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The Most Holy Body and Blood Of Christ, June 2nd, 2024



1127 McKinley Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15905

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - NO MASS

TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Fr. John
(Req. by Family)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM - Vic Rovanseck
(Birthday Remembrance)
(Req. by Family)

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

THURSDAY - NO MASS

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Clay Harshberger
(25th Anniversary)
(Req. by wife Barbara)

SATURDAY - Vigil of 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - Mary Mihalik Subich
(Req. by Karen & Reggie Kohan)

5:30 PM - Loretta Meyers
(VPM) (Req. by Family & Friends)
Rescheduled from 6-1-24

SUNDAY - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM - Pro Populo

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Spiritual and Temporal Welfare
of Fr. John

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

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.

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Collection - May 26, 2024

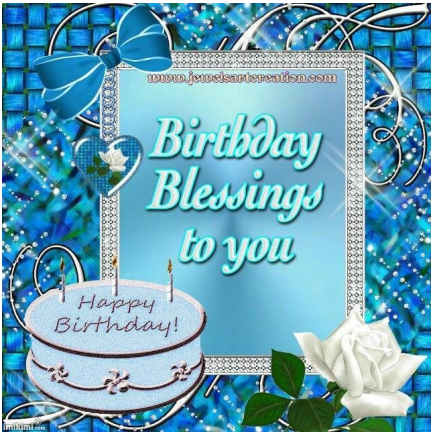
Loose Money.....	\$370.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2375.00
Ascension Thursday.....	\$5.00
Catholic Communications Campaign.....	\$10.00
Learning Lamp Rent - June.....	\$3800.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$125.00
Ordinary Donation.....	\$20.00

TOTAL: **\$6705.00**

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, Myla Minner, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Anna Marie Pfeil, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rovon, Leonard Russell, Doctor Larry Rutledge, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Ernestine Schmidt, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Megan Varmecky, Coralie Williams, Christi Vavrek, Carrie Young

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of June 3rd to June 9th:



Nancy Koontz
 Amy Schmidt

Michelle Leonard
 Vincent O'Donnell
 James Werner

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 t 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

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 WEEK WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT ONE TO BEGIN COMING FOR ADORATION SINCE WE HAVE JUST CELEBRATED**

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST!!

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



Beautify our Grounds - On June 8th and 15th, there will be a grounds cleanup at the church. We will be weed pulling, bush trimming (if necessary), planting and transplanting hostas, daffodils, etc. We will start at 8 AM until 2 PM. Please bring your own tools with you. After June 15th, we will see if any more work is needed.



From the Pastor's Desk: *The week have had new offers for a liver for transplantation. I believe that one of the reasons for the inactivity was due to a decision made by the transplant committee without any input from me. When you read this I will have attended a mandatory meeting for all who have yet to receive a liver for transplant. Hopefully, during this meeting there will be some answers. In any case, I have been about parish business, planning for our anniversary celebration which will be done by the time that you read the bulletin. I have been working on some academic research and writing with regard to two articles that I have been working on for a few months. I have also been spending much time in prayer. I feel a bit down since no offers have come in of late, so I once again plead with all of you to implore our Lord, Jesus Christ, his most Blessed Mother, Mary, saint Joseph her spouse , all the angels and the entire communion of Saints to ask God to find me a liver within a reasonable timeframe. Thank you for your ongoing support of me on this difficult yet worthwhile journey.*

This past Sunday,, Pope Francis reflected on the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity as he celebrated Mass for World Children’s Day, His homily may be found at: [Most Holy Trinity – Holy Mass - Activities of the Holy Father Pope Francis | Vatican.va](#).

In his weekly Wednesday audience, Francis began a new cycle of reflections with the theme “The Holy Spirit and the Bride” – the bride is the Church – “The Holy Spirit guides God's people towards Jesus our hope, planning to make this journey through the three great stages of salvation history: the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the time of the Church, always keeping our gaze fixed on Jesus, Who is our hope. In these first catechesis on the Spirit in the Old Testament, he reflects upon what is given as a promise in the Old Testament has been fully realized in Christ. He begins with the first two verses of the entire Bible that read: ‘In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters’ (Gen 1:1-2). The Spirit of God is the mysterious personal power who makes the world pass from chaos to the cosmos, that is, from confusion to something beautiful, ordered, and harmonious. This becomes even more clear in the New Testament, which describes the intervention of the Holy Spirit in the new creation, using images that are connected with the origin of the world: the dove that hovers over the waters of the Jordan at Jesus’ baptism; Jesus who, in the Upper Room, breathes on the disciples and says: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’ (Jn 20:22), just as in the beginning God breathed His breath on Adam (cf. Gen 2:7).

Paul introduces a new element into this relationship between the Holy Spirit and creation. The Apostle sees the cause of the suffering of creation in the corruption and sin of humanity that has dragged it into its alienation from God. This remains as true today as it was then. We see the havoc that has been done, and that continues in creation by humanity, especially that part of it that has greater capacity to exploit its resources. St Francis of Assisi shows us a way out, a beautiful way, a way out to return to the harmony of the Spirit: the way of contemplation and praise. He wanted a canticle of praise to the Creator to be raised by the creatures. We recall, ‘Laudato sí, mi Signore...’ the canticle of Francis of Assisi, and the title of Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment.

The Holy Spirit, who in the beginning transformed chaos into cosmos, is at work to bring about this transformation in every person. Within ourselves we can say that there is an external chaos – social chaos, political chaos. Wars, the lack of enough resources to feed the world, and so many social injustices; these represent external chaos. But there is



also an internal chaos: internal to each of us. The former cannot be healed unless we begin to heal the latter!

Fr. John, Meggie, & Environmental Ethics: **A second approach is to re-use existing virtues and extend their meaning to apply to ecological behavior. Proponents of this approach often focus on the virtue of humility. Humility will help us overcome an assumption of superiority over non-human entities. It will also help us deal with the effects of environmental change, since our capacity to predict and control natural processes will be gradually reduced as the climate becomes increasingly unpredictable. There's certainly a convergence between these secular discussions and Laudato sí' [hereafter LS], which talks about the need for humility in order to avoid becoming ‘enthralled with the possibility of limitless mastery over everything (LS, §163). Another existing category of virtue developed by some philosophers is fidelity as manifested in friendship, which argues that the language of virtue is more appropriate for environmental ethics than the impersonal language of cost-benefit analysis and self-interest. Here we see the natural world as ‘a partner with whom to share our life. Our relationship to the environment then becomes analogous to the way we think of friendship, transcending narrow economic grounds; a solid friendship is never built around the notion of ‘what this person can do for me. This approach ties in with the way in which LS draws on the Franciscan tradition of fraternal love with the natural world, a love that is gratuitous and ‘inspires us to love and accept the wind, the sun and the clouds, even though we cannot control them’ (LS, §228).**

Some philosophers and theologians note that a language of ‘environmental friendship’ can only be pushed so far, since actual friendship must entail mutual concern for the welfare of the other. Non-human entities cannot reciprocate the virtue of fidelity and friendship: I cannot ever feel real compassion for a rare breed of frog facing extinction, since the frog is not capable of showing me compassion. Similarly, the land or an ecosystem cannot be harmed in a way a human is harmed because these natural entities do not have a ‘welfare’ in the sense that they recognize they are better or worse off. This argument fails to see that environmental friendship goes beyond proposed psychological/emotional immaturity.

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.

Pastoral and Finance Council members are asked to please remember the combined meeting on Tuesday, June 4th at 6:00 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room.