

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun May 21 Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
10:30 AM Mass Senior High Recognition
Day. Reception following Mass in the Social
Hall
Tues May 23 6:10 PM Bingo
7:00 PM Legion of Mary
Wed May 24 5:00-6:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs May 25 ASCENSION THURSDAY
Fri May 26 6:10 PM Bingo
Sun May 28 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 22 St. Rita of Cascia



8:30 a.m.
†Theda Logan Prough (Gene & Vi Bettwy)

Tuesday, May 23

8:30 a.m.
†Dr. Richard Capriotti (Jeff & P. Sue Blender)

Wednesday, May 24

8:30 a.m.
†Elizabeth Marnecheck (Mary Engelman)
7:00 p.m.
†Shirley Rosenhoover (Mary Bettwy)

Thursday, May 25 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:00 a.m.
†Deceased of Golden & Halicky Families (Family)
8:30 a.m.
†Beatrice Mannion (Mary Engelman)
7:00 p.m.
†James W. Bartley (D. J. Bragonier)

Friday, May 26 St. Philip Neri

8:30 a.m.
Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

Saturday, May 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury

4:00p.m.
†Josephine Love (Helen Crist)

Sunday, May 28 Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. †Julia Longo (Bill Longo)
10:30 a.m. †Richard W. Beck (Wife & Family)
12 Noon Mass For the People

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

VIGIL OF ASCENSION, MAY 24, 2017

7:00 p.m.
Servers: Kylie Kathleen Pacovsky, Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers: EllenRahm, Volunteers
Readers: Nancy Little, Ellen Rahm
ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017

7:00 a.m.
Servers: Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Zakrzwski, Volunteer
Readers: Volunteer
8:30 a.m.

Servers: Holy Trinity School Children
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Mary Engelman
Readers: Volunteer
7:00 p.m.

Servers: Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Gentile, Johnine Mueller
Readers: Deborah Kawtoski, Volunteer
Saturday, May 27, 2017

4:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: Erin Yahner, Michael Yahner, Abby Yahner
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Nikki Solimando,
Matthew Yahner, Volunteers
Readers: Ellen Rahm, Mary Masic

Sunday, May 28, 2017

8:00 a.m.
Servers: Marin Cooney, Matthew Neumeyer, Delilah Noel
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Elfrieda Beard,
William Beard, Martha Dombrowski, Mary Lou Horton
Readers: Paul Cooney, Helen Rhodes
10:30 a.m.

Servers: Ian Campbell, Grazia Macharola, Gaige Reighard
Eucharistic Ministers: Regina Friedenberger, Yvonne
Gibson, Damon Rickens, Chris Rickens, Shaelyn Rickens
Readers: Michael Nazaruk, Volunteer
12:00 Noon

Servers: Madelyn Myers, Noah Trexler, Caleb Trexler
Eucharistic Ministers: Kierra Miller, Johnine Mueller,
Ronald Skupien
Readers: Patrick Condryn, Deborah Kawtoski

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-MAY 13-14, 2017

Regular	\$7609.20	Christmas	\$ 31.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 57.00	Initial	\$ 7.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 3.00	Catholic Mission	\$ 12.00
Candles	\$ 10.00	Debt Reduction	\$ 231.30
Ascension	\$ 10.00	Total	\$7970.50

ASCENSION THURSDAY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Thursday, May 25, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a holy day of obligation in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Forty days have passed since the glorious resurrection of the crucified Lord from the dead. Today the Church remembers the return of the Son of God to the Father's right hand. When all things are made new and Christ come in all his glory, all will be united in the kingdom of God. Catholics are expected to participate at Mass on this day. Masses will be on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

2017 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

GOAL: \$42,763

Catholics throughout our Diocesan Household are participating in the Catholic Ministries Drive. Our goal is \$42,763 a 5% decrease from last year. We have received \$16,397 towards our goal. Thank you to all who have participated in the Catholic Ministries Drive. Your sacrificial gift brings the hope of Jesus Christ to all who rely on Catholic Charities, Vocations, Youth Ministry and other ministries and services.

All contributions—no matter the amount—are important in carrying out the Church's evangelizing mission. Please return your Catholic Ministries Drive pledge card as soon as possible. Please consider this need in your prayerful reflection on your gift. Thank you for your generous support.

SUPPER CLUB

The Supper Club will meet at Hoss's on Valley View Blvd. on June 4 at **12 NOON**. Call Mary for reservations 946-3449.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

May 27	4:00 p.m.	Wayne & Gloria Delozier
May 28	8:00 a.m.	Jack & Shirley Donoughe
	10:30 a.m.	John & Darlene Crum
	Noon	Volunteers

CANDLES: Fritz & Mary Werkmeister & Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard by Family, In Gratitude by Jeanne Traficante.

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

Speaking of the Rosary, Benedict XVI says he prays like his parents, who loved this prayer for its simplicity. The Rosary is a Marian prayer related to the mysteries of the life of Christ—using beads strung on a cord—whose origins date back to the Middle Ages.

"What matters is not that I follow every word spoken rationally, but instead that I let myself be carried by the calm that comes from repetition and regularity. I think this original experience of the history of religions, repetition, rhythm, common speech, the chorus that carried me and rocks me and fills all space calms me, consoles me and delivers me.

This experience enables us to pray with simplicity in a Marian context and the light of Christ, and to internalize the content of this prayer, by letting ourselves be drawn—by the words—beyond any intellectual approach."

CENSUS FORMS

Due to a recent computer issue, we have to recreate our parish database. Please take a census form from the foyer and return the completed form to the rectory or drop it in the collection basket. Thank you for your help.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN **Sharing the good news begins with you...**

The Catholic Communication Campaign is serving millions of parishioners-around the world and within our own parish. Thanks to your generous support of the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign, we're sharing the good news in the form of Gospel-grounded messages on radio, TV, in print and on the Internet, as well as by providing you with valuable information resources designed to strengthen families and faith. Your generosity will make a powerful impact, because half of your donations stays right in our own diocese for local programming and project. With your gift, you'll be answering God's call to live our lives in service to one another...to share His Good News every day. This appeal will be taken up next weekend May 27 & 28. Please use the envelope that is located in your pack of envelopes. Thank you for your generous support.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

According to the tradition in the Catholic Church, the spouses are the ministers of Christ's grace in the Sacrament of Marriage. The man and woman mutually confer upon each other the holy sacrament by expressing their consent before the Church. The ordained minister is the official witness of the Church to this nuptial commitment. The spouses make a freely willed, public statement of their commitment to one another in the name of the Lord. The Church gathers at the Sacrament of Marriage to celebrate with the bride and bridegroom as they ground their love on the love of the Bridegroom, Christ, for his Bride, the Church. The newly married man and woman receive sacramental grace to live out their nuptial promises. (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1623).

OUTDOOR MASSES will be held each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Sunday, May 28, 2017 and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 3, 2017. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be held in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

Is Mass REALLY the same every week?

To answer that let's look at two questions:

1. Are you exactly the same person this week as you were last week, last month, last year?

Well, no, not exactly the same person, you might be thinking.

*I've had new experiences, my relationships with others have matured a bit.

*I've taken on new challenges or roles.

*Key people in my life have undergone changes which have affected me.

*I've learned through my mistakes and sins.

*I've suffered some losses.

*I've adapted to shifting circumstances.

So no, I'm a bit different this week even though I'm still me.

2. Has God changed? Is it a different God I worship this week?

Of course not, but during this last week, month, year, I have come to know God better. God's love is clearer now. There is more of God's life and love in me now than before because He has given his entire self to me in the bread and wine of Eucharist, and I, in turn, have offered my whole self to God.

Or maybe I've slacked off and am losing touch with God; then Mass can serve as a reminder that I'm ignoring THE most important relationship—that of me with my creator. I can ask for help and God absolutely will answer.

The familiar words, rituals, and gestures of the Mass offer an experience to which I can return again and again to plunge into the depths of what life is about. It is a concentrated taste of God's presence, a foretaste of heaven.

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Reasons to attend Mass every week:

It takes me off center stage and puts God there.
It makes me look at the purpose of life.
It reconnects me with all God's other children.
It nourishes me at the deepest possible level.
It send me forth to love and serve God.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Golf Outing

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Youth Ministry will hold its 9th annual golf outing Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Park Hills Country Club in Altoona. The entrance fee is \$75 per golfer (\$300 per foursome) includes green fees, cart, skills contests, on course refreshments and luncheon. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and tee time is 9:30 a.m. Tee sponsorship for businesses and organizations is \$100.00. To register an individual or a foursome or for more information call 814-659-8773 or email avcdepaul@atlanticbb.net.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

May 21

John 14:1-12

In today's gospel Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure. Family life is a series of departures. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Today Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions. "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."

MEMORIAL DAY BAKE SALE

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop located at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, will be holding a Memorial Day Bake Sale Saturday, May 27th from 10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. The bake sale will include homemade holiday desserts perfect for any picnic or gathering! While supplies last, so stop in early!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

6th Sunday of Easter

Jesus says to us, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Is my love of Jesus reflected in the good stewardship of my time, talents, and material resources?

HEALING MASS

There will be a Healing Mass on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call 814 941-3832.

Congratulations to the Preschool, Pre-K and Kindergarten Religious Education Class on a great year. Have a Happy and Safe Summer Mrs. Jennifer Crum-Waite, Mr. Matthew Waite, Miss Alexis and Mr. Kain.

CLASS OF 2017

Preschool Graduates:

Arianna Frederick
Michael Ronan
Khloe Settlemyer

Pre-K Graduate:

Fernanda Gonzalez

Kindergarten Graduates:

Brody Kenawell
Grace Garofalo
Ben Himmelwright
Evie Irwin
Thomas Kessinger
Michael Nardoza
Ruth Stephens
Colin Ronan

Italian Heritage Society-Saint Anthony Festa

June 11, 2017 - Mass at 3:00 p.m. at

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

806 11th St. Altoona, Pa.

Dinner will be served at the Calvin House, Duncansville, Pa. Cost—\$38.00

Hors D'oeuvres at 4:00 p.m. Dinner at 4:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P.: June 4, 2017

Eileen Fabbri (886-5791), Gene Figurelle (935-0248), Peter Gardella (943-5304), Tom Ricche (935-8131, John Salvetti (472-9298), Julia Scarfone or Tab Scarfone (944-2779), Dr. Ronald Stellabotte (695-6652, Anne Zelnosky (942-2723).

Housekeeping Help Needed for Rectory

The priests are looking for a housekeeper to come in a few hours in the morning each week. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the rectory.