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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
June 9th, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Albert Reynolds Sr & Albert Reynolds Jr
(Req. by Family)

TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - James Rován
(Req. by Sip & Deb Kohan)

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

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

THURSDAY - NO MASS

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Emma Frieke
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)

SATURDAY - Vigil of 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - All Father's Living and Deceased

SUNDAY - Father's Day
9:00 AM - All Father's Living and Deceased

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of Mary Mihalik Subich
Req. by Karen & Reggie Kohan



1127 McKinley Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15905

Rev. John J. Slovickski, 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.



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

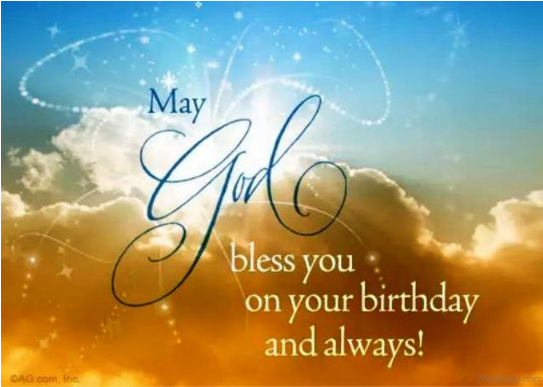
\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$
 Collection - June 2, 2024

Loose Money.....	\$414.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$3026.00
Ascension Thursday.....	\$38.00
Father’s Day.....	\$20.00
Votive Candles.....	\$102.00
St. Peregrine.....	\$30.00
Sanctuary Candles.....	\$20.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$285.00

TOTAL: **\$3935.00**
 (on average we make almost enough to meet our yearly budgetary needs due to inflationary costs that affect us as much as ordinary families).

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 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 June 10th to June 16th:



Gaile Krumenacker	Thomas Casker
Eli Robinson	James Sabella
Shawn O'Donnell	

Beautify our Grounds - On June 15th, there will be a grounds cleanup at the church. We will be weed pulling, bush trimming (if necessary), planting and transplanting flowers. 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.

 Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for June is for migrants fleeing their homes. We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them. We can never forget that our ancestors were once in that position when they came to the New World!

***Annual Fish Fry - Wrap Up - Our annual Fish Fry is a happy memory and was once again a tremendous success due to the generosity of time, talent, and treasure of our parishioners. We are truly grateful for the leadership of Dave Kozak and for the dedicated group of people who worked tirelessly each week at the Fish Frys and for all the parishioners who supported the Fish Fry by purchasing fish dinners. It was truly a team effort.

LENTEN FISH FRY REPORT - 2024

<u>Income:</u>	
Weekly Fish Frys.....	\$20,097.00
Second Collection.....	\$757.00
Rebate - Highliner.....	\$760.00
TOTAL:	\$21,614.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Sunseri’s.....	\$6,598.20
Randy’s BiLo.....	\$1068.75
Tribune-Democrat.....	\$971.50
Misc.....	\$245.69
TOTAL:	\$8,884.14
PROFIT:	\$12,729.86

Thank you to all who supported our efforts!

The invitations to the rosary every Tuesday at 6:00 PM and every 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.



 If you are free, please do not forget to attend the Solemn Mass in honoring the Year of the Eucharist during which the Eucharist is on Pilgrimage around the Nation. Mass will be celebrated 5:30 PM, Monday June 10th at the Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in downtown Johnstown. Attending this event would be a wonderful way of demonstrating our unity as a diocese. I will be attending the Mass unless I am called for a transplant.

From the Pastor’s Desk: Last week was relatively inactive with regard to any news concerning my future liver transplant. I had an appointment with my hepatologist and he assured me that my name remains very high on the transplant list; however, we are being a bit more discerning in terms of potential donors so as to limit the number of times that I need to make the trip to Pittsburgh. As always, although I am very anxious to receive a new liver, I do believe that it is very prudent to be a cautious as possible when making a decision about a future organ to be placed in my body. As always, my hope and my trust in God remains unwavering, knowing that in God’s time I will receive a new and healthy liver. I continue to ask you to pray for me knowing that you are giving the strength that I continue to have during this time.

This past Sunday, Pope Francis in his Sunday *Angelus* message spoke of the meaning of the mystery of the Body and Blood of Christ, in particular the meaning of communion which is usefully quoted here: “Let us understand, then, that that celebrating the Eucharist and eating this Bread, as we do especially on Sundays, is not an act of worship detached from life or a mere moment of personal consolation; we must always remember that Jesus took the bread, broke it and gave it to them and, therefore, communion with Him makes us capable of also becoming bread broken for others, capable of sharing what we are and what we have. Saint Leo the Great said: ‘Our participation in the body and blood of Christ tends to make us become what we eat’ (Sermon XII on the Passion, 7)..” He left us with the questions: *do I keep my life only for myself, or do I give it like Jesus? Do I spend myself for others or am I closed within my own little self? And, in everyday situations, do I know how to share, or do I always seek my own interest?*

Pope Francis Wednesday audience was dedicated to his ongoing catechesis on the Spirit and the Bride, Pope Francis now centers our attention on the Biblical name of Holy Spirit, which in Hebrew is Ruach, meaning breath, wind, or spirit. This name highlights the Spirit’s profound power and freedom. Jesus, instructing Nicodemus, likens the Spirit to the wind that blows where it wills, thus emphasizing the freedom of the Holy Spirit, who not only creates and inspires but always remains free, bestowing his gifts “as he wills” (1 Cor 12:11). Saint Paul affirms this, stating: “Now the Lord is Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom” (2 Cor 3:17). This freedom is given to us as a gift so that we can do God’s will, that is, loving and serving one another, rather than merely following our personal desires where the weak are exploited and freedom becomes ugly. Where do we attain this freedom of the Spirit, so contrary to the spirit of selfishness? The answer is in the words that Jesus spoke to his followers: “If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed” (Jn 8:36). Let us ask Jesus, through his Holy Spirit, to make us truly free. Free to serve with love and joy in the spirit of Jesus himself.

Some Liturgical Notes: It is important to be uniform and consistent in our celebrations of the Eucharist. We are called *universal* which means that we are recognizable at any time, in any place, in any culture. Acts such as not participating in Mass or genuflecting before or kneeling to receive the Eucharist are not acceptable because they draw attention from the Lord to us.



In Memorium: This past week, Visitation Parish celebrated t4he Mass of Christian Burial for a beloved member of our Visitation Catholic family, Paul Schmidt. Paul was a regular participant and a splendid gentleman. He spent much time following the love command of Jesus through service to his community and commitment to his wife, his children and their families. He was also a fine example of how to practice the works of mercy in everyday life. We pray hopefully that Paul now enjoys the Lord’s mercy as he makes his final transition from time to eternity. “Hope does not disappoint.” (Romans 5:5)



Fr. John, Meggie, and Catholic Environmental Ethics: To overcome these problems of reciprocity, some virtue philosophers advance a third approach, which is to devise a totally new, distinctively environmental virtue. One, for example, formulates a virtue of ‘communion with nature’. This incorporates existing virtues of awe, humility and friendship, but also involves a commitment to all natural entities as they are in themselves. Thus we arrive at a notion of the intrinsic value of all beings, a concept that LS emphasizes repeatedly. The focus shifts away from an ethics based on reciprocity towards a respect for all beings because each possesses a striving to flourish according to its own nature. Practicing the virtue of communion with nature respects such striving and is a constitutive part of human flourishing. The convergence between a Catholic and purely secular philosophy of environmental virtue ethics certainly has limits. For instance, most secular philosophers adhere to a scientific naturalist position, which maintains that empirical science is the single guide to a correct understanding of the world. They would therefore reject the existence of any overarching, what they would regard as supernatural ‘ends of nature’. But it strikes me that with its talk of the virtues of humility, friendship and communion with nature, secular virtue philosophy is nevertheless heading in the direction of an idea of there being a ‘meaningful life’. Likewise, it is edging closer towards the notion that there is indeed a universal ‘overall good’, even if this is not expressed in theistic terms. *(To be continued next week).*
PS: ALL of the paper and plastic items used at last week’s celebration of our parish anniversary, were recycled, recyclable, and compostable so that we might model the Church’s teaching about the need to realize our interdependence with the environment. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!!

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

