

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF May 24 2026 Pentecost Sunday

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 AND OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday 8:30 AM: **Larry Plush (B'day)** *By: The Plush Family*

Wednesday 8:30 AM: **Ronald Castillo** *By: Dorothy Castillo*

Thursday 8:30 AM: **NO MASS**

Friday 8:30 AM: **Claudine Plush** *By: The Plush Family*

Solemnity Of The Most Holy Trinity:

Saturday 6:00 PM: **Philip & Joanne Speicher (Anniv)** *By: The Loving Family*

Sunday 8:00 AM: **Patrick L. Smith (Anniv)** *By: Mary Jane Smith*

Sunday 10:30 AM: **Robert Murphy** *By: The Family*

Sanctuary Candle: *By:*

St. Peregrine Candle:

Mass Readings for the Week:

- Monday: Memorial Of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother Of The Church
Memorial Day**
Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/PS Psalm 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/John 19:25-34
Numbers 6:22-27 (882-4)/ PS Psalm cf. Psalm 85:9b (884-3)/Matthew 5:1-12a (886-1)
- Tuesday: Memorial Of St. Philip Neri, Priest**
1 Peter 1:10-16/PS Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mark 10:28-31
Philippians 4:4-9/PS Psalm 34:2/John 17:20-26
- Wednesday: Optional Memoria Of St. Augustine Of Canterbury, Bishop
Optional Memorial Of Bl. Jose Tous y Soler, Capuchin Priest**
1 Peter 1:18-25/PS Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mark 10:32-45
1 Thessalonians 2:2b-8/PS Psalm 96:3/Matthew 9:35-38
- Thursday:** 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12/PS Psalm 100:2, 3, 4, 5/Mark 10:46-52
- Friday: Optional Memorial Of St. Paul VI, Pope**
1 Peter 4:7-13/PS Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mark 11:11-26
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23/PS Psalm 96:3/Matthew 16:13-19
- Saturday: Optional Memorial Of The Blessed Virgin Mary**
Jude 17, 20b-25/PS Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/Mark 11:27-33
- Sunday: Solemnity Of The Most Holy Trinity**
Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9/PS Psalm Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55/ 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

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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.



“Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.”

St. John's News & Upcoming Events:

Pentecost Sunday



Holy Spirit, Come. Today (May 24th) we celebrate **Pentecost!** The Holy Spirit gave the disciples strength to fulfill their commission to spread the good news of Jesus. The Solemnity of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter Season.

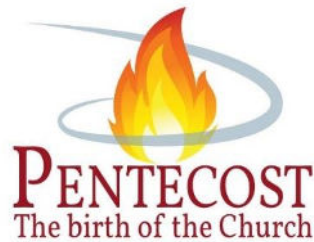
Pentecost marks the occasion of God sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection. The book of Acts describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks) was a day that commemorated the giving of the law to Moses, a day soon to be marked as well by the giving of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the strength to fulfill their commission to spread the Good News of Jesus. The Solemnity of Pentecost, which crowns and fulfills the Easter season, is a good time to pray for a deeper indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The Wind and the Flame and the Holy Spirit:

Before Jesus went to heaven, he made his friends a promise. "I will ask my Father to send you the Holy Spirit, who will tell you all you need to know about God." Jesus' friends waited. Every day they would meet to talk about Jesus' promise, to wonder- When will this Spirit come? One day they were all together, talking about Jesus and his promise. Suddenly they heard a sound! The howling, scary sound of a stormy night. The windows shook and the door rattled. Everyone was frightened. Then came the flames! Dancing flames, like tongues of fire atop giant candles, flickered over the heads of the apostles. Then God's Holy Spirit entered them, and their hearts were filled with love for God and for one another. Suddenly they were strong and unafraid. They were ready to face danger and death to bring God's Word to the world. The Holy Spirit was God's gift to the apostles that Pentecost day. The same Holy Spirit was God's gift to you when you were baptized. What a wonderful, loving gift from God- **HIS HOLY SPIRIT!**

Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.



Happy Birthday to the Catholic Church!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026!

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 Suttmiller, 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: \$429.00	Sunday Adults: \$1715.00	Total Sunday: \$2144.00
Catholic Communications: \$399.00	Ascension: \$10.00	

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

Pentecost Sunday – A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:
Like the disciples in today's gospel, there are times we shut the doors of our hearts to people or events. It's how we create emotional distance. Permanent distancing is lethal and prevents the PEACE Jesus offers you today.

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 24th Pentecost Sunday

Our Easter celebration reaches its grand finale today as we celebrate the glorious feast of Pentecost. Today, we focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and in our individual lives. Throughout our readings today, we see the amazing truth that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts and guidance in a very personal way – and that we are meant to use these gifts to build up the Body of Christ in a way that is unique to each one of us. What a stunning privilege and awesome responsibility. We must rely constantly on the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best use of the gifts, talents and blessings we have been given so that we can fulfill the specific mission to which we have been called. As this Easter season comes to a close, let us be at peace. And let us resolve to lean on the Holy Spirit more and more as our guide through the stewardship way of life.

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.

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.

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church:

Monday (**May 25th**) is the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church! The Marian title of “Mother of the Church,” was given to the Blessed Mother by Bl. Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council and today’s memorial was decreed by Pope Francis in 2018, specifically commemorating Mary’s motherhood of the Church rather than her motherhood of God, a feast celebrated on January 1. Pope Francis wishes to promote this devotion in order to “encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety”. The decree reflects on the history of Marian theology in the Church’s liturgical tradition and the writings of the Church Fathers. It says Saint Augustine and Pope Saint Leo the Great both reflected on the Virgin Mary’s importance in the mystery of Christ. “In fact the former [St. Augustine] says that Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church, while the latter [St. Leo the Great] says that the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of his Mystical Body, which is the Church.” The decree says these reflections are a result of the “divine motherhood of Mary and from her intimate union in the work of the Redeemer.” Scripture, the decree says, depicts Mary at the foot of the Cross (cf. Jn 19:25). There she became the Mother of the Church when she “accepted her Son’s testament of love and welcomed all people in the person of the beloved disciple as sons and daughters to be reborn unto life eternal.” In 1964, the decree says, Pope Paul VI “declared the Blessed Virgin Mary as ‘Mother of the Church, that is to say of all Christian people, the faithful as well as the pastors, who call her the most loving Mother’ and established that ‘the Mother of God should be further honored and invoked by the entire Christian people by this tenderness of titles.

“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**

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.**

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.

Fourth Of July Picnic News:

Booth Workers:

If you do not plan on working in your booth this year please call the office at let us know ASAP! so we can try to find a replacement. There are just only 6 weeks until the picnic.

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!

Country Store:

The Country Store Booth is asking for donations of canned goods, baked goods (cookies, pies, breads, etc.) indoor and outdoor crafts, indoor and outdoor flower arrangements and used books. Any donation that can be given early please place in the church basement labeled **Country Store/Brittany Clark. Please no seconds!** Any questions please call Brittany Clark at 814-279-8794. 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!



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.”

Mass times when traveling:

As people start traveling and vacationing, please check out: www.masstimes.org to find the closest Catholic Church to where you are, so you can attend Mass throughout the next few months. Or call 1-800-Mass-Times for information.

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

We welcome all visitors to our parish this weekend!



THANK YOU! to all who served or who are currently serving including our essential workers.

THANK YOU! to the men who trimmed our cemeteries in preparation for Memorial Day!

A Family Perspective for Memorial Day

Our decisions create our style of living and also what kind of person we are. That’s the awesome power of free will. As we celebrate Memorial Day it is a good time to ask ourselves; “How do I want to be remembered?” The power is in your hands, or rather in your decisions.

A Prayer for Memorial Day

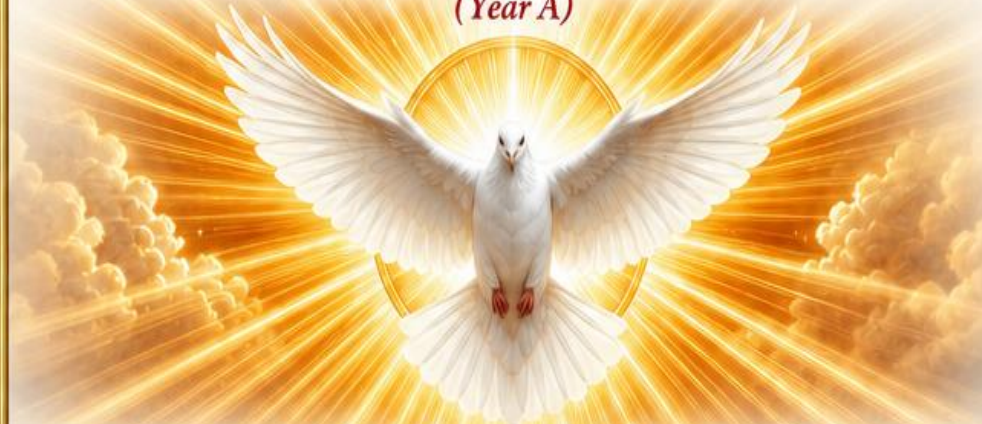
God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

John 15:13

PENTECOST SUNDAY – May 24, 2026
“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.”
 (Year A)



THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

Pentecost brings the Easter season to its radiant fulfillment. What began in the quiet dawn of the Resurrection now bursts forth in wind and flame as the Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles. The locked doors of fear are opened. The timid become bold. A small, uncertain gathering becomes the Church sent into the world.

The Spirit who came upon the disciples in the Upper Room continues to breathe life into the Church today. He strengthens what is fragile, enlightens what is dim, and renews what has grown weary. He gathers people of every language and nation into one family of faith, forming unity not by sameness but by the harmony of many gifts.

Pentecost reminds us that the Christian life is never lived by our strength alone. The Spirit intercedes when words fail, guides when paths are unclear, and stirs the embers of faith when they grow cold. His presence is the quiet courage behind every act of forgiveness, every moment of compassion, every step toward holiness.

As we celebrate this great feast, may our hearts be open to the Spirit’s renewing power. May He rekindle our zeal for prayer, deepen our love for the Eucharist, and inspire us to bear witness to Christ with joy.

And may the fire of Pentecost continue to burn brightly in our parish, our homes, and our lives.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
*Come, Holy Spirit,
 fill the hearts of your faithful
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.
 Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
 and you shall renew the face of the earth.
 Amen.*