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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 11, 2025**

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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	10	4:00 pm	MASS FOR MOTHERS
Sun.	May	11	8:00 am	MASS FOR MOTHERS
			10:30 am	MASS FOR MOTHERS
Mon.	May	12	8:00 am	+Harry & Peg Kargo req. by Ray & Family
Tues.	May	13	8:00 am	+Edward & Anna Mae Polo req. by Daughter Michelle & Family
Wed.	May	14	8:00 am	+Stanley & Kathryn Stanchek req. by Family
Thurs.	May	15	8:00 am	+Carol Ronan req. by Sherri Rachael
Fri.	May	16	8:00 am	+Tom Lutz req. by Tom & Becky
Sat.	May	17	4:00 pm	Living & Dec. Mem. of the Zock & Phillips Family req. by Jim & Gerry
Sun.	May	18	8:00 am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:30 am	+Francis Leturgey req. by Mother & Family

*The Church Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week for **Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish.**

*The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week for our **Confirmation Candidates.**

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**May 11, 2025** – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen. These disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life. Their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago to inspire and guide us modern-day disciples.

A spirit-filled and joy-filled life can be available to all of us, all these years later. It can be achieved when we recognize, as Paul and Barnabas did in our First Reading, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Living as stewards isn't always easy, and sometimes involves great challenges, but in the end, there is simply no more satisfying way to live.

**Pittsburgh Pirate Bus Trip** – The Sacred Heart Ushers Club is sponsoring a bus trip to the 1:00 PM game between the **Pittsburgh Pirates** vs NY Mets on **Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is **\$70** per person (Includes Infield LEVEL Seat, Bus Transportation, Ticket with \$10 value added) Soft Drinks & Snacks on the bus. Also, all Kids 14 and under receive a replica Pirates Jersey. **FIRST BUS IS FULL. SECOND BUS IS FILLING FAST!** Send payment with reservation. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If Interested Contact **Joe Gribbin at 814-341-5089**. **Note: Youth Altar Servers go Free!**

**MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION FOR BIRTHRIGHT!** Birthright of Johnstown will once again be selling carnations, today, Mother's Day. A representative will be at each Mass this weekend. You may take your carnation with you or place it in the vase for the Blessed Mother. All proceeds from the sale enable Birthright to continue to aid mothers and babies in need!

**IMPACT GRANT** – Holy Family Parish received an Impact Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to use for Student Retreats, DAJ Sr. High Conference & Jr. High Youth Day. We were among the \$44,00.00 in grants awarded by Independent Catholic Foundation; [www.icfda.org](http://www.icfda.org), 814-201-2080. ICF has become Central Pennsylvania's largest charitable foundation serving the Catholic community with endowments invested according to the ethical, moral, and social teachings of the Catholic church.

**FREE** – Bus trip to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona for the Closing Mass of the National Eucharistic Revival, June 22, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Sign up in the vestibule of the church by May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**PARISH FINANCES – The starts of week 05/04/2025**

Sunday/Monthly	\$7,048.40
Children	16.75
Loose	216.00
Easter	160.00
Energy	170.00
Holy Day	132.00
Good Friday	5.00
Mother’s Day	973.00
Catholic Home Mission	<u>270.00</u>

**UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL**

May 12 – Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM Rosary, 7:00 PM Meeting  
 May 13 – Mystery Bingo Meeting 5:00 PM  
 May 18 – Mystery Bingo Doors open at 11:30 AM  
 May 19 – Blood Drive – 12:30 to 5:30 PM

Total \$8,991.15

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

***Kaidance Paige Kauffman      Britton Catherine Myher***  
***Mackenzie Rose Teno          Adasyn Jo Trusik***

**Religious Education News and Events**

- The “Jubilee Year of Hope.” We invite all Religious Education students and their families to visit the 13 designated churches and other churches in our diocese during the Jubilee year of hope 2025. Take your pilgrim's passport book with you and have it stamped/signed whenever you visit a church.
- Confirmation Mass: Wednesday, May 14, at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel Loretto at 7:00pm.

**MYSTERY BINGO!** May 18<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Parish Hall. Only 200 tickets for sale @ \$25 each. Ticket includes: Admission, 3 Bingo Cards, a Small Meal with beverage, one chance for the Door Prize Drawing of \$200 and 25 Mystery Cash Prizes awarded at \$50 or more. In the event there are multiple winners one person will be selected for the main prize while other winners will receive a cash prize of lesser value (also a mystery). Kids under the age of 17 are admitted free with an adult but **MUST PURCHASE CARDS TO PLAY BINGO**. Available for purchase will be concessions, extra cards, 50/50, specials and qualifiers. To buy 50-50’s and qualifiers the purchase of an Admission Ticket is required! Doors open at 11:30 AM and Games begin at 1:00 PM. Tickets will be on sale before and after all Masses in the vestibule of the church or contact the Parish office!

**PASD MUSIC EVENTS: Death by Chocolate Fundraiser at Germantown Winery, Sat. May 17<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. – Jazz in the Park at Crichton McCormick Park, Sun. May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM.**

The Johnstown Symphony Orchestra’s Community Strings will present their Spring Concert Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM to be held at St. David’s Lutheran Church in Davidsville. Community Strings is a group of adult amateur string players from Cambria & Somerset counties under the direction of Elizabeth Pile. The concert is free to the public, although donations are welcomed. Come and join us for a variety of beautiful music, both classical & contemporary.

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting used eyeglasses until the end of May. Collection boxes are in the Vestibule of the Church. They will also be collecting cans supporting Youth Day activities at Twin Lakes in Jamestown. Local Sportsmen will instruct children on Gun Safety, using a bow & arrow and fishing. Drop cans at 161 Hemlock Drive anytime or call 814-243-3845 to have them picked up.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** – The Rotary Club of Portage is sponsoring a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday May 18 from 8:00am to Noon at the Portage Senior Activity Center, 505 Farren St., Portage. Includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk & juice. Eat in or take out. Adults \$10 children 12 & under \$6. For more info. Call Joe at 814-341-5089.

**MAY DAYS 2025** at the Basilica of St. Michael – May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall – live entertainment, cinch tournament (call Mag 421-2867 to join) basket raffle, flea market, silent auction, and refreshments, Saturday 4pm-8pm and Sunday 11am-4pm. Turkey dinner Sunday at 11am. \$10 per person. All are welcome!

**JUBILEE CELEBRATION CALENDAR**



May 10-11, 2025, Musical Bands  
 May 16-18, 2025, Confraternities  
 May 24-25, 2025, Children

**Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis**

**May For Working Conditions** - Let us pray that through work each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society may be humanized. Amen.