



**Sixth Sunday of
Easter
May 10, 2026**

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

May Prayer Intention of Pope Leo

That Everyone Might Have Food
 Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Wed. May 13-6:00 PM - Dave Auerbeck, Barbara Bundy
 Thurs. May 14-6:00 PM - Mireille Crevecoeur, Iris Tatar
 Sat. May 16- 4:00 PM - Laverne Kovacs, Maria Spayd
 Sun. May 17- 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Mary Truesdale
 Sun. May 17- 11:00 AM - Richard Consiglio, Susan Podoletz

ALTAR SERVERS

Wed. May 13-6:00 PM - Madison Kantoski, Camille Krug
 Thurs. May 14-6:00 PM - Camille Krug, Aidan Schurr
 Sat. May 16- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
 Sun. May 17- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 17- 11:00 AM - Madison Kantoski, Lexington Tatar

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Wed. May 13-6:00 PM - Jennifer Helsley, Ginny Reeder
 Thurs. May 14-6:00 PM -Mike Greslick, Jennifer Helsley
 Sat. May 16- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May 17- 8:00 AM - Mike Greslick, Jennifer Helsley
 Sun. May 17- 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Dolores Capriotti,
 Lou Ann Clark, Ken Gorman, Estella Koch, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Wed. May 13-6:00 PM -Jane Becker, John Becker, Ray Kennedy,
 Mary Truesdale
 Thurs. May 14-6:00 PM -Connie Baker, Lou Ann Clark, Carolyn English,
 Ed Stoltz
 Sat. May 16- 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Dennis Moughemer,
 Karen Moughemer, Jeremy Truscello,
 Sun. May 17- 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Ray Kennedy,
 Mike O'Neill
 Sun. May 17- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Mary Horton,
 Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Wed. May 13-6:00 PM - Marilyn Bevan
 Thurs. May 14-6:00 PM -Dolores Capriotti
 Sat. May 16- 4:00 PM - Linda McAleer
 Sun. May 17- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
 Sun. May 17- 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

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Sat. May 16- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, Marge Rudolph
 Sun. May 17- 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. May 17- 11:00 AM - Carolyn English, NOT FILLED

A Few Words from the Pastor:

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION, MAY 14! At the end of His earthly life Jesus ascends triumphantly into heaven. The Church acclaims Him in His holy humanity, invited to sit on the Father's right hand and to share His glory. But Christ's Ascension is the pledge of our own. Filled with an immense hope, the Church looks up towards her leader, who precedes her into the heavenly home and takes her with Him in His own person: "for the Son of God, after incorporating in Himself those whom the devil's jealousy had banished from the earthly paradise, ascends again to His Father and takes them with Him" (St. Leo). Our Masses for the Feast will be on Wednesday evening at 6, Thursday morning at 8:30, and Thursday evening at 6.

A PATRON FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING. As we prepare for our Mass of Anointing on May 17, I'd like to introduce our parish to a saint who is known for his healing ministry, St. Charbel. Charbel was born in 1828 in Lebanon and was raised in a poor shepherd family. As he grew, Charbel was attracted to the hermit's life of the desert and eventually entered the Monastery of St. Maron in Annaya. He was faithful to his duties in religious life and drew closer to God every day. After many years Charbel felt God calling him again to become a hermit and was granted permission to live the rest of his life at a nearby hermitage. Charbel died at the age of 70, and when his body was later exhumed it was found to be incorrupt. A holy oil was discovered flowing from the tomb, which has since been the source of numerous miracles. Following his death, many miracles of healing and grace were reported through his intercession, drawing people from around the world to seek his prayers. He was canonized in 1977, Saint Charbel is a powerful witness to the beauty of a life centered on Christ. One of the first pastoral journeys of Pope Leo XIV was to the shrine of Father Charbel.

MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - we will be celebrating a Mass of Anointing here at St. John's on May 17 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. The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious physical, mental or emotional illness, as well as those who are enduring the frailty of old age.

RENEWING OUR SACRED VESSELS! Some of the gold vessels we use for Mass show signs of wear and need to be re-gilded. This is especially true of the two ciboria that hold the precious Body of Christ. The price to restore the gold plating is \$700 for each. If you would like to donate one in memory of your family or a loved one, please call the office. This would be a beautiful remembrance at the altar.

THANK YOU! A big thank you to Dave and Connie McManuels for donating \$700 to have one of the two ciboria restored with gold plating. They offered their donation in memory of Leo and Cecelia Long. If anyone else would like to donate in memory of someone, please contact the office. Thank you again for your generosity!

SAVE THE DATES!

Ascension Thursday Masses: Wednesday, May 13th at 6pm Vigil of the Feast of the Ascension and Thursday, May 14th at 8:30am & 6pm Feast of the Ascension

Mass of Anointing of the Sick: Sunday, May 17th at 2pm

Memorial Day Mass: Monday, May 25th at 9am

125th Anniversary of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese: Sunday, May 31st at 2pm at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

Annual Chicken BBQ: Sunday, June 14th-Tickets available after weekend masses and in the office

Annual Parish Picnic: Sunday, July 26th after the 11am Mass in Fr. Bailey Hall (gym)



FIRST COMMUNION 2026

We congratulate our First Communicants who made their First Eucharist this past Sunday, May 3rd at the 11am Mass. They are: Theodore Ballos, Aubriella Evans, Ellaria Gides, Claire Gillie, Liam McManus, Eleanor Mills, Addison Stratton, Meghan Weikert and Paxton Weimer. May you always live your faith with joy!



Schedule for the Week of May 10th

Sunday, May 10 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by
John Prosperi

11:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Monday, May 11 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Andrew Jr. & Florence Dancha*
requested by Vicki Faretta

Tuesday, May 12- Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Marian Monios* requested by
Fran Semelsberger

Wednesday, May 13 - Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Anne Zelnosky* requested by
St. John's Parishioners

Thursday, May 14 - The Ascension of the Lord

8:30 AM - Mass for *Ron Peschock* requested by
Betty Peschock & family

6:00 PM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Friday, May 15 - Easter Weekday

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

Saturday, May 16 - Vigil of Seventh Sunday of Easter

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *Mary Jane Carr* requested by
the Sibold family

Sunday, May 17 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

11:00 AM - Mass for *John Despot* requested by
Barbara Bundy

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULING For May 25, 2026 - September 6, 2026 It's time to schedule ministries for the Summer of 2026. If you have internet access, please enter the dates that you are NOT available in the Profile section of **Ministry Scheduler Pro**. Here is the direct link to that website – <https://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/teammates>. There is also a link from our parish website (<https://www.stjohnsaltoona.org>) and 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, visit the church to fill out a card, or just have general questions about ministry scheduling, please call Mike Greslick on a weekday evening between 6 PM and 9 PM or any-time on the weekends at 814-577-5292. Feel free to reach out via email as well to mike.greslick@gmail.com. **Please update your profile online, call Mike, or fill out a card and return it by Noon on May 17th.** The next schedule will then be generated and go live on or around May 20th. Thank you for your service to our faith community throughout the year!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us Christian stewards of the importance and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. They also teach us that love of God shows itself in concrete actions – this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

Throughout the Easter season, our first readings, taken from the Act of the Apostles, have recounted the growth (and growing pains) of the early days of the Church. Today we read that the Samaritans had accepted the word of God, and while there was great rejoicing over this, they were still in need of more before they were fully empowered disciples. The 'more' that they needed, was the Holy Spirit.

Today is a great opportunity, especially as we draw nearer to Pentecost, to begin to examine our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Do we make full use of all of the grace and power the Holy Spirit has for us in meeting the challenges of life?

April 25/26

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| Envelopes | \$ | 2,976.00 |
| Loose Offerings | \$ | 2,002.00 |
| Heating & Cooling | \$ | 310.00 |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$ | 180.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ | 983.75 |
| Total Offertory | \$ | 6,451.75 |

2026 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$37,300

January 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

Gifts/Pledges - \$33,350.00

Total Gifts Received - \$32,915.00

Pledge Balance - \$435.00

MASS FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS: (Televised)
Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 24, 2026 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak 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. Please be advised, a special broadcast of a sporting event on WATM ABC 23 may delay this broadcast. All names of loved ones will be seen during Communion.

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at ginny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from the prayer list. **Prayer list will be cleared in June.** **Contact Ginny or the office to have names added or kept on the 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 • Wilbur J. Arend
Barbara • Deb Bloom • Idy Caporuscio
Cheryl Dennis • Ed Drexler • Lois Dullinger
Charles Elder • Carol Field • Donna Fornwalt
Christine Hastings • Melissa Horne • Michael Horton
Tim Jimenez • Marianne Jones • Ray King
Rosanne Krawick • Sally Langham • Elsie MacCullagh
Dave Madden • Janet McNulty • Adena & Cora Mertz
Barb Nagle • Mary O Fleming • Richard Olson
Pat Rauch • Bette Richards • Dan Roberts
Darlene Scarpaci • Anne Showalter
Cathy Stapelfeld • Donna Taddy • Tammy
Tim Temofonte • Wally Wargo • Lois Werfel
Heather Yasolsky • Dorothy Yingling

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Journey Through Loss is a nine-week program for those who have lost a loved one through death recently or in the past. The Christian based program provides the opportunity to share or to listen and offers positive ideas for coping. The next session begins on Thursday, May 21. We will meet weekly from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center. All faiths are welcome. For more information or to register contact Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076.

MOTHER THERESA MINISTRY: If you know of a parishioner not currently on our list that is in a nursing facility, hospital or homebound that would like to receive Communion at home, a visit or cards please text or call Mary Susick at 814-207-0185.

GABRIEL PROJECT: A Pro-life Ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies in the Altoona area with baby items as needed. The current needs are diapers size 5, 6, 7, & 8 and Summer clothes (newborn to size 5T). Donations to purchase larger items are appreciated. Any mom needing assistance should call 814-440-1021.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: Court Prince Gallitzin # 2625 serves all 11 parishes and beyond. New members are always welcome! On Monday, May 11th, please come and join us for our monthly meeting in the St. Rose of Lima community room at 5:30 p.m. with the business meeting beginning at 6 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Regent Donna Hoover at 814-632-3509 or donna31049@gmail.com.



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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration Forms for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation Year are now available in the Gathering Space.

All public school students entering Kindergarten through 9th grade should be registered with the Faith Formation Program.

All catholic school students entering 2nd grade and 9th grade should be registered with the Faith Formation Program to prepare for Sacraments.

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

****Stay tuned for information about Vacation Bible School coming in June with **ROAR! Life is wild, God is good!** Join us for a safari adventure of games, crafts, snacks, singing and more!****

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR DIOCESE: 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.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Wednesday May 13, at 6:30pm at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. We encourage you to Bring a Friend!

NEWCOMERS: Welcome to our parish family! If you wish to participate fully in our parish life, please register in the office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. or complete a Parish Registration Form provided in the Gathering Space and return it in the offertory collection. To volunteer for parish ministries or discuss how St. John's may be present to your faith journey, kindly call 814-942-5503 to schedule a meeting with Monsignor Becker.

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.