



**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
The Catholic Community of Portage

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**7<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**May 12, 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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<b>Sat.</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish</b>
			<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Stella Grecek req. by Godchild: Pam
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Stanley & Kathryn Stanchek req. by Family
<b>Weds.</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Elizabeth Miller req. by Molly Chrisko
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Robert Krenjeck req. by People Helping People
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Edward & Blanche Sabala req. by M/M Joseph Babiak
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	+Decd Members of the Offman & Benko Families req. by William & Patricia Offman
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
			<b>10:30 am</b>	+George Petyak, Sr. req. by Greg, Bev & Family

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

\*The *Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week for **Living Mothers of the Parish.**

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**VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE OFTEN FOR THE LATEST UPDATES. [www.holyfamilyportage.org](http://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](http://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](http://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 12, 2024 –7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

As we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven, we recall that He is not of this world, and we were not made for this world. We were made for eternal life. Our readings today remind us that we are called to be set apart as disciples of Christ.

In our Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that as Christian disciples, we do not belong to the world. He prays to God the Father, "I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." We must stop and ask ourselves, "Who do we belong to?" The answer is that we belong to our Loving and Gracious God. But do we act like we belong to God? How we spend our time, what we do with our talents and how we spend our treasures are a good reflection of who or what we belong to.

Jesus' ascension is a good reminder for us that we, too, are called to heaven. Let us strive to live our lives as a reflection of this goal in mind. And let us pray for the grace to understand just a fraction of God's Perfect Love for us and for the grace to express our love in return.

**FYI – Sanctuary Lamps and Masses are available. Please call Pam @ 814-736-4279 Ext. 102 to schedule.**

**PARISH FINANCES – The stats of Week 05/05/2024**

Sunday/Monthly	\$7,112.00
Children	18.28
Loose	130.00
Holy Day	249.00
Easter	30.00
Church Improvements	100.00
Energy	155.00
Mother's Day	1,061.00
Diocesan	<u>160.00</u>

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

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 19 – Graduates Blessing at all Masses

**Total** \$ 9,015.28

**Religious Education: \* National Eucharistic Pilgrimage: First Holy Communion Students are invited to participate in the National Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, June 9 at 7 PM 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! This weekend a volunteer will be offering carnations in exchange for a \$2 donation. Please be generous in your support of our pro-life work. You are giving to help moms and babies in need. Thank You!**

**PAINLESS FUNDRAISER** – For the month of June the parish will be accepting donations for Parish Improvements. ***NO NEED TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME FOR THIS FUNDRAISER*** simply place your donation in the Painless Fundraiser Envelope that is included with your current envelope packets or place your name on a plain envelope marked “Painless Fundraiser”. Please return this envelope with your donation in the wooden offertory boxes in the Church by June 30<sup>th</sup>

**The Sacred Heart Ushers Club is sponsoring a trip to the Pittsburgh Pirates game on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 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. ONLY 8 SEATS AVAILABLE! 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Adult Night Out & Dance on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life office 814-317-2643 or email [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto: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.**

**Pentecost Vespers, Sun., May 19 at 4,** Queen of Peace, Patton. Exposition, Sung Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, a fitting way to close the Easter Season and to celebrate the Birthday of the Church.

Next week a collection envelope in your packet is labeled ***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](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

**MAY DAYS 2024** at the Basilica of St. Michael – **May 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<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. Chicken dinner Sunday at 11AM. \$10 per person.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE JANUARY 1, 2024, TO APRIL 30, 2024, PARISH REPORT**  
Goal: \$36,625.00      Pledges: \$12,861.00      Receipts: \$11,126.00