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The Most Holy Trinity,
May 26th, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Vic Rovanseck

(Req. by Family)

Parish Offices are Closed—Memorial Day

TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Ann Lecci

(Req. by Art Smith & Linda Cavanaugh)

Rescheduled from 5-21-24

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM - Vickie Schmidt

(Req. by Barry & Mickie Mills)

Rescheduled from 5-22-24

***Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
After Mass until 6:30 PM***

THURSDAY - NO MASS

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Frank Karmanocky
(Req. by Barbara Harshberger)

Rescheduled from 5-14-24

SATURDAY - Vigil of the Most Holy Body
and Blood Of Christ
4:00 PM - Nancy Vavrek
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)

5:30 PM - Loretta Meyers
(VPM) (Req. by Family & Friends)

SUNDAY - The Most Holy Body
and Blood Of Christ
9:00 AM - Pro Populo

SANCTUARY CANDLE

For Zata Prohaska and Parents
Req. by Nada Prohaska



1127 McKinley Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15905

Rev. John J. Slovikovski, PhD, Pastor
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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 will not be heard regularly until Fr. John has recovered from his liver transplant. **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.

Collection - May 19, 2024

Loose Money.....	\$374.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2576.00
Ascension Thursday.....	\$50.00
Catholic Communications Campaign.....	\$19.00
Votive Candles.....	\$55.00
St. Peregrine.....	\$20.00
Learning Lamp - Painting Services.....	\$445.00
Fish Fry - Divine Mercy Certificate.....	\$13.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$105.00

TOTAL: \$3657.00

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 Kon-
icky, Madeleine Krueger, Gaile Krumenacker, Victoria Leflie,
Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, Patricia Mainhart, Marianne
Mangiafico, Pat Meagher, Myla Minner, Larry Oravetz, An-
na Petro, Francis Petro, Anna Marie Pfeil, Maria Petro-
Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rovon, Leon-
ard Russell, Doctor Larry Rutledge, Stephen Sanders, Jen-
nifer Schellhammer, Ernestine Schmidt, Rose Sigg, Allegra
Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Megan
Varmecy, Coralie Williams, Christi Vavrek, Carrie Young

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of May 27th to June 2nd:



Iva Cascino	Karen Kohan
Dr. John Walker	Kristyn Amendola
Edward Kohan	Karen Haggerty
Claire Kessler	Kathryn Carney
Kathleen Ott	Deborah Kohan
Patricia McMonagle	

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 Eucha-
rist and welcoming pilgrims from the National Eucharistic
Pilgrimage to our diocese on June 9 – 11, 2024.

The Schedule of Events at The Cathedral of Saint John Gualbert is as follows:

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

Basket Party Committee Meeting - There will be a basket party committee meeting on Monday, June 3rd at 6:00 PM in the school cafeteria. We will be addressing thank you letters to the businesses that donated to the Basket Party. Anyone who was involved in any way is welcome to attend.

SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIEN, PATRON SAINTS OF ORGAN TRANSPLANTS, PRAY FOR US.



Outdoor Masses - On behalf of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish Family in Loretto, all the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7 PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies beginning on Sunday, May 26 and concluding on Sunday, September 1. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica.

Combined Council Meeting: Pleased note that the combined meeting of the pastoral and finance councils has been changed from Tuesday May, 28th to **Tuesday, June 4th at 6:00 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room.** It is important that all members be in attendance that evening. **Please be certain to review the documents distributed for the drafting of a realistic 4th stage of our parish security plans/protocols as that will be the main topic for discussion that evening.**

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. " Mt. 7:7

From the Pastor's Desk: The week has been difficult for me given the news that now FIVE of the livers that I had hoped to have receive did not work out. It has been my hope that the donors were able to provide other individuals with organs that were viable and could help increase their lifespan. I do know that none of the livers intended for me were viable for transplant. I know that it is God's will that things did not work out over the last two and a half weeks, and my hope remains firm that I will receive a liver. To be completely honest; however, that it has been very difficult for me and the persons who have transported me to Allegheny General Hospital several times. **Please continue to pray for me that I will receive a viable liver soon so that I might undergo a successful transplant surgery.** I know that Jesus remains at my side along with his Blessed Mother, our patroness, Saints Cosmas and Damien and the entire Communion of Saints, including my dad.

*This past Sunday, during his **Regina Caeli** message, Pope Francis reflected on the Solemnity of Pentecost when Jesus, in the gospel, spoke about the Holy Spirit and said that He will teach us “whatever He hears” (cf. Jn 16:13). But what does this expression mean? What has the Holy Spirit heard? What will He speak about?*

He speaks to us with words that express wonderful sentiments, such as affection, gratitude, entrustment, mercy. Words that make us know a beautiful, luminous, concrete and lasting relationship such as the eternal Love of God: the words that the Father and the Son say to each other. They are precisely the transformative words of love, which the Holy Spirit repeats in us, and which it is good for us to listen to, because these words engender and make grow the same sentiments and the same intentions in our heart: they are fruitful words.

This is why it is important that we nourish ourselves every day with the Words of God, the Words of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit. The Word of God silences our superficial chatter and makes us say serious words, beautiful words, joyful words. "And the Word silenced my chatter!" Listening to the Word of God makes the chatter stop, making space in us for the voice of the Holy Spirit, who utters prayers of adoration, therein, saying good words within ourselves, saying them to the heart so as to be able to say them to each other. Here we see that they come from the voice of the Advocate, the Spirit.

Reading and meditating on the Gospel, praying in silence, saying good words: they are not difficult things. They are easier than insulting, getting angry... And so, let us ask ourselves: what place do these words have in my life? How can I cultivate them, in order to listen better to the Holy Spirit, and become an echo of Him for others?

In his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis concludes his catechesis on the virtues by discussing the theological virtue of humility which is not part of the seven cardinal and theological virtues, but which is at the base of Christian life. It is the great antagonist of the most mortal of sins, namely arrogance or pride which swells the human heart, making us appear to be more than we are, humility restores everything to its correct dimension: we are wonderful creatures, but we are limited, with qualities and flaws. Humility is also richly seen in the first Beatitude, “blessed are the poor in Spirit... (Mt. 5:2). We see this in a particular way in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her humility is seen not only in joyful acceptance of the Lord’s will, but also in charity toward her cousin Elizabeth, in perseverance beneath the cross, and in her prayerful presence among the Apostles in the Upper Room, as they awaited the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Humility is everything. It is what saves us from the Evil One, and from the danger of becoming his accomplices. And humility is the source of peace in the world and in the Church. Where there is no humility, there is war, there is discord, there is division.

The parish Office will be closed on Mon., May 27th in Observance of Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tues May 28th at 9:00 AM.

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 always 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. This is a **ABSOLUTELY FREE SOCIAL EVENT**. Now that more than 70 persons have signed-up, 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. Please make every effort to participate with your fellow parishioners. **REMEMBER THAT CHRIST IS PRESENT IN WORD,**



bullet. I see this as a statement of support of me and our parish. PLEASE mark your calendars.

Fr. John, Meggie, & Environmental Ethics: *The first approach to an environmental virtue ethic is to focus on individual personalities who somehow encapsulate what it means to be an environmentally virtuous person. This draws on Aristotle's use of figures to exemplify virtues, for example, his definition of courage as a warrior facing death in battle. American ecological heroes such as Rachel Carson and Henry Thoreau fit this definition. The problem here is that there is often little agreement about who is truly virtuous. For example, some argue that Thoreau's flight from modernity in search of a solitary life in the woods was primarily driven by a selfish motive "to find himself," finding the Wilderness to be a kind of tonic, a medication to guarantee his health. Likewise, ecological exemplars like Carson may exhibit plenty of courage but neglect other virtues like temperance. Another concern might be that the lives of any paradigms of virtue that we might identify are a far cry from those of ordinary people, extraordinary in their efforts which can be difficult to translate their actions in extreme circumstances into more routine situations. Nevertheless, virtue environmental ethics continues to be the best approach to the interdependence of all God's creation and to our responsibility to future generations.*