

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 5, 2024**  
**Mass Intentions**

**May 5, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM+Patty & Joe Wiedemer (Family)  
 10:00AM+Douglas J. Farrell (Pat Farrell Family)  
 5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**

**May 6, Monday, Easter Weekday**

12:00PM+Karl Burgmeier, Birthday (Daughter Carol Talley)

**May 7, Tuesday, Easter Weekday**

12:00PM+David Hooper (Wife)

**May 8, Wednesday, Easter Weekday**

12:00PM+Paul Luke (Cleaning Crew)  
 5:30PM+Robert Beck (Mary Jo Mahoney)

**May 9, Thursday, Ascension of the Lord**

8:00AM Pro Popolo/ For the People  
 12:00PM+Jane Davidson (Butch Winkler)

**May 10, Friday, Easter Weekday**

12:00PM+Eddie Flanagan, Anniversary (Bear & Patty McCloskey)

**May 11, Saturday, Easter Weekday**

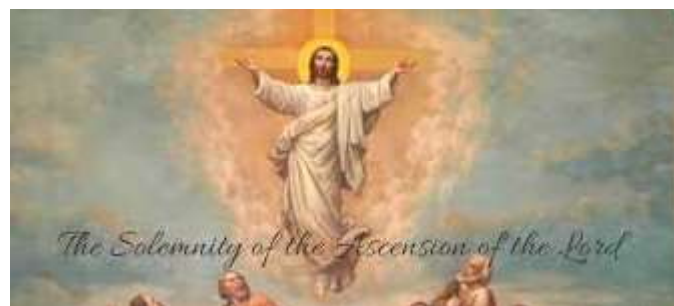
12:00PM+Donnie Rabine (Family)  
**Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
 5:00PM+Barbara Noel, Birth. (Brian & Sherry Himes Family)

**May 12, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM+Walter Beckel Jr., Birthday (Family)  
 10:00AM All Living & Deceased Mothers  
 5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**



The 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive has begun. Our sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of priests and deacons. This year, our campaign's theme is Encountering Christ. During this time of the Eucharistic Revival, Encountering Christ is an invitation to grow in our living relationship with Christ in the Eucharist. Our diocese's ministries needs our support. Our parish's target is \$45,930. All contributions beyond our parish goal will remain for use within our parish. As of April 14, 126 parishioners have pledged/contributed \$30,905. We've reached 67% of our target. Thank you.



This Thursday, May 9, is the Solemnity of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven. Since it is a holy day of obligation, there will be Masses at the cathedral at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, May 8, and on May 9, at 8:00 A.M. and Noon. There will be a Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Ascension Thursday at 5:30 P.M.

**Healing Mass**

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:00PM, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30PM and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
 Sunday, April 28, 2024 \$ 8,418.75  
 Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

**Inquiry Sessions of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? The Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will begin weekly meetings in the Church from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon (after the 10:00 Mass) for all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. These are informal Inquiry Sessions to discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church. All are welcome; bring a friend. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Carol Galioto at (814)327-4841.

**Mass for Widows and Widowers**

Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 26, 2024 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 a.m. on WATM ABC 23 and will be rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on Breezeline 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 calling 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 Wednesday, **May 22, 2024.** The event is sponsored by the Diocesan **Family Life Office** and the **Catholic Ministries Drive.**

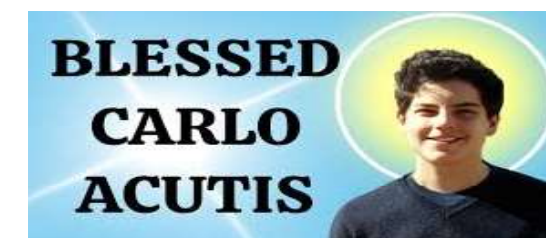
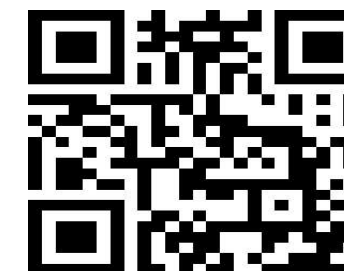
**Time for a Change Campaign**

Last year was a record breaking year for us, as we have raised \$137,000.00 for the babies. This campaign runs from Mother's Day, May 12th to Father's Day, June 16th. Thank you for being a part of this great success!

**Precious Life Baby Bottles are to be returned Father's Day weekend. Gratitude is extended to those who generously take part in this pro-life campaign.**



Our parish will be publishing a Pictorial Directory. Pictures will be taken the week of May 20-23. The directory will be a great opportunity to improve parish unity and fellowship. A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our parish to help each of us know each other better. We want everyone to get a new picture made so that our new directory will be complete. **IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!** You can make your appointment online by going to our webpage, facebook page, or the code below. Be sure to do that today. Roberta Burns will also be available at the 13th avenue entrance to sign you up following weekend Masses. So far, over 100 households have signed up. But, we'd love to have all of our households in our directory. It's free.



Our parish now has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit will be displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral. You are encouraged to deepen your appreciation of the Eucharist by reading about the extraordinary ways the Lord has revealed Himself in the gift of the Blessed Sacrament.

**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.  
 THEY NEED US.  
 WE NEED THEM.**

*Vocations Are Everybody's Business*

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

May 5, 2024

Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make? Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## Stewardship Reflections

Our readings today call us to love as Christ loves. This request from our Lord is no small endeavor. It is something we must work at every day in every moment. When we put it at the forefront of our minds and hearts, and strive to live it out each day, it will transform our lives and impact others too.

As St. John tells us in the Second Reading, it is "not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent us his Son as expiation for our sins." Recall that God loved us first, not because of what we do for him, but because He created us out of love. His love for us is pure and radical. In our Gospel, Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you." The way Jesus has loved us and continues to love us are endless.

Look at each moment and think, "How can I better love Jesus right now?: or "How can I lay down my life in this moment?" for it is in loving Christ that we will better love others, and it is in loving others that we love Christ Himself.

## Basket Bingo Coming Soon

It's that time of the year again, to start thinking about having fun. Our Basket Bingo will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at the Father Kelly Hall, 5th Street and 25th Avenue. We are now taking donation, new items, gift cards, and monetary gifts.

## Basket Bingo Donations

We are starting to take donations for Basket Bingo already. Looking for Basket Themes such as; Picnic Basket, Baking Basket, Women's Basket, Bedroom Basket accessories just to name a few. Or if you have a theme in mind that would be wonderful also.

## Christian Mothers Meeting

Cathedral Christian Mothers will not hold a meeting in May. Their next meeting will be Wednesday, June 12th,



## CLEANING SUPPLIES DRIVE

During the month of May, Cathedral parish will be participating in Catholic Charities' Cleaning Supply Drive. Specially marked collection boxes will be available at our entrances. Please be supportive.

### Suggested Items:

Paper Products: Tissues (travel size), Toilet Paper (single rolls or small packs); Napkins, Paper Towels, Lysol Wipes, Etc.  
Soap Products: Bar, Liquid Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, (adults/children)  
Larger Items: Backpacks, Tents, Flashlights (with batteries), Brooms, Bucket/Mop, Dishwashing Liquid, etc.  
Laundry: Laundry Detergent Pods, Bleach, Fabric Softener, Dryer Sheets,  
Misc. Items: Travel Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Deodorant, Individual Aspirin Packs, Band-Aids, Basic Hygiene & First Aid Items, Umbrellas, Socks, Bottled Water, Hand Sanitizer

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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.

By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937-8240

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 - Normally, the First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 6:45 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

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317

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### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 814-944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

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SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603

### BISHOP GUILFOYLE ACADEMY

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