

# ***The Most Holy Trinity***

## ***May 26, 2024***

### **St. John the Evangelist Church**

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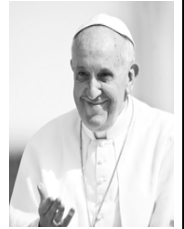
#### ***MASS SCHEDULE***

**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. June 1- 4:00 PM - James Krug, Maria Spayd  
Sun. June 2-8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Susan Podoletz  
Sun. June 2-10:00 AM - John Sukala, Bob Olson

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat. June 1- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope  
Sun. June 2- 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, NOT FILLED  
Sun. June 2-10:00 AM - Camille Krug, Liam Schurr

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat. June 1- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED  
Sun. June 2-8:00 AM - Jennifer Helsley, Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. June 2-10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Francel Dandrea,  
Kenneth Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson

#### **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

Sat. June 1- 4:00 PM - Coleen Langguth, Betsy Lloyd,  
Karen Moughemer, Dennis Moughemer  
Sun. June 2-8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick,  
Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel  
Sun. June 2-10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell,  
Peg Madden, NOT FILLED

#### **SACRISTAN**

Sat. June 1- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King  
Sun. June 2- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. June 2- 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

#### **SCRIP**

Sat. June 1- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, NOT FILLED  
Sun. June 2- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky  
Sun. June 2- 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:

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT 9 AM** – Monday is our secular version of All Souls Day and was originally called Decoration Day until 1971. The years following the end of the Civil War in 1865 saw American communities tending to the remains and graves of an unprecedented number of war dead. All the previous wars and conflicts fought by the United States combined would still not add up to the body count produced by the Civil War. On the first official Decoration Day -- May 30, 1868 -- Ohio Rep. James A. Garfield, a former general and future U.S. president, addressed a crowd of 5,000 gathered at Arlington National Cemetery. *Please join us for Mass at 9:00 to pray for our departed veterans and family members.*

**OUR SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS WEEKEND:** 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.

**SUMMER IS FOR LEISURE** - how often people come back from a high energy vacation rather exhausted, needing time to recover. As the summer is upon us, it might be valuable to reflect upon the deeper meaning of leisure. The gift of leisure is not simply the result of having spare time, a holiday, a weekend, or vacation. The Bible tells us that on the seventh day God rested. We are to do the same. Genuine, God-given leisure is, first of all, an attitude of mind, a condition of the soul. It is an attitude of non-activity, an inward calm, of silence. It means not being busy, but letting things happen. It brings with it a certain serenity. It involves our sitting quietly and being content to let things take their course. It is the attitude of those who are open to everything; not of those who grab and grab hold, but those who leave the reins loose and are free and easy themselves. May God bless us with a leisurely summer, a summer blessed with leisure!

**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 35: A TECH FREE ZONE for OUR SACRED STORY RETREAT:** *Remain in your Tech Free Zone! Don't you find it liberating, to be free of perpetual distractions?! 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 SECOND JOYOUS MYSTERY** – On Friday we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when she and Joseph journey to visit her cousin Elizabeth and her husband Zachary. The more visible actors in the visitation drama are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy—the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages. We echo those words of Elizabeth each time we pray the Hail Mary, *“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”* And it is in this encounter that Mary proclaims the beautiful ‘Magnificat.’

**BISHOP GUILFOYLE ACADEMY:** Call to request our household income financial aid chart to see that YOU CAN afford a BG education. The majority of our students receive financial aid. Catholic students qualify for an automatic special scholarship. One unified system means streamlined curriculum from PreK through grade 12. Our development binders follow the student from grade to grade, ensuring that learning standards are being measured and met. Students enjoy academic excellence in an environment where calm classrooms, self-discipline and respect for others, guided by our Catholic values, are the norm. NEW Hollidaysburg campus for PreK and Kindergarten; Eldorado and Fairview campuses, PreK through grade 5; Pleasant Valley campus, junior and senior high school. Call 942.7835 for PreK through grade 5; and 944.4014 for junior and senior high school. Rolling admissions means that anytime of the year is a good time to enroll at BG, PreK through Grade 12. Inquire. Tour. Apply. Shadow days encouraged.

## Schedule for the Week of May 26th

### 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*

### Monday, May 27 - Weekday

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

family

### Tuesday, May 28 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Patricia Fromknecht* requested by

Mary Petrak

### Wednesday, May 29 - Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Bill Sweet* requested by

Ray & Mary King

### Thursday, May 30 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Margareta H. Goch*

### Friday, May 31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by

Florence Dancha

### Saturday, June 1 - Vigil of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

4:00 PM - Mass for *Maria Sclafani* requested by

Ray & Mary King

### Sunday, June 2 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

10:00 AM - Mass for *Dr. Murray & Georgia Dolphin*

requested by the Dolphin family

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please email any upcoming bulletin announcements to Diane Ryan at [stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net](mailto: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:** This week will be the last week 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!

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS:** Court Prince Gallitzin #2625-Serves all 11 Altoona parishes and beyond. New members are always welcome! Find us online at [cda2625.com](http://cda2625.com). On Monday, June 10, 2024, please come join us for our monthly meeting in the community room of Saint Rose of Lima at 5:45pm with the business meeting beginning at 6pm. If you have any questions, please contact us at <http://cda2625.com/contact>.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Today, we celebrate an essential doctrine of our Catholic faith – the Most Holy Trinity. It expresses God as three Divine Persons, unified in One Divine nature. The Trinity is one of the most complex aspects of our faith. It is a topic we could never exhaust nor fully understand until we see God face to face. Although it is incomprehensible, it is still deeply personal. Through God's countless revelations to man, we get a glimpse of our awe-inspiring Creator. It is through His revelations that He has invited us into life with Him. Today, we are called to pour out our hearts in praise and thanksgiving for our Good and Gracious God and to recognize the ways in which we can encounter Him – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As we celebrate this glorious Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, may we praise God in word and deed, and may we seek moments to encounter the Father, Son and Holy Spirit each day – through Scripture, prayer, sacraments and blessings throughout our day, as Jesus tells us, "I am with you always, until the end of the age."

### May 11/12

Envelopes	\$ 6,004.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 774.00
Parish Development	\$ 209.00
Ascension	\$ 1,086.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 175.00
Easter Offering	\$ 100.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,684.90
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 10,032.90</b>

### 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 who were previously registered.

**FAITH DAY:** The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is cancelling Faith Day this year, previously set for Sunday, June 30, 2024. Hopefully a new, fun Faith based day will be in the future for 2025! Have a safe and blessed summer!

**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:** In today's gospel, Jesus commands, "Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you." This command is meant for every Christian. In light of this command, parenting is not only the most difficult task a person can take on, it is also one of the most apostolic and missionary tasks. Jesus commands all parents to teach their children "all that I have commanded you."

### ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at [giny.reeder@gmail.com](mailto: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 • 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:**

**James Reilly, husband of Patricia Reilly  
Eleanor S. Christine, sister of Mary Grace Horton  
Jim Karcz, brother of Barbara Lauer  
Paul McGrath, brother of Dan McGrath  
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 JUNE:**

June 5th-Lawrence VanSickel  
June 6th-Anna Mae Widney  
June 9th-Barbara Saad Stevens  
June 17th-DeLellis Schmerbeck  
June 29th-Norma Foose

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.

**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED:** The Pastoral Care Department at UPMC Altoona is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) for current openings on Saturdays. If you have a desire to bring Jesus to sick and suffering Catholic hospital patients, please contact Tony Conrad at 814-889-4323 for more information.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!