

The Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026

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 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. June 6- 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, NOT FILLED
 Sun. June 7- 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
 Sun. June 7- 10:00 AM - Bob Olson, John Sukala

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. June 6- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
 Sun. June 7- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sun. June 7- 10:00 AM - Estella Koch, Evie Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. June 6- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
 Sun. June 7- 8:00 AM - Jennifer Helsley, Ginny Reeder
 Sun. June 7- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy,
 Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. June 6- 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Jeremy Truscello,
 Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
 Sun. June 7- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick, Ray Kennedy,
 Mary Truesdale
 Sun. June 7- 10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Peg Madden,
 Jared Miller, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. June 6- 4:00 PM - Linda McAleer
 Sun. June 7- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
 Sun. June 7- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. June 6- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, NOT FILLED
 Sun. June 7- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. June 7- 10:00 AM - Carolyn English, NOT FILLED

****Mass Time Change - Our 2nd Mass on Sunday will begin at 10am and will continue with this schedule through Labor Day weekend ****

A Few Words from the Pastor:

OUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY – Our diocese celebrates its 125th anniversary this year, beginning with a Mass this Sunday afternoon at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Our diocesan magazine *Proclaim* highlights moments in our history as a diocese, inviting us to move live in faith and confidence in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The motto of Boniface Wimmer, founder of St. Vincent Archabbey, can certainly be one that we as a diocese can embrace: “*forward, always forward!*”

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. TERESE 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!

POPE LEO AND VATICAN II - In January of this year Pope Leo XIV began a major series of Wednesday General Audiences dedicated entirely to the documents of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II). He has presented the Council not as a past event, but as an ongoing guide for the Church’s mission today. Leo’s audiences consistently stress the continuity between Vatican II and Catholic tradition, reminding us that he views the Council as the “Guiding Star for the Church’s journey.” I will be giving weekly summaries of these papal audiences in this bulletin. This will give us a deeper understanding of our American Pope and how he views the Church as the Living body of Christ.

SAVE THE DATES!

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)



CONGRATULATIONS! Congratulations to Madison Bunk and Mark Longo who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past 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!

(Pictured: Patrick Podoletz, Mark Longo, Madison Bunk, Ron Adams, Monsignor Michael Becker)



Schedule for the Week of May 31st

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*

Monday, June 1 - St. Justin

8:30 AM - Mass for *William Hoyne, Jr.* requested by
Rita Sangiorgi

Tuesday, June 2 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Jim Reilly* requested by
Pat Reilly

Wednesday, June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

5:30 PM - Confessions

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

Thursday, June 4 - Weekday

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

Friday, June 5 - St. Boniface

8:30 AM - Mass for *Orville Caldwell* requested by
Barbara Bundy

Saturday, June 6 - Vigil of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

3:15 PM - Confessions


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

Sunday, June 7 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:00 AM - Mass for *Andrew Jr. & Florence Dancha*
requested by Vicki Faretta

10:00 AM - Mass for *Leonard & Mary Catherine Majestic*
requested by Barbara Bundy

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.



Chicken BBQ
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.

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the Holy Trinity is the 'central mystery of the Christian faith' (261). The concept of the Triune God – Three Persons in one God – is truly a mystery, almost too lofty for us ordinary people to even begin to grasp. Can the truth of the Holy Trinity teach us anything as everyday Christian stewards? Of course it can!

St John Paul II described the Holy Trinity as a 'Divine Family', a community of Persons Who give themselves completely to each other and Who wishes to share Itself, Its life, with us. These concepts are at the very heart of the stewardship way of life. As stewards, we too are called to share ourselves and our lives with others. As a stewardship parish, we are called to invite others into our community through the gift of hospitality.

Amazingly, the more we give of ourselves to God in love, the more we will find the 'grace of the Lord, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit within us.' The God of the universe – this mysterious, Triune God – invites us to an ever-deepening intimacy with Him when we make our lives a loving gift to Him and to others through the stewardship way of life.

May 16th/17th

Envelopes	\$	3,840.00
Loose Offerings	\$	462.00
Ascension	\$	35.00
Heating & Cooling	\$	355.00
Catholic Communications	\$	65.00
Online Giving	\$	2,213.37
Total Offertory	\$	6,970.37

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!****

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. Please see list of items needed on box. Thank you!

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 • 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

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:
Joseph L. McCloskey Sr., father of Deborah Johnson
May he rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

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.

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.

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.