

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF May 17 2026
Seventh Sunday Of Easter

Please note that all daily masses will be held in the chapel unless otherwise noted. In the event of a funeral mass there will be no (8:30 AM) daily mass.

- Monday 8:30AM:** **NO MASS**
- Tuesday 8:30 AM:** **Larry Plush (B'day)** *By: The Restly Family Reunion*
- Wednesday 8:30 AM:** **Hank Diehl (B'day)** *By: The Diehl Family*
- Thursday 8:30 AM:** **Doug Murphy** *By: Glenn & Dianne Murphy*
- Friday 8:30 AM:** **James Restly (B'day)** *By: The Restly Family Reunion*
- Pentecost Sunday:**
Saturday 6:00 PM: **Helen Marie Kaminski** *By: Pat & JoAnn Bittlebrun and Family*
Sunday 8:00 AM: **Francis Edward Straub (B'day)** *By: The Restly Family Reunion*
Sunday 10:30 AM: **Jimmy Martin (B'day)** *By: The Loving Family*
- Sanctuary Candle:** *By:*
St. Peregrine Candle:

Mass Readings for the Week:

- Monday: Feast Of St. Felix Of Cantalice, Capuchin Brother**
Optional Memorial Of St. John I, Pope And Martyr
 Acts 19:1-8/PS Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab (R/.33a)/John 16:29-33
 Revelation 3:14b, 20-22/PS Psalm 23:1/Luke 22:24-30
- Tuesday: Memorial Of St. Crispin Of Viterbo, Capuchin Brother**
 Acts 20:17-27/PS Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21 (R/.33a)/John 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Memorial Of St. Bernardine Of Siena, Franciscan Priest**
 Acts 20:28-38/PS Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/John 17:11b-19
 Acts 4:8-12/PS Psalm 40:8a and 9a/Luke 9:57-62
- Thursday: Optional Memorial Of St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest And Companions, Martyrs**
 Acts 22:30, 23:6-11/PS Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/John 17:20-26
 Revelation 7:9-17/PS Psalm 34:5/John 12:24-26
- Friday: Optional Memorial Of St. Rita Of Cascia, Religious**
 Acts 25:13b-21/PS Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/John 21:15-19
 Philippians 4:4-9/PS Psalm 40:5a/Luke 6:27-38
- Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/PS Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7 (R/.cf.7b)/John 21:20-25
- Sunday: Pentecost Sunday**
 Genesis 11:1-9/PS Psalm 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (R/.12)/ Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
 PS Psalm Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55 or PS Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (R./John 6:68c)
 Ezekiel 37:1-14/PS Psalm 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (R/.1)/Joel 3:1-5
 PS Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (R/.cf. 30)/Romans 8:22-27/John 7:37-39
 Acts 2:1-11/PS Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (R/.cf.30)/ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
 John 20:19-24

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Mass Schedule:

Mon: No Mass Tues: 8:30 AM Wed - Fri: 8:30 AM Sat: 6:00 PM (Vigil) Sun: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Secretary Office Hours:

Mon :8:00 AM-3:00PM Wed :8:00 AM-3:00PM Thurs :8:00 AM-3:00 PM Fri :8:00AM –3:00 PM

Baptism: Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

Confessions: Saturday 5:00 – 5:45 PM

Holy Communion:

Low Gluten hosts will be available for anyone with a low gluten tolerance. If you have a low gluten tolerance, please tell the priest before mass so a low gluten host can be placed in a pyx for you.

Matrimony: Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program

Christian Mothers: Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM in the basement.

Parish Mission Statement

St. John the Baptist Parish is a Catholic Christian Community centered in rural New Baltimore, Pennsylvania. As members of the Body of Christ, we seek to live as entrusted stewards using God's gifts responsibly, intelligently, prudently, and gratefully to bring about His kingdom. As stewards of our time, talents, possessions, and faith, we are called to put our lives in proper focus and to live in accord with one another giving love and caring support, to accept Christ's challenge as related in the Gospels- to serve one another.



St. John's News & Upcoming Events:

Seventh Sunday Of Easter World Communications Day

World Day of Social Communications — May 17, 2026

Today, Sunday May 17th the Church celebrates the 60th World Day of Social Communications. This year's theme, "Preserving Human Voices and Faces," reminds us of the need to protect authentic human presence in an age shaped by artificial intelligence and digital media. We are encouraged to use technology wisely, communicate truthfully, and foster genuine relationships rooted in the dignity of every person



Upcoming Meetings:

K of C Meeting today Sunday May 17th @ 6:00 PM in the hall.



May is the Month of Mary:

The month of May is a special time for us Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. We honor Mary because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honor. During the month of May, we take time to honor our mother, Mary. She provides us the greatest example of unwavering faith in God, through her willingness to say "yes."



Cemetery Mowing:

Volunteers are needed to help mow and trim the cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day on **Wednesday May 20th at 4:00 PM**. In case of inclement weather, the make-up date will be **Thursday May 21st at 4:00 PM**

Volunteer to take up the Offertory At Mass: During Mass, there's a little moment that often goes unnoticed. After the collection baskets are passed, there is a very meaningful part of the Mass: members of our parish carry the gifts of bread, wine and the offertory to the priest. **The entire congregation is represented by those who bear the gifts. Through this act, we return to God a small part of the many blessings that He has given to us. What a wonderful way to express thanks and joy to God by bearing these gifts!** There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for the month of May and June for families to sign up to carry the offertory gifts up at mass.

Catholic Ministries Drive Update:

Thank you to all who have participated in our Catholic Ministries Drive here at St. John's. To date we have received **\$4050.00** towards our goal of **\$20,000.00**. Thank you for your generosity!

Women At The Well:

There is a Women At The Well group forming here at St. John's. Come and learn how to pray Lectio Divina – praying with that Sunday's Gospel. **We meet Monday morning at 9:00 AM in the Church Basement.** For more information please contact Lindsay Hankinson at (814) 233-8786. We would love to have you join us.

"The Risen Lord gathers us into one heart, one hope, one mission of love."

PRAYER LIST

John Andzelik, Abby Barnes, Lori Barnes, Fr. William Barron, Debbie Brady, Delmas Brick Jr., Cindy (Miller) Bearer, Jane Beyer, Theresa Beyer, Tom Bezila, Lisa Bischof, Tonya Brown, Mark Bruck, Tim Bruck, Macy Burke, Doug Burkett, Max Bulger, Sara Cairo, Larry Clarr, Randy Clites, Denis Crum, Lee Crum, Andrew Davenport, Sara Davenport, Michael Davis, Velma Davis, Larry DeArmitt, Alice Deitz, Donna Dennison, Kathy Diamond, Peg Diehl, Tracy Dickey, Dorothy Dittmer, Joyce Dively, Tara Dively, Lisa Easter, Chris Edes, George Faidley III, Connie Fake, Tim Felten, Tabitha Flick, Bradley Fochtman, Harry Fochtman, Mike Fochtman, Mark Frankenfield, Myrna Fries, Becky Foor, Carol Ann Gallagher, Brian Gardill, Jarrett Gowatty, Paisley Goetzl, Helen Greenway, Kelsey Grove, Grayson Gumbert, Larry Habinyak, Sam Hall, Ron Hagens, Nellie Hall, Eugene Hankinson, Phyllis Harris, Mary Jo Harrington, Aaron Hay, Paisley Hay, Bob Jenkins, Elizabeth Heider, Nickole Herdman, Sandra Herzing, Ida Mae Hillegass, Lisa Hillegass, Missy Hillegass, Tara Hillegass, Todd Hillegass, Amy Jo Hoffman, Phyllis Hoppert, Jeff Horn, Tina Hoover, **Kevin Housel**, Ernest Imgrund, Pete Innis, Mary Janachovski, Martha (Lewis) Kalbach, Matt Karns, Jason Kinzer, David Krieie, Fr. Robert Kaylor, Todd Kline, Eric Knott, Virginia Lambert, John Lancaster, Bill Lankey, Eli Lankey, Kelly Legarski, Ralph Leister, Bruce Leonard, Carol Leppert, Gordon Leppert, Brenda Leister, Chase Lester, Kaitlyn Lewis, Barry Leydig, John Lynch, Norma Jean Lynch, Toots Maddy, Ron Makarun, Martha Marker, Susan Martin, Tim Martin, George Maser, Angie Matey, Joseph Matey, Brooks May, Janet Michael, Tony and Janet Miele, Linda McCahan, Shirley McVicker, Betty Meslovich, Terry Metevier, Erica Miller, Ray & June Miller, Tara Miller, Abe Mills, Mike Montreal, Reed Morgan, Tracey Mowry, Carol Murphy, Kai Musselman, John Myers, Ashley Nail, Dr. Cyril Nathaniel, Eugene Nickelow, Elissa Nunamaker, Tina Maddy Ostravich, Donna Otto, Rick Otto, Michael Price, Sabina Restly, Karissa Riberdy, Tara Ritchey, Cindy Robb, Katherine Rosenbaum, Debbie Rowan, Teri Schreiber, Nancy Schrock, Barb Sarver, Shirley Sechler, Greg Seeley, Richard Seese Jr., Jordon Seville, Lorraine Shaddock, Sandra Shaffer, Terry Shaffer, Harold Shannon, Tom Shippy, Daniel Smith, Eddie Smith, Edith Smith, Shaun Smith, Oscar Speicher, Nancy Spochart, Linda Stiffler, Rosalie Swingle, Sherry Suttmitter, Carol Taylor, Janet Valentine, Michael Valentine, Julianne Viselli, Gail Wade, Tom Warren, Jr., Staci Weaver, Aaron Weiss, Bonnie Welsh, Dee Werline, John & Doris Werner, Christina Whetstone, Logan Weyand, Alyssa Will, Charlotte Will, George Will, Jan Will, Pat Will, Tracy Williams, Lucy Wright, Angie Wolfhope, Dorothy Wolfhope, Ron Wolfhope, Steve Wolfhope, Shirley Varchetti, Roger Yarnell

If you added a person's name to the prayer list and they have since recovered, please call to remove their name from our prayer list.

OFFERTORY		
Sunday Loose: \$655.00	Sunday Adults: \$2320.00	Total Sunday: \$2975.00
Local Needs: \$50.00	Heating Oil Fund: \$80.00	Ascension: \$440.00

We're always collecting non-perishable food items for our local foodbanks. Items can be placed in the bins in the back of church.

Seventh Sunday of Easter – A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:
As Jesus appointed apostles, he also appoints parents to represent Him in the family; "make disciples of your children, baptizing and teaching them all I have taught you. Don't worry, I am with you always."

The Pope's Prayer Intention For May:
That everyone might have food
Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



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Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

Stewardship Reflection May 17th Seventh Sunday Of Easter

This week, we celebrated the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord, that glorious moment when Jesus, 40 days after His resurrection, was lifted up – quite literally – into heaven, as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness. But the apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long. “While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?’” In other words, ‘Don’t just stand there, do something!’ Let us take a moment to ‘look up at the heavens’ and ponder all the graces and blessings our loving God has given us. And then, let us do something! Let’s put all those gifts to work as we serve as grateful witnesses to this amazing God.

Diocese to Mark Anniversary with Special Liturgy

In celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, all the faithful are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Mark on **May 31 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.** Priests, deacons, and men and women religious will be in attendance. All parishioners of the diocese are welcome and encouraged to attend the Mass. Anyone interested in being part of the festival choir for the Mass may contact Cathedral Music Director Robert Long by emailing him at rlong@dioceseaj.org.

Young Adult Cookout & Social

Looking to meet new people and make real connections? Railroad City Catholics invites all young adults ages 21–35 to a Cookout & Social at the Catholic War Vets in Altoona, 290 Valley Ave. **Friday, May 22nd at 6:30pm.** Whether you’re looking to get competitive with a game of ultimate frisbee, volleyball, or cornhole, or just want to relax by the fire with some s’mores, there’s a spot for you. Burgers, hot dogs, and refreshments provided.

Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised

Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 24, 2025 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 p.m. 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. 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 **Thursday May 21, 2026.** The event is sponsored by the Diocesan **Family Life Office** and the **Catholic Ministries Drive.**

Outdoor Masses to Resume:

A summer tradition in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will resume on Memorial Day weekend. Outdoor Masses at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto will once again be celebrated beginning on **Sunday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. and continue every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. through Labor Day weekend.** All are welcome.

Holy Rosary Catholic Church THREE DAY MISSION – HONORING OUR BLESSED MOTHER:

Holy Rosary Catholic Church located at 900 N 4th Street, Juniata in Altoona, PA in celebration of their 125th Anniversary will be hosting a THREE DAY MISSION – HONORING OUR BLESSED MOTHER on **May 26, 27, 28, 2026 @ 6:00 PM.** There will be Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Homily and Benediction Of The Blessed Sacrament.

HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG, is sponsoring its 65th Annual Festival on June 5th, 6th and 7th featuring a Fish Dinner (Fried or Baked) on **Friday June 5th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, (Adults \$15.00, children under 12 \$7.00) and a Turkey Dinner on Sunday June 6th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Adults \$15.00, children under 12 \$7.00).** Refreshments, musical entertainment, family fun & games, baked goods, kiddie corner, giant flea market, basket raffle with over 100 baskets and more!

Diocese Planning Family Conference in the Fall

In celebration of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown's 125th anniversary, the diocese will host a Diocesan Family Conference on **September 19, 2026, at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Ebensburg.** The gathering, which will replace the usual men's, women's and youth conferences this year, will present an opportunity for local Catholics of all ages to gather as one family of faith. The day will include inspiring keynote addresses, Mass with Bishop Mark, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and more. Save the date. More information to come.

“Art As Spiritual Path”

A solo art show by **Recie Dolan**, parishioner of St. John the Baptist, New Baltimore, PA.

Recie is a retired nurse who has loved art since childhood and prays for guidance and inspiration in her creative work. Scripture has influenced many of her paintings, and her collection reflects a deep connection between faith and artistic expression.

More than **60 pieces** will be on display upstairs at **SAMA Bedford**

(Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art — 137 East Pitt St.)

May 8 through July 12, 2026

Wednesday through Sunday, 12:00–4:30 PM

Free admission

An **opening reception** will be held on **May 16** from **6:00–8:00 PM.**

Cost to attend: **\$20**

Fourth of July Parish Raffle

Please Donate to Support Our Annual Raffle!

We are seeking donations for our **Annual Fourth of July Raffle Ticket.** Your generous gifts of cash, gift cards, handmade items, or unique contributions help make this event a success.

Please contact the Church Office by **May 17th** to arrange your donation.

 **Church Office:** 814-733-2210  **Email:** dwambaugh@dioceseaj.org

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Chairperson for Kids’s Games at 4th July Picnic:

If anyone is willing and able to take over, Cara Kister will gladly review all the games and help them prepare. Please reach out to Cara if you have any questions at (814) 442-1757. Thank You!

FOURTH OF JULY MONEY TREE – If anyone would like to contribute funds or gift cards for the aforementioned money tree, please put it in the collection basket with the envelope indicating **MONEY TREE DONATION.** If you have any questions, please direct them to Suzanne Heller, 814/442-5781. Thank you, in advance, for your contributions.

Theme Baskets:

Your Completed baskets can be turned into the basement anytime until June 30th All baskets must be in clear bags or containers that can be seen through. Baskets need to be a minimum of \$25. Please No Used Items!

Liturgy and Life Reflection: “That They May Be One”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus prays for His disciples — and for all who will come to believe through their word. His prayer is not for escape from the world but for strength within it: that His followers may be protected from evil, sanctified in truth, and united in love. This moment in the Upper Room reveals the heart of Christ’s mission. He entrusts His Church to the Father, asking that we remain faithful and one. The unity Jesus desires is not uniformity but communion — a harmony born of shared faith and mutual charity. In our daily lives, this prayer challenges us to live as people of reconciliation. Families, parishes, and communities are called to reflect the divine unity that binds Father, Son, and Spirit. When we forgive, listen, and serve one another, we make visible the love that Christ prayed would endure in His Church. As the Easter season draws to its close, we prepare for Pentecost — the outpouring of the Spirit who makes us one body in Christ. May His prayer echo in our hearts this week: “Holy Father, keep them in Your name... that they may be one, as We are one.”

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Sunday, May 17, 2026

"Preserving Human Voices and Faces"



Preserving Human Voices and Faces

On this World Communications Day, we are reminded that every message we share carries the power to build up, to heal, and to bring light into the world. In an age of constant connection, let us not forget the dignity of the human person behind every voice and face. May our words and images reflect truth, kindness, and respect, especially for those who are poor, vulnerable, or unheard. Let us use our gifts to listen deeply, speak truthfully, and communicate in ways that foster unity and hope. By embracing authentic, compassionate communication, we help create a world where everyone feels seen, valued, and loved.

"SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE." - EPHESIANS 4:15



✦ Seventh Sunday of Easter — Year A ✦

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus lifts his eyes to heaven and prays for His disciples—and for us. His prayer is one of unity, love, and consecration. He desires that we may be one, as He and the Father are one.

"Father, may they be one in Us, that the world may believe."

— John 17:20–21

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
you prayed for us that we may be one in You.
Unite our hearts in Your love.
Make us faithful witnesses of Your kingdom,
that the world may believe.

Amen.



✦ EASTER SEASON 2026 ✦