

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

May 16, Monday: Easter Weekday

6:45 AM +Orvita Knott (Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Knott)
12:00 PM +Dave Berger Sr. (Patricia Rhoa)

May 17, Tuesday: Easter Weekday

6:45 AM +Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)
12:00 PM +Leo B. Winkler, Birthday (Family)

May 18, Wednesday: Saint John, Pope & Martyr

6:45 AM+Special Intention (Anonymous)
12:00 PM For Our Mothers (McNelis All Stars)

May 19, Thursday: Easter Weekday

6:45 AM +Anna Mercer (Children)
12:00 PM +Fred Drexler (Friends)
7:00 PM BGCHS Baccalaureate Mass

May 20, Friday : Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest

6:45 AM+For the Priests (Friend)
12:00 PM+Vocations to Religious Life (Rita Kibler)

May 21, Saturday: Easter Weekday

8:00 AM +John Hallinan (Family)
12:00PM +Alice Ann Martynuska (Fred & Gail Martynuska)

Vigil : Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM +John Koeck (Tony & Anna Rose Eckenrode)

May 22, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM +Frances Pagliaro, Birthday (Family)
10:00 AM +Deceased Family Members of the E.T. Smith Family (George & Dot Smith)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish is at 11:30 A.M

Pray For Our Sick - Remember our sisters and brothers who are weakened by illness in your prayers. Prayers are sometimes the best prescribed medicine.

May Days

The Basilica of St. Michael-May 28th and 29th at Our Lady of Loretto Hall-Live entertainment, Cinch Tournament (Call Mag 674-2631 to join) basket auction, flea market, silent auction, food, beverages. Saturday, 4PM-8PM and Sunday, 11AM-3PM. Everyone is welcomed.

Readings for the week of May 15, 2022

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-2

Feeding the Hungry

Our parish's Social Committee will be providing a drive-thru/walk-by meal on Sunday, May 22, from Noon to 1:00 P.M. for those who normally go to the St. Vincent dePaul Soup Kitchen for lunch and anyone else who might be in need.

Mass for Widows and Widowers

Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 29, 2022 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 AM on WATM ABC and will be rebroadcast that night at 9:00 PM on the Atlantic Broadband 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, at 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 Tuesday, May 24, 2022. The Event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministry Drive.

Precious Life Baby Bottle Campaign

Our parish is currently participating in The Precious Life Baby Bottle Campaign. The campaign, "Time for a Change," runs from Mother's Day, May 8th, to Father's Day, June 19th. We are invited to fill the bottles with contributions that will support pro-life services.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 8, 2022 \$8,290.36

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Catholic Daughters of America

On Sunday, May 22nd, Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Altoona Court Prince Gallitzin, and will be presenting the annual CDA Education Contest awards to area students after the 10:00 Mass. These students competed with many others from the Altoona Parishes. The 1st Place winners will compete in the CDA State contest later this year. Please join me in congratulating the following students on their awards: Alayna Bott, Grace Camberg, Ryann Lantzy, and Skylar Irwin from Cathedral Parish; Jack Singer from Our Lady of Lourdes; Christian Haddock from Sacred Heart; Jacob and Dean Pochak, Johna Taylor from St. Michal, Hollidaysburg; and Michael Nardoza, Ruth Stephens, Brandon Dawson, Jenna Zeak, Seth and Ian Lieb from St. Rose of Lima.

Court members will be available in the back of the church so drop by to learn more about this wonderful organization of women. Our primary focus is Spirituality and Service. Our Motto is Unity and Charity. If you are at least 18 years of age and want to affiliate with Catholic women who enjoy working together and helping those in need, please meet with them.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 13, 2022 at Saint Rose of Lima Social Hall. Enter through the double glass doors between the Maria Parish Center and the School off 6th Avenue and 56th Streets. You can also learn more about our local court activities by visiting cda2625.com or contact us at cda2625.com/contact/.



Rice Bowl Collection

The Rice Bowl Collection for the year of 2022, was \$1,235.76. Thank you for all who had participated in this collection. May God Bless You all.

Confirmation Collections

- 1) April 19, Family Teen Shelter-\$853.00
- 2) April 28, Catholic Charities-\$1,024.00
- 3) May 3, Sister Servants of the Sacred Heart Ukrainian Refugee Fund-\$352.00
- 4) May 10, Saint Vincent DePaul Society-\$486.00

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian Stewards. What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life. It sounds so simple, but does not mean easy. How exactly is Jesus calling us to love? As He, Himself, loved. That is a tall order. Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. And in the midst of living these inevitable challenging moments this way of life entails, we can be assured that the Lord who loves us so much that He died for us established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment.

As we face the hardships that comes with living as Christian stewards, we can rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter Season. "This is how we know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). How can you respond to Jesus this week by giving of your time, talent, and treasure?(Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/04/18

Outdoor Sunday Evening Mass

All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7:00 PM at the beautiful Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated May 29th! Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- September 4, 2022. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The Chapel House of Father Demetrius Gallitzin is not open for personal tours. However, we will be open for visiting hours this summer. The hours that one may visit the Chapel House are: June 5, June 19, July 17, July 31, August 14, and August 28 from 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

Shrines of Northern Italy & Rome

The Apostleship of the Sea of the United States and Catholic Cruises and Tours is sponsoring the following trip.

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY, to Shrines of Northern Italy and Rome on this 9 night experience. September 15th - 23rd, 2022.

Your included destinations while on this Journey: Milan, Italy, Turin, Pavia, Sirmione, Padua, Pomposa, Ravenna, (Attend the Papal Audience) Rome, Italy. Plus, Mass will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at \$2,169.00 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$500.00 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED. For further info or to register, contact Brian Johnson at 860-399-1785/ Brian@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

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"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

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College Junior & Senior Scholarships Available

Students registered at Blair County Parishes who will be college juniors or seniors this fall may apply to receive one of the four \$500.00 grants from the Adelaide Welge Scholarship Endowment. Please visit the "Grants & Scholarships" page of the Independent Catholic Foundation website (www.icfoundation.us) to download an application, which should be returned to the Foundation no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 8th. Award recipients will be notified in July and announced on the Foundation's Facebook page.



Did you know that text messages have a 99% open rate? It's true! In addition to emails, text messaging is the most effective way to reach parishioners— more effective than an app, a paper bulletin, or a Facebook page. With Flocknote, a parish can text all members, just a specific group or ministry, or an individual, and capture replies and respond. Flocknote's church texting makes it simple.



died 18 May 526) was the bishop of Rome from 13 August 523 to his death.[1] He was a native of Siena (or the "Castello di Serena", near Chiusdino), in Italy. He was sent on a diplomatic mission to Constantinople by the Ostrogoth King Theoderic to negotiate better treatment for Arians. Although John was relatively successful, upon his return to Ravenna, Theoderic had him imprisoned for allegedly conspiring with Constantinople. The frail pope died of neglect and ill-treatment.

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.

Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Charismatic Prayer - Normally 3rd Monday of the Month

Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.

Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.

Sunday Evening 6:15 PM- 8:15 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
5:00 PM

Weekday: 6:45 AM
12:00 Noon
Saturday: 8:00 AM
12:00 Noon

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

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HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112

Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 944-4014

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