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**Check One:**   ☐ New Registration   ☐ Change of Address   ☐ Moving Out of Parish   ☐ Want Envelopes

**Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to Rectory. 814-536-6110**

**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 - March 16, 2025

Loose Money.....	\$183.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2996.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$25.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$25.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$35.00

TOTAL:       **\$3264.00**

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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, Gianna Kniss, Karen Kohan, Betsy Konar, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Dick Krumenacker, 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 Petro-ro, Anna Marie Pfeil, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rován, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varnecky, 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 March 24th to March 30th:**



Patricia Balagusz	Peggy Cavanaugh
Christine Butler	Dawn Stephens
Stephanie Zanghi	Anna Marie Pfeil

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part
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**The invitations to participate in all of the devotions associated with the spiritual life and vigor of our parish continue to be extended to all parishioners. We pray the rosary every Saturday evening at approximately 3:30 PM prior to mass as well as every Tuesday at 6:00 PM. On Wednesdays, Mass is celebrated at 5:30 PM followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:30 PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament also occurs following the 12:05 PM Mass until 1:30 PM. 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 for the rosary is for Fr. John’s health, however, personal intentions for the Rosary and adoration are your own. BOTH OF THESE DEVOTIONS WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT ADDITION TO ANY LENTEN REGIMINE THAT ONE MIGHT CHOOSE TO ENTER MORE DEEPLY INTO THE PROCESS OF CONVERSION DURING THE LENTEN SEASON.**

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**Young Adult Group (18-39)** - We are excited to welcome Most Reverend William Waltersheid, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, to speak at Theology on Tap on March 26th at the Boulevard Grill in Johnstown at 6pm as well as Catholic Author Mike Aquilina on April 30th. All young adults aged 18-39 are invited to join us! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

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**VISITATION PARISH PILGRIMAGE:**

We are currently planning a jubilee year pilgrimage to The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg Maryland for Friday, May 16, 2025. The Pilgrimage will include luxury bus transportation to and from the Shrine, a tour of the basilica and the grounds, Mass and dinner. The cost of the trip is \$65 per person. If you are interested, please sign up in the main vestibule of the Church by March 30th. We look forward to sharing the day with you.

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JUBILEE YEAR CONCERT

On Thursday, April 3rd at 7:00 PM the **Westminster Cathedral Choir of Boys and Men, London England** will be performing at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The concert is free to the public; however, a ticket is required for admission. We have a very small number of tickets available, and the parish is arranging a carpool to attend the event. If you are interested, please sign up in the main vestibule of the Church by next weekend, Tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. Also, a free will offering will be taken up at the concert.

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**SAVE THE DATE:** The Visitation Annual Summer Picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 22nd**. Entertainment will be provided by the **FULL KILT** Irish Band (free of charge).



From Pope Francis to the Pew:

In his **Sunday Angelus** message, Pope Francis reflected upon the Transfiguration of Jesus (Lk 9:28-36). Having climbed to the top of a mountain with Peter, James and John, Jesus immerses Himself in prayer and becomes radiant with light. In this way, He shows the disciples what is hidden behind the gestures He performs in their midst: the light of His infinite love. He also joined “with so many brothers and sisters who are sick: fragile, at this time, like me. Our bodies are weak but, even like this, nothing can prevent us from loving, praying, giving ourselves, being for each other, in faith, shining signs of hope. How much light shines, in this sense, in hospitals and places of care! How much loving care illuminates the rooms, the corridors, the clinics, the places where the humblest services are performed! That is why I would like to invite you, today, to join me in praising the Lord, who never abandons us and who, in times of sorrow, places people beside us who reflect a ray of His love. “ He thanked all for their prayers especially the children who visited him in the hospital on Sunday. He also asked that we continue to pray for peace, especially in the countries wounded by war: tormented Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. And finally, he asked that we pray for the Church, required to translate into concrete choices the discernment made in the recent Synodal Assembly thanking in particular the General Secretariat of the Synod, which over the coming three years will accompany the local Churches in this undertaking.

In Pope Francis’ prepared catechesis for his weekly **Wednesday Audience**, he began a set of reflections on certain personal encounters with Jesus that that enlighten life and bring hope. These encounters can be reflected in our own interactions that are instructive, healing, and even providing hope through strong silent presence. He begins with the encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus in John 3, because Nicodemus is a man who, with his history, shows that it is possible to emerge from darkness and find the courage to follow Christ. Nicodemus goes to Jesus symbolically at night most probably because he is a man who finds himself in the darkness of doubt, in that darkness that we experience when we no longer understand what is happening in our lives and do not see clearly the way forward. Nicodemus therefore seeks Jesus because he has sensed that He can illuminate the darkness of his heart.

The Gospel tells us that Nicodemus does not immediately understand what Jesus is saying to him. because he continues to think with his own logic and categories. He is a man with a well-defined personality; he has a public role, he is one of the leaders of the Jews. But probably something no longer adds up for him. Nicodemus senses that something no longer works in his life. He feels the need to change, but he does not know where to begin.

This happens to all of us in some phases of life. If we do not accept change, if we close ourselves up in inflexibility, in habits or our ways of thinking, we risk dying. Life resides in the capacity to change to find a new way to love. Indeed, Jesus speaks to Nicodemus of a new birth, which is not only possible, but even necessary at certain moments in our journey. To tell the truth, the expression used in the text is already ambivalent in itself, because anōthen (ἀνωθεν) can be translated as either “from above” or “again”. Slowly, Nicodemus will understand that these two meanings go together: if we allow the Holy Spirit

to generate new life in us, we will be born again. We will rediscover that life which was perhaps fading in us.

The Pope chose to begin with Nicodemus also because he is a man who, with his very life, shows that this change is possible. Nicodemus is able to do it: in the end he will be among those who go to Pilate to ask for the body of Jesus (cf. Jn 19:39)! Nicodemus has finally come to the light, he is reborn, and he no longer needs to stay in the night.

Changes sometimes frighten us. On the one hand they attract us, at other times we desire them, but for the most part, we would prefer to remain in comfort. Therefore, the Spirit encourages us to face these fears. Jesus reminds Nicodemus – who is a renowned teacher in Israel – that even the Israelites were afraid when they were walking in the desert. And they focused so much on their worries that at a certain point those fears took the form of venomous snakes (cf. Nm 21:4-9). In order to be freed, they had to look at the copper serpent that Moses had placed on a pole, that is, they had to look up and stand before the object that represented their fears. Only by looking into the face of that which frightens us can we begin to be set free.

Nicodemus, like all of us, can look at the Crucified One: the One who defeated death, the root of all our fears. Let us also lift our gaze to the One they pierced, let us also be met by Jesus. In Him we find the hope to face the changes in our lives and be born again.

***Can we find time this week to look upon the Crucified and Risen One Present in the Blessed Sacrament? Can we dedicate even 10 minutes on a Wednesday evening or Friday afternoon to gaze upon Him with whom we should be desiring to grow in intimate friendship during this Lenten Season. If we have not taken the time to grow in our intimate relationship with Jesus Christ this Lent, what is the reason? ARE WE AFRAID TO GROW IN INTIMACY WITH JESUS? WHAT PARTS OF OUR LIVES ARE WE UNWILLING TO SHOW HIM? Remember this: Jesus knows who you are and who you are becoming. Why shouldn't you take the time to invite Him to walk with you even more closely and make the most of your Lenten journey?*** Take this week as a moment of opportunity to become like Nicodemus and have a personal encounter with the Lord.

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

This week marks the beginning of the Annual *Catholic Ministries Drive* for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Your generous gift to the diocesan Church directly effects the work of spreading the gospel throughout our eight county region by supporting parish and family life, Campus ministries, the formation of seminarians, deacons, and priests, Catholic Charities, Communication Ministry (televised Sunday Mass and Proclaim) and many other diocesan sponsored ministries. Please consider even a small gift to support this work in our portion of the Lord’s vineyard. May God bless you for your kindness.