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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 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.

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
Mon.	May	19	8:00 am	+Dolores “Dee” Berger req. by Sacred Heart Ushers Club
Tues.	May	20	8:00 am	+Gary Murray req. by Carmie Seder
Wed.	May	21	8:00 am	+Fran Layo req. by Tom & Becky
Thurs.	May	22	8:00 am	+Steve Henly req. by Fr. Tom
Fri.	May	23	8:00 am	+Doug Lazere req. by Ken & Lynn, Dad & Mother & Aunt Betty
Sat.	May	24	4:00 pm	+Mary Ellen Lutz req. by Family
Sun.	May	25	8:00 am	People of the Parish
			10:30 am	+Fred Grey req. by Cousin Nancy, Wayne & Family

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Fred Grey requested by Wife and Family  
The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Veronica Novak requested from Judy & Reagan Smith.

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May 18, 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter –Today’s readings on this Fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian Stewards. The Gospel from John includes the well-known verse: “My children...I give you a new commandment: love one another, as I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life: “love one another as I have loved you.” It sounds so simple, but simple does not necessarily mean easy.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of “self” by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord’s footsteps and in loving as He loves.

**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!**

**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, preferably by May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**SYMPATHY** – Our Parish family wishes to extend their sincerest sympathy to Maggie Patalune on the recent death of her sister **Kathleen “Kat” Plummer**. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

PARISH FINANCES – The starts of week 05/11/2025

Sunday/Monthly	\$4,509.50
Children	24.75
Loose	118.00
Easter	220.00
Energy	322.00
Holy Day	128.00
Good Friday	10.00
Mother’s Day	190.00
Catholic Home Mission	<u>5.00</u>
Total	\$5,527.25

UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL

May 18 – Mystery Bingo Doors open at 11:30 AM Tickets \$25

May 19 – Blood Drive – 12:30 to 5:30 PM

June 1 – SHUC Rosary 5:30 PM Meeting 6:30 PM

June 9 – K of C Rosary 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM

June 11 – Fund Raising Meeting 6:00 PM

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.
- Does anyone feel called to the ministry of religious education? We need volunteer 5th and 6th grade religious education teacher beginning fall 2025. Kindly call the Re. Ed. Office or the rectory @ 814-736-4279

Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to ROME Oct. 10–17, 2025. Cost \$4,674 per person from Johnstown, PA. Questions? Contact [liz@206tours.com](mailto:liz@206tours.com) or [hope@206tours.com](mailto:hope@206tours.com) 800-206-8687. Spiritual Director: Fr. Matthew Reese, Group Leader: Amber Boring. Book now: [www.206tours.com/freese](http://www.206tours.com/freese).

*The Knights of Columbus* will be collecting used eyeglasses until the end of May. Collection boxes are in the Vestibule of the Church. They are also 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. You can also 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 today May 18 from 8:00am to 1:00 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!

**Mass for Widows & Widowers to be Televised** – Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 25** with a televised Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11 AM on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9PM 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 name of your spouse who has passed away. *The last day to register is Wednesday, May 21.* Sponsored by Family Life Office & Catholic Ministries Drive.

**PSCS – Pennsylvania Summer Choral Society** – “Singers Wanted” Rehearsals will be Tuesdays starting May 6<sup>th</sup> Franklin Street Church in Johnstown. Tenors & Basses 5:30-8:00 PM, Sopranos & Altos 6:30-9:00 PM. Or Thursdays starting May 8<sup>th</sup> at Morrison’s Cove Memorial Park Banquet Hall. Tenors & Basses 5:30 – 8:00 PM, Sopranos & Altos 6:30-9:00 PM. Concert Dates are August 2 & 3, 2025. For questions and to sign up, email [hummelmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:hummelmusic@hotmail.com) specify your voice part and experience. Also see the flyer in the vestibule of the church.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION CALENDAR



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.