

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

May 14, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM+Pro Popolo/ For the People
10:00AM+Libby Ann Shea Allen (Cathy Hallinan)
5:00PM+Geraldine Kines, Ann. (Sharon Yanchik)
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

May 15, Monday, Saint Isidore

12:00PM+Roberta Lamont (Mr/Mrs Dave Hanekamp)

May 16, Tuesday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)

May 17, Wednesday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Deceased Mothers (McNelis All Stars and Friends)
5:30PM+ Alice Winkler (Friends at Forever Media)

May 18, Thursday, The Ascension of the Lord

8:00AM Pro Popolo/For the People
12:00PM+Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)
7:00PM BGCHS Baccalaureate

May 19, Friday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Charlie Moore, Birth. (Tom & Beth Moore)
7:00PM BGCHS Graduation

May 20, Saturday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Nancy Foster (Trudy Schroth)

Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:00PM+Mary Snowberger (Ruth Novack)

May 21, Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00AM+John Hallinan (Family)
10:00AM+Mike Kling (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

Coming up! "Basket Bingo"

It is getting to that time of the year to start thinking of Basket Bingo, that will be taking place on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at Father Kelly Hall. We are starting to take donations of Basket Fillers, Monetary, and gift cards (with activation receipt please). If you have any questions you can call Paula Clemens at the Parish Office 814-944-4603, or, Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704.

Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

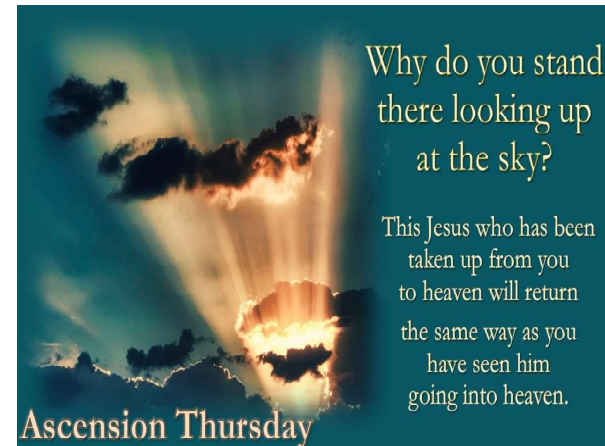
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/ Jn 17:1-11a



Since the Solemnity of our Lord's Ascension into heaven is a holy day of obligation, a Vigil Mass is scheduled at the cathedral on Wednesday, May 17, at 5:30 P.M. Masses at the cathedral on Ascension Thursday will be at 8:00 A.M. and Noon. The evening Mass on Ascension Thursday will be at 5:30 at Our Lady of Fatima Church.



Council Meetings

Our Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 P.M.

Cathedral parish's Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, May 22, at 4:00 P.M.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, May 7, 2023, \$ 9,552.60
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Graduations

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School will have their Baccalaureate Mass at the cathedral on Ascension Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. Their Graduation will be held on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Holy Trinity Catholic School will have their graduation Mass at the cathedral on Tuesday, May 23, at 6:00 P.M.



Cathedral parish collected \$1,958.80 for Catholic Relief Service's Lenten Rice Bowl campaign. Thank you for your generous almsgiving.



The annual Precious Life Baby Bottle Campaign is upon us. The campaign, "Time for a Change," runs from Mother's Day, May 14th, to Father's Day, June 18th. Please be supportive and help respect the lives of moms and babies.



Stop the Bleed Training

With the addition of an AED in our church, some members have recently completed CPR/AED training. We are now able to offer another certification called "Stop the Bleed" which encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. If you are interested in any of these training opportunities, please call the Cathedral Parish office at 814-944-4603, to sign up. You may save a life!



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL WORKSHOP

There will be a Eucharistic Revival Workshop on Saturday, May 20, from 9:00-11:30 A.M. at the Bertschi Center, Mt. Aloysius College in Cresson. Presentations about the Eucharist will be given by Fr. Clem Gardner, Fr. Jude Brady, Fr. Brian Norris, and Mr. Robert Long. The cost is \$10.00. (Fr. Norris will be celebrating a Mass in Our Lady of Mercy Chapel in the Administrative Building at 8:00 A.M.)

Register online at www.dioceseaj.org/beginning-again. You may also scan the code that is available on posters at our entrances.



PreK-8th Grade

The final class is Sunday, May 21st. Please return registration forms ASAP.



An Automated External Defibrillator is located in the hallway/ambulatory near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. A First Aid Box is also available at that location.

Obligation: Mass or Communion?

Question: Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

Answer:

The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the “Precepts” of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the *Code of Canon Law*. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (no. 2042):

The first precept (“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor”) requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept (“You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season”) guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord’s Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: “Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human” (*Dies Domini*, no. 7). ©LPi



According to the last diocesan report issued on April 30, 107 donors have contributed or pledged \$34,065 towards our \$42,000 target. If you haven’t already done so, please participate. We need \$8,000 to reach our target. The diocese is very generous in subsidizing cathedral parish, it is important for us to support the diocese. Thank you.



Our parish has 11 tickets left to the Faith Night Curve Game on Sunday, May 28, at 6:00 P.M. against the Hartford Yard Goats. Call the office to reserve your free ticket/s.



The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to join them for the return of **Faith Day at DelGrosso’s Park** on Sunday, June 25th. The high point of the day will be Mass with Bishop Mark at 4:30 P.M. followed by a community dinner. Admission to the park is free, but there will be reduced Ride-and-Slide passes available as well as dinner tickets that can be purchased. More information will be made available later.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA 16601-3315
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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:

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: 12:00 Noon
Saturday: 12:00 Noon

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

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 814-944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND,
SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603

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 - 814-944-4014

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