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Pentecost Sunday,
May 19th, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - NO MASS

TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Ann Lecci
(Req. by Art Smith & Linda Cavanaugh)
Rescheduled from 5-17-24

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM - Vickie Schmidt
(Req. by Barry & Mickie Mills)
Rescheduled from 5-15-24
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament After Mass until 6:30 PM

THURSDAY - NO MASS

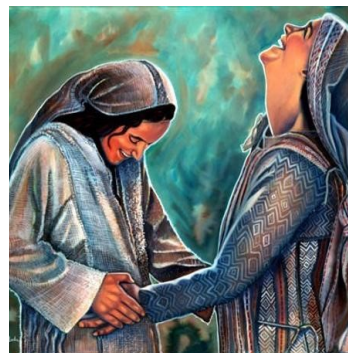
FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Charlene Tarnowsky
(Req. by father John Bair)

SATURDAY - Vigil of the Most Holy Trinity
4:00 PM - Pro Populo

SUNDAY - The Most Holy Trinity
9:00 AM - Gary Witkosky
(Req. by Marian Cyburt)

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In Memory of Charlene Tarnowsky
Req. by father John Bair



1127 McKinley Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15905

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday through
Friday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

IN LOVING MEMORY: The Sanctuary Lamp is available for your intentions by calling the parish office. Please attempt to request your intention as early as possible. A \$10 donation is suggested.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Confessions are heard regularly on the First Saturday of every month at 3:00—3:30 PM (suspended until Fr. John is well). **Confession may ALWAYS be arranged with Fr. John personally by calling the rectory office. Please avail yourselves to this life-giving sacrament!**

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Scheduled no less than **nine months** prior to the date of marriage. Four preparation sessions with the pastor, as well as all diocesan requirements, must be met. All Catholic candidates for Marriage must be registered, practicing members of a parish at least 6 months prior to scheduling the wedding.

INFANT BAPTISM: Baptisms are generally celebrated during one of the Sunday Liturgies. Pre-baptismal instructions must be completed by the parents at least 3 weeks prior to the celebration of the sacrament. Catholic godparents must obtain a letter of eligibility from their pastors four weeks in advance. Baptisms are never celebrated during the Season of Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Celebrated after any Sunday Mass as requested and as a parish during the Easter Season.

MEMBERSHIP: Forms are located on the back page of the bulletin (or on the parish website) to be filled out and sent to the parish. Registrations are also welcome by phone.



The daily readings; may be found at either USCCB.ORG or under the headings of daily readings listed in back of the missalette.

\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$

Collection - May 12, 2024

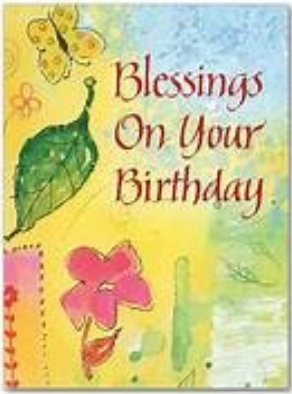
Loose Money.....	\$423.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2414.00
Mother's Day.....	\$335.00
Ascension Thursday.....	\$822.00
Votive Candles.....	\$71.00
St. Peregrine.....	\$24.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$35.00

TOTAL: \$4124.00

Let us continue to pray for the members of our parish community who serve in the military, as well as for the sick, elderly and homebound members of our parish especially:

Anonymous Petitioners, Helene and Pat Balagusz, Ralph Blair, David Clark, Ronald Cleaver, Dolores Danner, Francis Dietz, Dorothy Fisher, Barbara Fox, Paul Harnish, Catherine Heinlein, Mary Carol Hill and children, Donna Johnson, Baby Gianna Kniss, Karen Kohan, Betsy Konar, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Gaile Krumenacker, Victoria Leflie, Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, Patricia Mainhart, Marianne Mangiafico, Pat Meagher, Mary Mihalacki, Myla Minner, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Anna Marie Pfeil, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rován, Leonard Russell, Doctor Larry Rutledge, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Ernestine Schmidt, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Megan Varnecky, Coralie Williams, Christi Vavrek, Carrie Young

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of May 20th to May 26th:



Frederick Raco	Linda Crocco
Brenda Winski	Jennifer Lentz
James Winski	James Wachs
James Winski Jr.	Michael Cox
Chris Lecci	

The invitations to the rosary every Tuesday at 6:00 PM and on Wednesdays to attend the 5:30 Mass followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:30 PM. continue to be extended to all parishioners. We also pray the litany of St. Joseph since Wednesday is dedicated to him as the patron of the Universal Church. Remember the parish intention is for Fr. John's health, however, personal intentions for the Rosary and adoration are your own.

This year, we will celebrate our feast day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, June 1st after the 4 PM Mass (the day after our actual feast day on May 31st) with a free and festive celebration in the cafeteria of the school. If more than 45 people sign up for this FREE SOCIAL EVENT, there will be a full buffet meal provided including salad, rolls, an entrée, a starch, and a vegetable. A special dessert will be provided along with a special door prize that will be given away to one lucky winner and a 50/50 drawing. If the number is 44 or below, we will have a substantial spread of finger foods and deserts. Please make every effort to participate with your fellow parishioners. REMEMBER THAT CHRIST IS



PRESENT IN WORD, SACRAMENT AND COMMUNITY here at Visitation Parish. This is also a special time to honor our Blessed Mother who is the patroness of our parish. A sign up sheet is available in the main vestibule. I see this as a statement of support of me and our parish. PLEASE mark your calendars.

As part of the Eucharistic Revival in the Catholic churches in America, please join the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in celebrating the True Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and welcoming pilgrims from the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage to our diocese on June 9–11, 2024.

Schedule of Events:

MONDAY, JUNE 10TH in Johnstown:

Noon - 3:00 PM - Confessions at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown

Noon - 3:45 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. John Gualbert Cathedral

3:45 PM - Vespers at St. John Gualbert Cathedral

4:00 PM - Eucharistic Procession through downtown Johnstown with witness talks by national pilgrims at Central Park in Johnstown

5:30 PM - Mass at St. John Gualbert Cathedral with Bishop Mark as the celebrant



From the Pastor's Desk:

Last Sunday, Italy celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption and not the Seventh Sunday of Easter. As a result, I decided not to publish the Pope's comments after the Regina Caeli this Week. Accordingly, we look a Pope Francis message during the regular Wednesday Audience wherein he continues his catechesis on the Theological Virtues, this week focusing on Charity, which is considered to be the greatest of the virtues (1 Cor 13:13). More than mere friendship, affection for family, or benevolence towards others, charity is a gift from God, directed to loving him above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. With the Holy Spirit's grace and through the power of Christ's redeeming love, we can love each other in a way that surpasses our natural inclinations. Christian charity is lived by loving the poor, the unlovable and those who don't love us, by pardoning all who have offended us and by blessing those who curse us (Lk 6:28). May we be bearers of Christian charity to all people, witnessing to our love for God with generosity and humble service.

Last week, Pope Francis revealed the Papal Bull of Indictment of the Jubilee Year 2025, entitled: **Spes Non Confundit** "Hope does not disappoint." In it one will find much important information regarding celebrations of the Jubilee Year. For example, pilgrims passing through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica during the Holy Year 2025, going to confession, receiving Communion and praying not only for the intentions of the pope can receive an indulgence, but also, prayers for inmates in prison and those working to defend human life or assist migrants and refugees.

Fasting "at least for one day of the week from futile distractions" such as social media also can be a path toward a jubilee indulgence, according to norms published by the Vatican May 13. Pope Francis said he will open the Holy Year at the Vatican Dec. 24 this year and close it Jan. 6, 2026, the feast of Epiphany. But he also asked bishops around the world to celebrate the Jubilee in their dioceses from Dec. 29 this year to Dec. 28, 2025.

For centuries a feature of holy year celebrations has been the indulgence, which the church describes as a remission of the temporal punishment a person is due for their sins. "Every sin 'leaves its mark'" even after a person has received forgiveness and absolution through the sacrament of reconciliation, Pope Francis wrote in the document proclaiming the Holy Year. "Sin has consequences, not only outwardly in the effects of the wrong we do, but also inwardly, inasmuch as 'every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment...which must be purified either here on earth, or after death, in the state of being called Purgatory,'" he wrote, quoting the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The norms for receiving an indulgence during the Holy Year were signed by Cardinal Angelo De Donatis, the new head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court dealing with matters of conscience and with the granting of indulgences.

The basic conditions, he wrote, are that a person is "moved by a spirit of charity," is "purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion" and prays for the pope. Along with a pilgrimage, a work of mercy or an act of penance, a Catholic "will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, which can be applied [either to themselves or] in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory."

I feel that it is importance to share with my family the events of the last two weeks. During that time, I was contacted three times by Allegheny General Hospital that there were livers that were nearly perfect matches for me and that they wanted to proceed with the transplant, calling me to the hospital almost immediately. When I was about to leave the rectory the first time, and I was told that the transplant could not happen (no details were given due to HIPAA). The second time, I made it to the hospital and at the last minute I was told that the liver could not be used. The third time, being told just minutes before the transplant, I was told that the liver was not good enough to use. I must admit that this has been quite a roller coaster ride for me; however, I may have to go through it several times again before receiving a liver that is appropriate for me. This whole ordeal has left me frustrated and somewhat depressed; however, if another individual could have benefited from other organs procured from these persons, I am elated. All I ask is that you continue to pray for me that when it is God's will, the right liver will pass my way.

Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised - Remember your loved ones on Sun., May 26, 2024 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on 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 Wed., May 22, 2024. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

FJ, Meggie & Catholic Environmental Ethics Our Parish Mascot is mindful of the environment since she contributes nitrogen to the soil which is sometimes good and sometimes not so good. Therefore, she is always with me as I write this new feature in the Sunday Bulletin.

Pope Francis' teaching on the environment is framed within a virtue ethics paradigm. Whereas stewardship models are more likely to look to duty-based ethics/approaches, which focus on achieving desirable outcomes, virtue ethics is primarily concerned with the role of a person's character in bringing about the 'goal' of flourishing. A person lives life well when he or she cultivates attitudes, dispositions and character traits – collectively referred to as 'virtues' – that contribute to his or her flourishing as a person. There are 3 approaches to a virtue ethic of the environment, and with the help of my most beloved non-human creature, we will look at each of them over the next three weeks.