

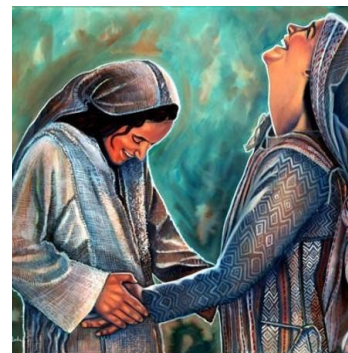
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## Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
July 28th, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be **NO DAILY MASSES** scheduled indefinitely. Please call Catherine at the Rectory office for any questions or concerns and she'll do her best to address your issues.

**SATURDAY** - Vigil of 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 PM - Birthday Remembrance of  
**Helene Balagusz**  
(Req. by Family)

**SUNDAY** - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00 AM - Pro Populo

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

For the Spiritual & Temporal Welfare  
of Father John

The daily readings; may be found at either  
[USCCB.ORG](http://USCCB.ORG) or under the headings of daily readings  
listed in back of the missalette.

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Ms. Catherine Bennett, Secretary  
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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.



\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$

Collection - July 14 & 21, 2024

Loose Money.....	\$659.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$5041.00
Assumption.....	\$20.00
Holy Father.....	\$10.00
Perquisites - Jones Funeral.....	\$150.00
Bulletin Ad.....	\$600.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$425.00
In Memory of Jane Jones.....	\$50.00
Ordinary Donations.....	\$40.00
TOTAL: \$6995.00	

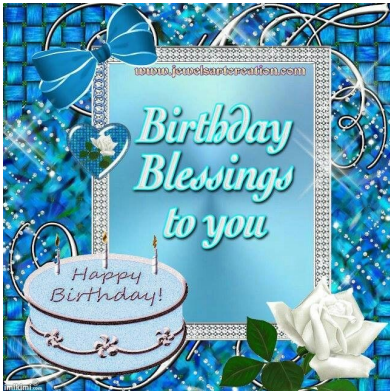
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Let us continue to pray for the members of our parish community who serve in the military, as well as for the sick, elderly and homebound members of our parish especially:

*Anonymous Petitioners, 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, Pauline Molchany, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Jean Petrero, Anna Marie Pfeil, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rovon, Leonard Russell, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Ernestine Schmidt, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovickovski, Shirley Slovickovski, Megan Var-mecky, Coralie Williams, Christi Vavrek, Carrie Young*

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**Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of July 29th to August 4th:**



Brody Bolinger

Dick Krumenacker

Deborah McCaffrey

Craig Foust

Christine Cumberledge-Katancik

Barbara Carrier

Sharon Lovette

Linda Orlosky

Brent Swaltek

Sandy Marano

While Father John is recovering from his transplant surgery and is suspending weekly mass indefinitely, here are some local churches and their daily mass schedules:

**St. Clement:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 8:00 AM

**St John Gualbert:** Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 7:00 AM  
Wednesday, Friday - 12:05 PM

**St. Patrick:** Thursday - 8:00 AM

**Our Mother of Sorrows:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - 8:00 AM  
Wednesday - 6:00 PM


**St. Benedict:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:00AM  
Tuesday, Thursday - 12:05 PM

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**STEELER TICKET LOTTERY** - Once again our Church has been blessed, through the generosity of a parishioner, to offer chances to a Steelers game: Steelers vs. the New York Giants at 8:15 PM on Monday October 28th, 2024 at Acrisure Stadium. Chances cost \$10 each and include seating for 4 persons at the game. Seats are located on the 40-yard line, ten rows up from the field. Package includes transportation to the game by way of the Steeler bus, and \$200 of mad money. The winners are determined by the PA Lottery 7:00 PM drawing of the Pick 3 on October 18th. Those who have either the number below or the number above the winning number will receive \$100 each. **What an amazing deal!** Tickets can be purchased in the vestibule of the Church, beginning next weekend, before or after weekend Masses or by calling the rectory office. **We would also appreciate anyone who is willing to take tickets to sell.** Thank you for your support of this fundraiser that has the potential to make more than a \$9500 profit with minimal work on the part of the parish. Also, we want to formally thank the donor of our tickets who wishes to remain anonymous. They have been most generous to us over the last few years. May God bless them for their commitment to the financial well being of our parish.

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**Ethnic Fest** - Now that **July 4th** has passed, **Labor Day** weekend will be fast upon us and with it our participation in the **Annual Johnstown Ethnic Fest**. As you know, this is one of our major fundraisers throughout the year, and our success allows us to meet our annual budgetary needs. Although it is early, we are beginning to request some essential items for this activity; in particular we are in need of Jello and Spirits for our main source of income, our Jello shots. Our supply of sprits is **VERY LOW** and we are in desperate need of donations. While items such as vodka (both regular and flavored), rum and tequila are **ALWAYS A GREAT NEED FOR US**, other forms of spirits are always appreciated. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.



**From the Pastor's Desk:** Father John continues to recuperate at Allegheny General Hospital. There have been a few bumps in the road as anticipated, but his doctors are very pleased with his progress. He is very, very appreciative of all the cards and monetary gifts he has received from so many parishioners. Your support has been overwhelming and so comforting to him. And, of course, he deeply appreciates your prayers. Please continue them as he moves forward with his recovery. Cards can be sent to the rectory or dropped in the basket collection. We will make sure he gets them.

You may also mail them to:

Allegheny General Hospital  
320 E North Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
ATTN: Fr. John Slovickovski

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**Public Rosary** - There will be a public rosary praying for our Blessed Virgin Mary's Intercession for our country on Saturday, August 3rd, at noon in Central Park in downtown Johnstown and on Thursday, August 8th at 6:30 PM St. Clement Church, Upper Yoder Twp.

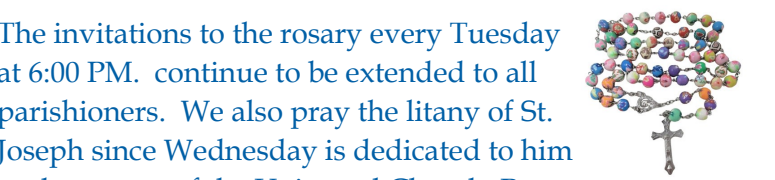
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**UPCOMING 2024 DIACONATE CLASSES** - Deacon Michael Russo will be having a six week course on Wisdom Literature and Psalms. The following class will be a ZOOM Class and will be open to all! Thursdays from 6:00 PM-8:30 PM (Running for 6 Weeks) and one Wednesday class beginning August 22, 2024. The registration fee is \$35 and the required book for class is: Wisdom Books-William Anderson and The Psalms: Heart-beat of Life-both can be purchased on Amazon. To register for this class please visit [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry), see your Parish Secretary for a Registration form or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000.


Father Brian Saylor will be having a six week in-person course on Ecclesiology at St. Rose of Lima, Altoona. The following class will be an in-person class and will be open to all! Tuesdays from 6:30 PM-9:00 PM (Running for 6 Weeks) beginning August 13, 2024. The registration fee is \$35 and no books are required for this class. You will receive 16 Hours Continuing Education Hours. To register for this class please visit [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry), see your Parish Secretary for a Registration form or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000.

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



Environmental Ethics: Summary of Francis' Letter, World Day of Creation, 2016 (conclusion)



5. "Nothing unites us to God more than an act of mercy, for it is by mercy that the Lord forgives our sins and gives us the grace to practice acts of mercy in his name." To paraphrase Saint James, "we can say that mercy without works is dead ...

In our rapidly changing and increasingly globalized world, many new forms of poverty are appearing. In response to them, we need to be creative in developing new and practical forms of charitable outreach as concrete expressions of the way of mercy." The Christian life involves the practice of the traditional seven corporal and seven spiritual works of mercy. "We usually think of the works of mercy individually and in relation to a specific initiative: hospitals for the sick, soup kitchens for the hungry, shelters for the homeless, schools for those to be educated, the confessional and spiritual direction for those needing counsel and forgiveness... But if we look at the works of mercy as a whole, we see that the object of mercy is human life itself and everything it embraces." [Obviously "human life itself and everything it embraces" includes care for our common home. He proposes a complement to the two traditional sets of seven: may the works of mercy also include care for our common home. As a spiritual work of mercy, care for our common home calls for a "grateful contemplation of God's world" (LS, 216) which "allows us to discover in each thing a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us" (ibid., 85). As a corporal work of mercy, care for our common home requires "simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness" and "makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world" (ibid., 230-31).

**6. In conclusion**, the Pope asked us to pray the following prayer daily:

"O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, who are so precious in your eyes... God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth" (ibid., 246),

God of mercy, may we receive your forgiveness and convey your mercy throughout our common home. Praise be to you! Amen.

