 • Britta Albright
Charles Bassett • Idy Caporuscio • Eleanor Christine
Michelle Cooney • Joyce Cunningham • Betty Dennis
Mary Lee DeStefano • Devon McCarter Graham
Marlene Hartman • Sallie Langham
Bonnie & Mike Long • Connor McLaughlin
Kathy Mittermeier • Patricia Olson • Ryan Raybuck
Dan Roberts • Anne Showalter • Reed Stellabotte
Tim Temofonte • Lois Werfel • Dorothy Yingling
Anne Zelnosky**

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:
**Jane Byrne
Patricia Fromknecht**
May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Dealing with a loss, whether in the past or recent, is difficult and lonely. Our support groups will allow you to acknowledge the pain and to learn positive strategies for coping.

Journey Through Loss is a seven-week program at St. John's for those who have lost a loved one through death. The next session will begin on June 18. Call Mary Petrak, 814-502-6076, for more information. *St. Michael and St. Mary Parishes* offer monthly meetings for those who have experienced a loss. Call Debbi Chapman, 912-713-5412, for dates and information.

BIRTHDAY CORNER FOR MAY:

May 3rd-Hedwig Zumsteg
May 4th-Virgina Claar
May 5th-Daniel Turcovsky
May 12th-Matilda Destefano
May 23rd-Joseph Stevens
May 27th-Helen Mincin
May 28th-Patricia Reilly

Something new-sending individual cards to our "senior" (80 and older) parishioners. If you wish to send a birthday card, use the address in your Parish Directory, place card in the Collection Basket or take to the Parish Office and the cards will be forwarded.

FESTIVAL: HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG, is sponsoring its 63rd Annual Festival on May 31, June 1 & 2 featuring a Fish Dinner (Fried or Baked) on Friday May 31st from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, (Adults \$15.00, children under 12 \$7.00) and a Turkey Dinner on Sunday June 2nd 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!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Thank you to all of our Faith Formation catechists, parents and students for another successful year of Faith Formation at St. John's!

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

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year for Kindergarten-11th Grade is now available. Forms will be available in the Gathering Space or can be requested by phone or email.

ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School! On this faith-filled adventure, students discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs! We will show them how to "stay on track" with Jesus! June 18th-20th from 6pm-8pm in St. John's School Gym for children ages 5-12 years. Registration is \$10. Children will have the opportunity to have fun, meet new friends and grow in faith! For questions, call the Parish Office at 814-942-5503 or email stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net.

BG CANDLELIGHT SAINTS TOUR 2024 - On Friday June 14 and Saturday June 15, actors and actresses (including some of our students!) will be dressed as a number of different men and women Saints, recounting their lives at different 'stops' around our building as a tour guide leads your group. It's an entertaining and inspiring encounter with holiness, ending with a visit to Jesus in the tabernacle of our chapel. Tours begin at 6pm and leave every 15 minutes, with the last tour departing at 9pm each evening. The walking tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and is handicap accessible. Not recommended for children under age 8. Cost is \$10 per person, to be paid at time of event, and food will be available for purchase. To reserve a tour time or to ask any additional questions, please contact Bob Sutton at rsutton@bguilfoyle.org or (814) 552-0267. We hope to see you there!

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Carmelite Community of the Word sisters will hold our Annual Golf Tournament "in person" on Friday, June 7, 2024 at Scotch Valley Country Club. This year our tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. We will provide a continental breakfast in the morning, and after your round of golf, lunch will be served, followed by awards and an auction. Cost is \$450 for a foursome; \$150 for individual golfers. If you would like to attend the lunch and auction but not golf, that is \$20. Final deadline for Registration is May 29 or when we get 28 teams. To register, or for more information, contact Kelli Murphy at 814-886-4098 or email at communityofficeccw@gmail.com. Come and join us, this event has proven to be a fun day for all! If you cannot golf, but would like to make a donation, contact our offices. Thank you!

A WORD FROM OUR NEW PRIEST, FR. ASHOK KUMAR ON HERALDS OF GOOD NEWS –

A SHORT HISTORY

The Society of Heralds of Good News Missionary Society was founded by Rev. Dr. Jose Kaimlett in 1984. The specific aim of the society is the promotion of vocations to the priesthood, the training of seminarians and the supply of zealous and hardworking missionaries to the dioceses of India and across the world. Today the missionaries of HGN are present in 17 countries around the world. The Society strives to promote to the priesthood only those who have been called, through the Society and spares no effort to get them adequately trained. The formation in the Society envelops the human, spiritual, intellectual, pastoral, and missionary dimensions.

HGN, being a Missionary Society, carry the Word of God in their hearts, in their minds and their actions. Living and preaching the Word of God is the centre of their life. They receive their fulfilment of the ministry entrusted to them. The Eucharist becomes the Center of their life. It gives direction to carry out their mission. The HGN Missionaries strongly believe in the teachings of the Church and faithfully follow the directives of the local Episcopal Conferences.

They base their Spirituality on reading the Word, listening to it, meditating it and above all acting upon it individually and collectively as a community. Every missionary of HGN, while spending a minimum of an hour of Meditation every day will faithfully follow the Liturgy of the Hours. Daily examination, of Conscience, is faithfully practiced. A day of Recollection every month along with Confession and an annual Retreat of six full days strengthens the commitment of every member in the congregation.

VISION

“To live our call as Heralds with Apostolic availability, adaptability and openness, relying on Divine Providence and the intercession of our Heavenly Patrons and in imitation of our Patron's Love for the Poor and the Needy”.

MISSION:

Heralds with a profound love for Christ and unconditional commitment to the mission aims at bringing about human maturity, professional competence and committed faith to bear witnesses to the gospel of Christ to all by our personal lives, our community living and our preaching so that Christian communities may be built up.

ERECTION OF PROVINCES

Since the Society has made rapid progress both in the matter of personnel and at the level of activities, to make a smooth run of the administration, five Provinces were created namely St. John Paul I Province, St. John Paul II Province, Mary Queen of Apostle Province, Mother Teresa Province and Divine Mercy Province. All the five provinces now function under the leadership of five different “Provincials”, and the whole Society is guided – by the “Superior General”. The Society of Heralds of Good News’ Generalate is situated in the Diocese of Eluru, Andhra Pradesh State, INDIA.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Formation of candidates for the world mission programs
Providing pastoral care and support for the Catholics in remote parishes
Propagation and building faith through primary and higher education
Care for the poor, the aged and the destitute children.
Empowering youth to build a society with values and religiosity
Empowering laity to take up pastoral support with religious.