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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19th, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Ann Lecci
(Req. by Art Smith & Linda Cavanaugh)

TUESDAY - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
12:05 PM - Elizabeth Worthington
(Req. by The Knapp Family)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM - Dr. Larry Rutledge
(Req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Rippin)
*Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
after Mass until 6:30 PM*

THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Private Mass - Rescheduled from 1-2-25
Barry Mills
(Req. by Alan Sidwar)

FRIDAY - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
NO MASS

SATURDAY - Vigil of 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - Richard F. Sukenik
(Req. by Marianne Korenoski)

5:30 PM Sandra Morris
(VPM) (Req. by Helen Boyle)

SUNDAY - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM - Pro Populo

SANCTUARY CANDLE

For Fr. John's Personal (Special) Intention
**Parishioners are asked to join
Fr John in this intention this week if you have
some "free: prayer time**

IN LOVING MEMORY: The Sanctuary Lamp is available for your intentions by calling the parish office. Please attempt to request your intentions as early as possible. A \$10 donation is suggested.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Confessions are heard from 6:30 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday Evenings. DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR, CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FROM 3:00 PM until 3:40 PM THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH. 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. There are NO EXCEPTIONS.

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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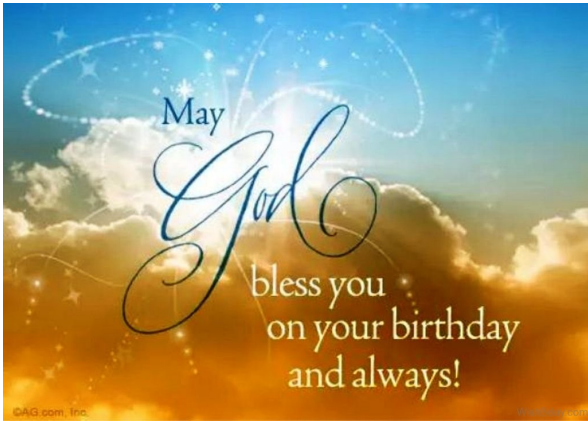
Collection - January 12, 2025

Loose Money.....	\$296.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2808.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$135.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$1010.00
Initial Offering.....	\$337.00
Sanctuary Candle.....	\$30.00
Apartment Rental - Jan.....	\$625.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$105.00
TOTAL:	\$5346.00

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, 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, 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, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Megan Varnecky, Christi Vavrek, Carrie Young

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of January 20th to January 26th:



Julie Nagle

Joseph Carrier

Joseph Czynnik

The 2025 Yearly Calendars of Prizes are now available in the rectory office. This is our last yearly fundraiser and IT IS ESSENTIAL TO DO WELL IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN OUR FINANCIAL STABILITY. Please consider purchasing at least one for yourself, perhaps others as gifts (birthday, etc.) It would also be helpful if you would consider taking an (some) additional calendar (s) to sell. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED HELP WITH THIS LAST IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER FOR 2024 calendar year).

Home Visits with the Eucharist - If you or someone you know cannot come to Church and would like to receive the Eucharist, please either fill out the form on the parish website or call the parish office and give your name to the secretary. We will be certain that you or your friend or loved one will receive the Lord regularly as you rightly deserve. Please call as soon as possible since we would like to have you included in the list for First Friday visits.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI - MUSIC BINGO on FEBRUARY 8, 2025. Doors open at 5:00 PM. First game starts at 7:00PM. Ticket includes food and non-alcoholic beverages. Cash prizes every half hour!! Also available for purchase will be Qualifiers, 50/50, & basket chances. \$7.00 Beer bracelets will be available. Tables can be reserved. \$20/person, tickets are available before and after all weekend Masses. You also can call Fran King at 814-536-3667.

TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND - St. John’s and St. Patrick’s are offering an opportunity to see the show NOAH at Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa on Thursday, April 3. It has been 30 years since Sight and Sound has offered this spectacular performance and it will be a sold out show. We have purchased 50 floor seats. Seats are first come first serve. To register for the trip, please fill out the form in the bulletin or the one attached and send it to PO Box 807 Johnstown, PA 15907, with payment to secure your reservation. Drop your reservation form in the collection basket or mail it to St. John Gualbert.. Call Mary Jo at 814-242-1183 for more information.

Catholics across the country are invited to observe a nationwide prayer vigil from Thursday, January 23 to Friday, January 24, 2025, to pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. The National Prayer Vigil for Life will begin with the Opening Mass that will take place in the Great Upper Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, January 23. Immediately following the Opening Mass, a National Holy Hour for Life will take place with a Eucharistic Procession, Eucharistic Adoration, Recitation of the Rosary, and Benediction. The Opening Mass and Holy Hour of the National Prayer Vigil for Life will be broadcast on various Catholic networks and will be livestreamed on the Basilica’s website at www.nationalshrine.org/mass. The vigil concludes at 8:00 AM on Friday, January 24 with the Closing Mass .

January, the first full month of the Jubilee Year, is dedicated to praying for the right to an Education. Let us pray for all people, that their right to an education, might always be respected. Amen.

From Pope Francis to the Pew:

In this Sunday’s **Angelus Message**, Pope Francis reminds us that on the Solemnity of the Baptism of Jesus, our thoughts are drawn to our own Baptism. In the gospel, Jesus joins His people, who are going to receive baptism for the forgiveness of sins. The pope says that Jesus goes to be baptized by John, “with a bare soul and bare feet.” When he receives baptism, the Spirit manifests Himself and the Epiphany of God occurs; He reveals His face in the Son and makes His voice heard, which says: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (v. 22). We should take note of two things: The face and the voice. First of all, the face. In revealing Himself to be the Father through the Son, God establishes a special space for entering into dialogue and communion with humanity. It is the face of the beloved Son. In second place, the voice. “You are my beloved Son” (v. 22). This is another sign that accompanies the revelation of Jesus. Last Sunday’s feast makes us contemplate the face and the voice of God, which are manifested in Jesus’ humanity. And so, the pope asks us to us ask ourselves: do we feel loved? Do I feel loved and accompanied by God, or do I think that God is distant from me? Are we capable of recognizing His face in Jesus and in our brothers and sisters? And are we accustomed to listening to His voice? Again, he asks, does every one of you remember the date of your Baptism? This is very important! Think: on what day was I baptized? And if we do not remember, when we arrive home, we should research the date of our Baptism. And let us celebrate this date as if it were a new birthday: that of our birth in the Spirit of God. Let us entrust ourselves to the Virgin Mary, invoking Her help. And do not forget the date of your Baptism!

In his last audience Francis spoke about children, and in today’s **Papal Audience** the importance of protecting, welcoming and loving the little ones. Today in the world, hundreds of millions of minors, despite not being of the minimum age, are forced to work and many of them are exposed to particularly dangerous work; not to mention the boys and girls who are slaves to trafficking for prostitution or pornography and forced marriages. In our societies, there are many ways in which children are abused and mistreated which are despicable, heinous acts. It is a crime; a gross violation of God’s commandments. It is necessary to awaken our consciences, to practice genuine solidarity with abused children and young people, and build trust and synergies between those who are committed to offering them opportunities and safe places in which to grow up serenely. Widespread poverty, the shortage of social support tools for families, the increased marginality in recent years along with unemployment and job insecurity are factors that burden the youngest with the highest price to pay. In the metropolises, where the social divide and moral decay “bite”, there are children engaged in drug dealing and the most diverse illicit activities. And yet, when on the street, in the neighborhood of the parish, and these lost lives present themselves before our eyes, we often look the other way.

The Pope notes how social injustice that drives two children, perhaps living in the same neighborhood or apartment block, to take diametrically opposed paths and destinies because one of them was born into a disadvantaged family. An unacceptable human and social divide: between those who can dream and those who must succumb. But Jesus wants us all free and happy; and if He loves every man and woman as His son and daughter, He loves the little ones with all the tenderness of His heart. Fighting child exploitation is the way to build a better

future for the whole of society. And so, we can ask ourselves: what can I do? First of all, we must recognize that, if we want to eradicate child labor, we cannot be complicit in it. For example, when we purchase products that involve child labor. How can we eat and dress, knowing that behind that food and those garments there are exploited children, who work instead of going to school? Find out where those products come from. Awareness of what we purchase is a first act in order not to be complicit. Some will say that, as individuals, we cannot do much. True, however, institutions, including church institutions, and companies must also be reminded of their responsibility: they can make a difference by shifting their investments to companies that do not use or permit child labor. Journalists can help raise awareness of the problem and help find solutions. We must give voice to the children:

JUBILEE NEWS

-The Pilgrim’s Passport: To be on pilgrimage during a Jubilee Year is a special time to gain special graces called plenary indulgences. As many people cannot travel to Rome, the Pope has named Holy Door Churches (In the US—the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in DC has been named) Every bishop has been given permission to name holy sites in his diocese as travel sites. **The Pilgrims Passport** booklet available in the main vestibule of the Church includes the 13 Holy Site Churches named by Bishop Mark. All special prayers are included. A special incentive for individuals and families to win two overnight gift packages and special gift cards are part of the “Pilgrims Passport.” QR codes are printed in the booklet for easy access to directions, Mass and Confession schedules. All of the information is in the inside cover. The booklets will be stamped at the Holy Site Churches as part of the gift opportunity. Pilgrims Passports will be available in the vestibule all year Visitation is a Holy Site. The Passport may be used until 9/8/2025.

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men’s Conference—Sunday, March 30, 2025 from 11:00 AM until 5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresspn. Please join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found at each parish to complete and return via email. *Registration closes on March 21st.* Online registration is encouraged due to limed seating.

Please note that neither the advertisement above nor do the flyers that will be distributed in the main vestibule of the Church explain the theme of the conference. For more information regarding the theme of the day, you will need to contact Tony Degol at 814-695-5579 for any specific details. Parishes do not have any more information that that which is contained in promotional materials sent out by the diocese.

The parish offices will be closed on Monday, January, 20, 2025 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The offices will reopen at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 21st.
