



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

The Catholic Community of Portage

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6TH Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

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Weekdays: Mass is celebrated at 8 AM Monday through Friday.

Adoration & Benediction Fridays, after the 8 AM Mass.

Confessions are scheduled on Saturdays, from 3 to 3:40 PM.

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

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Sat.	May	4	4:00 pm	+Living & Deceased Members of the Zock & Phillips Families req. by Jim & Gerri
Sun.	May	5	8:00 am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:30 am	+Francis Leturgey req. by Mom & Family
Mon.	May	6	8:00 am	+Chris Phillips req. by Matt & Amber Phillips
Tues.	May	7	8:00 am	+Joseph & Betty McMullen & Deceased Family Members req. by Family.
Weds.	May	8	8:00 am	+Mary Gorba req. by People Helping People
Ascension Vigil			7:00 pm	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Thurs.	May	9	8:00 am	+Helen Teno req. by Tom & Patty Oravec
Fri.	May	10	8:00 am	+Rose & Sylvester Talarigo req. by Daughter: Pat & Family
Sat	May	11	4:00 pm	+MASS FOR MOTHERS
Sun.	May	12	8:00 am	MASS FOR MOTHERS
			10:30 am	+MASS FOR MOTHERS

*The *Church Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week for **Francis Leturgey** requested by Mom & Family.

*The *Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week for **Denny Petryshak** requested by Family.

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VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE OFTEN FOR THE LATEST UPDATES. www.holyfamilyportage.org

Learn more about your faith and have fun doing it! We subscribe to an online service called **FORMED**. This service has thousands of resources for you and your family to learn more about your faith. They have great movies, podcasts, and activities for family members of all ages. These are the steps to sign up...

1. Go to our website at: www.holyfamilyportage.org
2. Click on the blue box (button) that reads, "**FORMED** – Catholic Resources."
3. Type in the Parish ZIP Code, "15946". The parish name and address will appear in a dropdown box.
4. Click on that box. Click on the "NEXT" button.
5. Enter your name and email address and click on the "SIGN UP" button.
6. You will be sent an invitation to log on by way of the email address you gave.

Get "AMEN" – A prayer app – Go to amenapp.org.

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Please remember in your prayers the sick, homebound and those who are (or were recently) in the hospital.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS—May 5, 2024—6th Sunday of Easter

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 our Second Reading it is "not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent 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 ways 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.

PARISH FINANCES – The stats of Week 04/28/2024

Sunday/Monthly	\$4,835.00
Children	18.00
Loose	119.00
Holy Day	18.00
Church Improvements	290.00
Energy	10.00
Diocesan	<u>555.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,845.00

UP-COMING MEETING & EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL
May 5 – SHUC – Rosary 5:30 PM Meeting 6:30 PM
May 5 – May Crowning @ 10:30 AM Mass
May 9 – Ascension Thursday – Holy Day of Obligation
May 12 – Mother’s Day
May 13 – Blood Drive – 12:30 to 6:00 PM
May 13 – K of C – Rosary 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM
May 19 – Pinochle Card Party 1:00 – 4:00 PM

MAY 9TH IS ASCENSION THURSDAY AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

*** National Eucharistic Pilgrimage:** First Holy Communion Students are invited to participate in the **National Eucharistic Procession** on Sunday, June 9 in Loretto at Our Lady of the ALleghenies Shrine. Participants are to wear their First Communion attire. Let Sr. Vivian Know **ASAP** if you plan to attend to reserve a seat for you.

***Upcoming: CAMP ZACCHEUS 2024 from July 14--19 at Camp Sequanota in Jennerstown. Interested? To sign up for your kids, reach out to Sr. Vivian @ 814-736-4279 Ext 104.**

MOTHER’S DAY CARNATIONS FOR BIRTHRIGHT! Family Life Committee is partnering with Birthright to offer ‘Flowers for Mom’ this Mother’s Day weekend Saturday May 11 and Sunday May 12. A volunteer will be handing out flowers for a \$2 donation before all Masses. You can give the flower to the Mother in your life or have them placed on the altar in their honor. Mass times are Saturday at 4:00 PM and Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 AM. All proceeds go to the Respect for Life Council. Remember, you are giving to help Mom’s and babies in need. Thank You.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS - High School Seniors, who qualify, may ask a Scared Heart Usher for a Scholarship Application. All applications will be taken into consideration and must be filled out completely. You may submit the application to any member of the Sacred Heart Ushers Club on or before 6:00 PM, May 5, 2024. The Scholarships and number will be announced by the Sacred Heart Ushers Club. Attached to the application will be a flyer showing different categories chosen after graduation, contacts with phone numbers, and a list of specific requirements. If you have any questions, please call any one of the contacts listed.

The Sacred Heart Ushers Club is sponsoring a trip to the Pittsburgh Pirates game on Sunday, June 9th against the Minnesota Twins. The cost is \$70 per person (this includes an infield box seat, the bus ride, and refreshments on the bus). Payment is needed to reserve a seat for the trip and seats are available on a first come basis. If you are interested in going, contact Marty Rosemas at 814-736-4058.

FYI - We have Cemetery Plots available in St. Mary’s and St. John’s Cemetery. To purchase a plot please contact Pam at Holy Family Parish, 814-736-4279 Ext. 102. The cost of one plot is \$450 for parishioners and \$550 for non-parishioners. This includes perpetual care.

The Our Lady of the Alleghenies Fundraising Committee will be holding their **2nd Annual Adult Night Out & Dance** on Friday, May 17th from 7pm-10pm in the hall. There will be karaoke and dancing, 50/50, RIP Tickets, food and refreshments!! Admission is \$5 per person. This is a BYOB event!

Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised – Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 26, 2024 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00 pm on the Breezeline channel 9. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting 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.**

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

CHURCH GLASS ENTRANCE DOORS - With the funds you helped to raise, repairs and improvements have been made to the Church glass entrance doors. Thank you!