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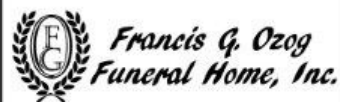
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**6th Sunday of Easter,
May 5th, 2024**

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Monday of sixth week of Easter

12:05 PM - John Slovikovski Sr.

(Req. by Ron Cleaver)

Rescheduled from 5-3-24

TUESDAY - Tuesday of sixth week of Easter

12:05 PM - James Rován

(Req. by Francis & Joann Daly)

WEDNESDAY - Wednesday of sixth week of Easter

5:30 PM - Gary Witkosky

(Req. by Dick & Gaile Krumenacker)

***Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

After Mass until 6:30 PM*

THURSDAY - The Ascension of the Lord

12:05 PM - Edward Stofko

(Req. by Pauline Molchany)

FRIDAY - **NO MASS**

SATURDAY - Vigil of 7th Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - All Mother's Living and Deceased

SUNDAY - **Mother's Day**

9:00 AM - All Mother's Living and Deceased

SANCTUARY CANDLE

To a wonderful mother Elizabeth Mateljan

Req. by daughter Barbara Vedock



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

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Ms. Catherine Bennett,

Mr. Joseph Martella, Vice-

Chairperson, PC

Mr. Steve Myers, Chairperson, FC

Ms. Chris Houghton,

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 ar-
ranged 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 mar-
riage. Four preparation sessions with the pas-
tor, 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 cele-
brated during one of the Sunday Liturgies. Pre-
baptismal instructions must be completed by
the parents at least 3 weeks prior to the cele-
bration of the sacrament. Catholic godpar-
ents 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. Regis-
trations are also welcome by phone.

\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$

Collection - April 28, 2024

Loose Money.....	\$305.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2399.00
Initial Offering.....	\$10.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$51.00
Votive Candles.....	\$58.00
St. Peregrine.....	\$30.00
Learning Lamp Rent - May.....	\$3800.00
Apartment Rent - May.....	\$625.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$170.00

TOTAL: \$7448.00

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 Rovon, 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 6th to May 12th:



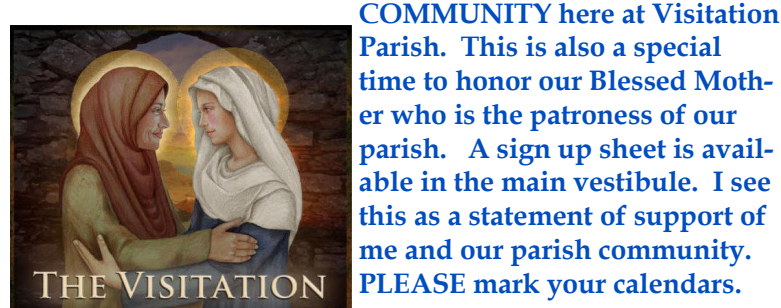
Jeanne Prosser
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Martin Bolinger
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The invitations to the rosary every Tuesday at 6:00 PM and on Wednesdays to attend the 5:30 Mass followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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 desert 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 desserts. Please make every effort to participate with your fellow parishioners. REMEMBER THAT CHRIST IS PRESENT IN WORD, SACRAMENT AND



Fatima Devotions - The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Monday, May 13th, 2023, at 6:30pm at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. The presider will be Fr. David Dodd, T.O.R. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Golf Tournament - The Carmelite Community of the Word sisters will hold our Annual Golf Tournament “in person” on Friday, June 7, 2024 at Scotch Valley Country Club. This year our tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. We will provide a continental breakfast in the morning, and after your round of golf, lunch will be served, followed by awards and an auction. Cost is \$450 for a foursome; \$150 for individual golfers. If you would like to attend the lunch and auction but not golf, that is \$20. Final deadline for Registration is May 29 or when we get 28 teams. To register, or for more information, contact Kelli Murphy at 814-886-4098 or email at communityofficeccw@gmail.com. Come and join us, this event has proven to be a fun day for all! If you cannot golf, but would like to make a donation, contact our offices. Thank you!



From the Pastor’s Desk: I want everyone to know that the information that I shared with you was very difficult for me to communicate, and as a result of that, I am asking that everyone stick to the facts that I communicated to last weekend. Unfortunately, I received calls from several people who are not a formal part of our parish family who called me within one hour of the end of Masses. If you are talking with someone and you are soliciting prayers for me I am very grateful. I would also ask that you keep the information regarding potential donors readily available to you (one does not know how God works and perhaps by chance a potential donor might come your way). On the other hand those who share the information because it gives them some subconscious feeling of *power* really should consider taking up as a hobby. I do have a friend who is working with various societies associated with organ transplants to make my situation more well know. I am working with the diocese to work on the most efficient and prudent way to spread the word in our portion of the Lord’s vineyard. I cannot stress enough the importance of your prayers for me. I am hoping that by sharing the information with you it might give a more specific direction to our communal prayers.
 ***This past week Pope Francis was in Venice for a pastoral visitation and therefore his message was only translated into Italian and Spanish by the Vatican Press Office. Therefore, I thought this might be a good time to reacquaint ourselves with the Regina Caeli Prayer so that we could be one with the pope when he prays this prayer and offers a comment on the scriptural readings each Sunday at Noon.

Regina Coeli -Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia, has risen as he said, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia! For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray
 O God, who through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, did vouchsafe to give joy to the world; grant, we beseech you, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen .

In the pope’s regular audience on Wednesday in Paul VI hall at the Vatican, Francis continued his catechesis on the Virtues by discussing the theological virtues which unite human persons to God and strengthen the moral virtues. He began with a discussion of faith. By faith we believe in God and all that God has revealed to us, and freely commit our entire self to him (cf. CCC, No. 1814). Throughout the Scriptures, we encounter poignant examples of this manifested in the lives of such individuals as Abraham, Moses and the Blessed Virgin Mary, who embarked on uncharted paths fraught with perils entrusting themselves completely to God. Yet even among believers, there are times when faith can falter and fear takes hold. We must remember that faith is a gift, one that must be asked for with confidence in the power of God’s grace to give stability and strength to our lives. Like the disciples in the boat, we turn to Jesus each day and beg him: “Lord, increase our faith!” (Lk 17:5)

This Saturday, May 11th marks Fr. John’s 29th anniversary of ordination. If you can, make it a point to wish him well. We are blessed to have him as our pastor and spiritual guide.

IMPORTANT JUBILEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Unfortunately, due to the fact that so many persons have backed out from the pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi (without the courtesy of informing the parish), the Official trip through Peter’s Way will be cancelled as of Monday, May 6th. All deposits that have been paid will be refunded in full by the tour company. I REGRET THAT WE COULD NOT HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE FOR OUR TRIP TO ROSTER.

Young Adult Group (18-39): March was our one-year anniversary. We have grown to almost 100 members averaging 40+/- per meeting including special needs young adults and members from as far as Cumberland, Md. Mid-April we hosted our first Benediction and Board Games which was a success. Upcoming events include a bonfire and Rosary at Maura’s house on May 10th at 6pm; Theology on Tap at the Boulevard Grill on May 29th at 6pm with Fr. Timothy Harris T.O.R. speaking on Moral Theology; and Benediction and Board Games at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on June 14th at 6pm. Young adults aged 18-39 are welcome! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised - Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 26, 2024 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 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 family life@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 Wednesday, May 22, 2024. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

Flowers, Flowers, Flowers – Coupons for flowers from Stuver’s nursery continue to be on sale in the main vestibule of the Church. There are two (2) coupons. One is for a flat of flowers for a cost of \$14.00. The other is for hanging baskets at a cost of \$18.00. Please support our fundraising efforts.

