

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF May 3 2026
Fifth 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: **Karen Will (B'day)** *By: Greg Will and Family*

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

Thursday 8:30 AM: **Debbie Karns** *By: Richard & Cheryle Engbert*

Friday 8:30 AM **Carol Bruck Restly (B'day)** *By: The Restly Family Reunion*

Sixth Sunday Of Easter:

Saturday 6:00 PM: **Paul Fochtman** *By: Cindy, Mike and Gail*

Sunday 8:00 AM: **Mary Grasser** *By: Richard & Joanne Seese*

Sunday 10:30 AM: **Bob & Jean Czejak** *By: Audrey & Lynn Benning*

Sanctuary Candle:
St. Peregrine Candle:

Mass Readings for the Week:

- Monday: Optional Memorial Bl. Thomas of Olera, Capuchin Brother**
Acts 14:5-18/PS Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/John 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Saint Hilary of Arles**
Acts 14:19-28/PS Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 (R/cf.12)/John 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Saints Marian and James**
Acts 15:1-6/PS Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 (R/cf.1)/John 15:1-8
- Thursday: Saint Rose Venerini**
Acts 15:7-21/PS Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/John 15:9-11
- Friday: Optional Memorial Of Bl. Jeremiah Of Valacchia, Capuchin Brother**
Acts 15:22-31/PS Psalm 57:8-9, 10 and 12/John 15:12-17
- Saturday: Saint John of Avila**
Acts 16:1-10/PS Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5 and John 15:18-21
- Sunday: Sixth Sunday Of Easter**
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/PS Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20/ 1 Peter 3:15-18/John 14:15-21

*“Where the path feels uncertain, Christ becomes the Way;
 where the world feels dim, He becomes the Light;
 where hope feels thin, He becomes our Life.”*

St John The Baptist Catholic Church

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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:

Fifth Sunday Of Easter First Holy Communion



**CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Today our parish family joyfully celebrates with
Aspyn Hankinson and Jade Davis
as they receive **Jesus** in the Eucharist for the very first time.

May this sacred day fill their hearts with grace,
deepen their love for Christ,
and strengthen their faith as they *continue*
to grow in God's light.

We pray that the *peace* of Christ,
received in this Most Blessed Sacrament,
will guide and bless them throughout their lives.

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them." — Matthew 19:14

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, 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, 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, Joe 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.

<u>OFFERTORY</u>		
Sunday Loose: \$433.00	Sunday Adults: \$1522.00	Total Sunday: \$1955.00
Catholic Home Mission: \$548.00	Easter: \$5.00	

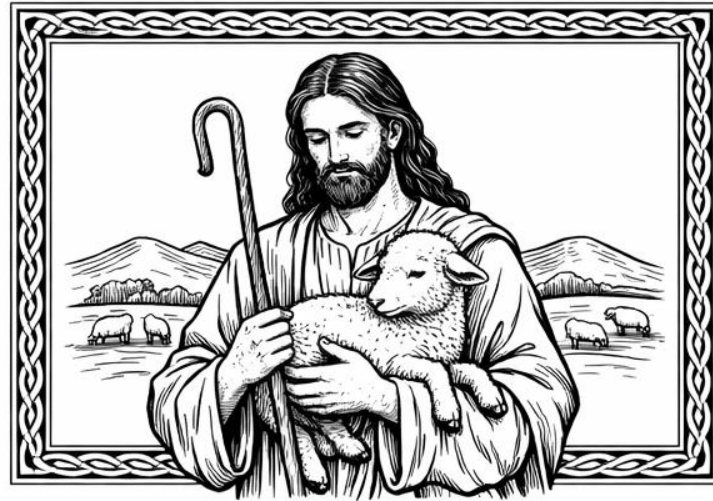
We're always collecting non-perishable food items for our local foodbanks. Items can be placed in the bins in the back of church.

Fifth Sunday of Easter – A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:
Jesus tells us in the gospel: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me!" The point is: God is in each one of us, in our relationships and in our homes. The vocation of the Christian family is to live the divine gift which is already in and around us.

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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Fifth Sunday of Easter — Year A

“I am the way and the truth and the life.”—John 14:6

As the Easter season continues, today’s Gospel brings us one of the most consoling promises of Christ. The disciples are anxious and uncertain, unsure of what lies ahead. Into their worry, Jesus speaks words meant to steady every heart:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

He reminds them—and us—that faith is not merely a path we walk, but a Person we follow. He Himself is the Way.

When we feel lost, He guides.

When truth seems clouded, He enlightens.

When life feels diminished, He restores.

Jesus assures His Followers that there is room for each of us in the Father’s house. He prepares a place not only in eternity, but also in the present moment—places of peace, clarity, and renewed courage.

Even when we cannot see the whole road ahead, Christ walks with us, leading us toward the fullness of life.

May this Sunday strengthen our trust in the One who never abandons His people. May His words calm our anxieties and anchor our hope.

And may we follow Him with confidence, knowing that the Way Himself walks beside us.

It’s Still Easter! The Easter Season continues until June 8 (Pentecost). Each week, grace your table with a different Easter symbol. Use your imagination- a flower, a budding tree branch, a decorated egg, etc. Every family member young and old, promises to do a certain week.



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.”

Religious Education- May Crowning:

May 10th is the last day of religious education classes until fall – we will be doing the annual May crowning which will start after the 8:00 AM mass . **It will be held in the Church- all parishioners who want to come are welcome as well. After the crowning we will pray a decade of the Rosary.**



Mother-Daughter Banquet:

The Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held on **Friday May 8th at 6:00 PM** in the Church hall. It is a covered dish dinner. The meat & drink will be provided. The cost is \$2 per person, children 5 & under are Free. We ask you to bring a covered dish and everyone 16 & up to bring a \$5 exchange gift. To make reservations use the sign-up sheet in the back of the Church or call Theresa Fochtman at **(814) 733-4548.**

The Word Among Us:

Be sure to get your **FREE** copy of the Word Among Us for the months of May on the table in the back of Church. The Word Among Us magazine offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings of the Catholic Church, inspirational essays, stories of the saints and more!

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 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.

Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

Stewardship Reflection May 3rd Fifth Sunday Of Easter

The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we are well aware that this world is not our permanent home. We are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven. Yet, as we make our way to heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here – whether we are in a household of one or bursting at the seams – our true ‘domestic church’ starts at home. Stewardship is not just about going to Mass once a week, serving in ministries, and giving financially to the parish. Those are all important, but stewardship begins long before we step onto our parish campus. It begins with our families, our domestic church. Let us respond to God’s great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making our homes true ‘domestic churches’ where we honor God with our prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other, and our generous hospitality to all. Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home.

Holy Rosary and St. Mark Churches -Bus Trip To Shrines at Emmitsburg, MD:

Holy Rosary and St. Mark Churches are sponsoring a bus trip to the shrines at Emmitsburg, MD on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026**. On your own at the national Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lunch at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant (Buffet), 90-minute Group Tour of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. **Price per person - \$80**. Checks made out to "St. Mark's Catholic Church." To reserve a seat, call Robyn Murphy at 814-931-5683 or Kathleen Winter 814-591-0248. **Limited number of seats available.**

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.

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.

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.

Dorothy Day Presentation:

All are invited to register to hear Jeffry Odell Korgen, author of “Dorothy Day: Radical Devotion” and coordinator of the local phase of Dorothy Day’s Cause for Canonization. He will speak on “Dorothy Day: A Saint for Our Times” on Thursday, **May 7th at 7 PM via Zoom**. This presentation will focus on Dorothy Day’s life using words and art to draw a throughline between Dorothy’s radical past to her life as a Catholic Worker and Christian peacemaker. The event is free and sponsored by the Association of Pittsburgh Priests. To register, go to www.associationofpittsburghpriests.com

A Holy Whodunit

A murder mystery dinner is happening at Queen of Peace Parish in Patton on **Saturday May 16. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.** Actors from Pittsburgh will solve a mock murder. The parish fundraising evening, which is BYOB, includes a sit-down dinner. **Tickets are \$40 per person and must be purchased in advance by May 8th**. Call Patti at (814) 674-5434 for tickets.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled — the Way Himself walks with you.”

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.

HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG, is sponsoring its 65th Annual Festival on June 5th, 6th and 7th featuring a FishDinner (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!

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.

2026 At Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

MAY

Wed. May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima
- 6:00 PM - outdoor rosary
- 6:30 PM - Ascension Vigil Mass (in Church)

JUNE

Sun. June 7 - Corpus Christi
8 AM Mass (in Church)
9 AM Outdoor Adoration at Shrine begins
11 AM Outdoor Mass
Noon - Eucharistic Procession through town
1 PM - Benediction in Church

Sat. June 13 - Holy Trinity Sunday
5 PM Vigil Mass (in Church)
6 PM outdoor rosary

JULY

Sun. July 12 - 8 AM Outdoor Mass
Mon. July 13 - 6 PM Outdoor rosary

AUGUST

Sat. Aug. 8 - 5 PM Outdoor Sunday Vigil Mass
Thu. Aug. 13 - 6 PM outdoor rosary
Sat. August 15 - Assumption of the BVM
6 AM Sunrise Mass (Not a day of Obligation this year)

* - Rosary outdoors on 13th Day of the month
May-October (rain or shrine)
*** - Outdoor Masses depend on weather
(may be moved into the Church)



SEPTEMBER

Tue. Sept 8 - Annual Mary's Day Celebration
-7:45 AM Mass (in Church)
-12:05 PM Mass (in Church)
-5:30 PM Mass (outdoors)
-also featuring the rosary, kids' activities,
food, and more.

Sun. Sept. 13 - 6 PM outdoor rosary

OCTOBER

Tue. Oct. 13 - Miracle of the Sun anniversary -
6PM Outdoor Sunset Mass - followed by rosary