

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026



St. John the Evangelist Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY - 9:00 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 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

Sat. May 30- 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, Maria Spayd
Sun. May 31- 8:00 AM - Norma Foose, Bill Foose
Sun. May 31- 10:00 AM - Jim Campbell, John Sukala

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. May 30- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. May 31- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. May 31- 10:00 AM - Estella Koch, Evie Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. May 30- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. May 31- 8:00 AM - Jennifer Helsley, Ginny Reeder
Sun. May 31- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy,
Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Ken Gorman,
Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. May 30- 4:00 PM - Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer,
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. May 31- 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Ed Stoltz,
Mary Truesdale
Sun. May 31- 10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell,
Mitchell Evans, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. May 30- 4:00 PM - Mary King
Sun. May 31- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
Sun. May 31- 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. May 30- 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merilli
Sun. May 31- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. May 31- 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE - In addition to supporting our diocese and its many ministries, this year's Catholic Ministries Drive allows us the opportunity to raise funds for our own project, the replacement of our heating and air conditioning system, which will cost us well over \$100,000. Every contribution that is now made to the Catholic Ministries Drive will return to us without any taxation from the diocese. The Chair of our Finance Council will make a presentation about this drive on the weekend of May 31st and we have designated June 7th as our Parish Needs Sunday. If you've not yet made your contribution to the Catholic Ministries Drive, you are urged to do so. Many thanks to all of those who have already made their contribution.

THE CARMEL OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX NEEDS OUR HELP! The Carmelite Sisters of Loretto have announced a "Centennial Challenge" to assist in raising the funds needed to address the critical needs to repair and preserve their monastery, now near 100 years old. Brochures are available in our Gathering Space which explain their urgent needs in greater detail. Our gifts will support our sisters in their ministry of silence, love and prayer! The sisters ask for your generous help!

CONFIRMATIONS ON PENTECOST – WE congratulate two young adults, Madison Bunk and Mark Longo, who this weekend receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. To celebrate this sacrament on Pentecost Sunday is a special moment of grace for them and for our parish!

A CALL TO CARE FOR CREATION -- On this date in 2015, Pope Francis issued his encyclical "Laudato Si", which was widely seen as a landmark document because it framed environmental destruction, climate change, poverty, consumerism, and human dignity as deeply interconnected moral issues rather than separate political debates. The encyclical drew attention far beyond the Catholic Church because it called for what Francis described as an "integral ecology" — the idea that care for the Earth and care for vulnerable people cannot be separated. It also directly challenged unchecked consumption and indifference toward ecological damage.

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.

SAVE THE DATES!

Summer Mass Time Change: Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, (May 24th) our 2nd Mass will begin at 10am and will continue through Labor Day weekend

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

Roar! Life is wild, God is good! Vacation Bible School: June 16th-19th from 6-8pm-See kiosk for more information!

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

BLESSING BAGS PROJECT: During the months of June, July and August, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will be collecting the following items for the Blessings Bags Project for the Homeless of our community. There will be a box in the Gathering Space for you to place your donations. In advance, thank you for your generosity in this project. Once we have collected all the items, the members of our court will create the blessing bags for the homeless of our community. Items needed: Band-Aids, washcloths, small bottled water, toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, soap, shampoo and toilet paper, deodorant, brushes/combs, floss, chapstick, socks, small tissues.

CALLING ALL SINGERS! Registration is now open for Choral Institute 2026 offered by the Academy of Sacred Music and held here at St. John's on Tuesday, June 23 and Wednesday, June 24. Robert Long will lead singers who are interested in developing their skills in the art of choral singing using repertoire taken from Part One of The Messiah and the Hallelujah Chorus. Richard Kennedy, vocal teacher, who will guide singers through the popular choruses of the Christmas portion of the Messiah. Registration is \$20 for Choral Institute participants. Please note that high school and college students are encouraged to participate for free. Please bring registration fee to the first rehearsal on Tuesday, June 23. Checks can be made payable to Academy of Sacred Music. To register, send your name, voice part and email address to: academyofsacredmusic@gmail.com. Participants will be invited to sing with the Cathedral Festival Choir at the December 18 Messiah concert to be presented at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Schedule for the Week of May 24th

Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM - Mass for *Wiona Reeder* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder

10:00 AM - Mass for *Brian Zitzlsberger* requested by
Barbara Bundy

Monday, May 25 - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

9:00 AM - Mass for *Elizabeth Sibold* requested by
the Sibold family

Tuesday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri

8:30 AM - Mass for *Rita Kibler* requested by
Tom Forr family

Wednesday, May 27 - Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Sue Caldwell* requested by
Pete & Carol Rodgers

Thursday, May 28 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Marian Monios* requested by
Ron & Joyce Cunningham

Friday, May 29 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Florence Dancha* requested by
David & Donna Steigerwalt

Saturday, May 30 - Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity

3:15 PM - Confessions

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

Sunday, May 31 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM - Mass for *Angela M. Auerbeck* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder

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.

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. 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.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Our Easter celebration reaches its grand finale today as we celebrate the glorious feast of Pentecost. Today, we focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and in our individual lives.

Throughout our readings today, we see the amazing truth that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts and guidance in a very personal way – and that we are meant to use these gifts to build up the Body of Christ in a way that is unique to each one of us. What a stunning privilege and awesome responsibility. We must rely constantly on the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best use of the gifts, talents and blessings we have been given so that we can fulfill the specific mission to which we have been called.

As this Easter season comes to a close, let us be at peace. And let us resolve to lean on the Holy Spirit more and more as our guide through the stewardship way of life.

May 9th/10th

Envelopes	\$ 3,427.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 507.00
Ascension	\$ 105.00
Heating & Cooling	\$ 10.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 60.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 5.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,129.75
Total Offertory	\$ 6,243.75

2026 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$37,300

January 1, 2026 - April 30, 2026

Gifts/Pledges - \$37,160.00

Total Gifts Received - \$36,755.00

Pledge Balance - \$405.00

****We are 98% to our goal!****



ST. JOHN'S CHICKEN BBQ: Sunday, June 14, 2026 11:00 am until 1:00pm
Drive thru only 1/2 Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Roll, Dessert \$12.00 Pick up at Knights of Columbus 324 Bedford Street, Hollidaysburg. Proceeds benefit St. John's Social Committee. Tickets will be sold after masses and in the office.

CONGRATULATIONS! Congratulations to Madison Bunk and Mark Longo who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, May 24th at the 10am Mass. May the Holy Spirit be your guide and inspiration as you seek to understand and follow in the way of God's plans for your life!

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at gabby.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.

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.

INDOOR YARD SALE & BAKE SALE: Our Lady of Lourdes Church is holding a Yard Sale & Bake Sale in the Church Hall located at 2716 Broad Avenue, Altoona on Friday, May 29th from 8 AM - 2 PM and Saturday, May 30th from 8 AM - 1 PM. Household and children's items, books, jewelry, seasonal items. Please use the alley/elevator entrance.

SCRIP TIP: Plans for Memorial Day? Traveling over the holiday weekend? Grab Scrip gift cards to purchase all your picnic and travel needs for this weekend! Stop at the Scrip table if you have questions or to learn about ordering scrip cards online. Every purchase helps support the church!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 3pm unless otherwise noted to accommodate appointments and vacations. Thank you!

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.

ST. JOHN'S "ROAR! LIFE IS WILD, GOD IS GOOD! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Please join us June 16th -18th from 6-8pm in the St. John's gym for a faith-filled adventure where students will explore God's goodness and celebrate a faith that powers them through life's wild ups and downs. Open to children ages 5-12 years. Students will be crafting, making/playing instruments, playing games, snacking, singing and more! There will be a Talent/Art Show on Friday evening, June 19th to close out Bible School! Registration forms will be available in the Gathering Space. For more information or questions, contact Diane Ryan in the Parish Office at 814-942-5503 or by email at stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net. Come roar with us!

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.

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.

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.