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

The Most Holy Body & Blood  
of Christ  
June 22nd, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY** - Weekday - Ordinary Time  
NO MASS

**TUESDAY** - Weekday - Ordinary Time  
NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY** - Weekday - Ordinary Time  
5:30 PM - Anna Marie Pfeil  
(Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Daly)  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass

**THURSDAY** - Weekday - Ordinary Time  
NO MASS

**FRIDAY** - Weekday - Ordinary Time  
NO MASS

**SATURDAY** - Vigil of the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles  
4:00 PM - Pro Populo  
5:30 PM - Sandra Morris  
(Req. by Helen Boyle)

**SUNDAY** - Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles  
9:00 AM - Swope and Maloney Families  
(Req. by Dick & Gaile Krumenacker)

SANCTUARY CANDLE  
Special Intention  
Req. by Fr. John

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

**IN LOVING MEMORY:** The Sanctuary Lamp is avail-  
able for your intentions by calling the  
parish office. Please attempt to request your inten-  
tions as early as possible. A \$10 donation is sug-  
gested.

**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 SATUR-  
DAY 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 Cath-  
olic candidates for Marriage must be registered,  
practicing members of a parish at least 6 months  
prior to scheduling the wedding. There are NO EX-  
CEPTIONS.**

**INFANT BAPTISM:** Baptisms are generally celebrat-  
ed 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.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Wednesday and  
Friday following Mass.

**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.

VISITATION PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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



\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$  
 Collection - June 15, 2025

Loose Money.....	\$462.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$3230.10
Holy Father.....	\$10.00
Father’s Day.....	\$170.00
Votive Candles.....	\$110.00
St. Peregrine.....	\$54.00
Apartment Rental - June.....	\$625.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$210.00

TOTAL:        \$4871.10

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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, John Bair, 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, Lori Nixon, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Jean Petroro, 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

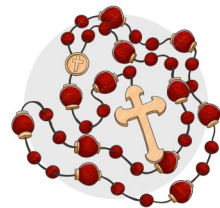
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Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of June 23rd to June 29th:



Nicholas Mical  
 Michael Letzo  
 Andrew Turner
 Nancy Conahan  
 Michael Slick  
 Louise Crum

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part of it



A NEW NOTE: 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 on Friday 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 PRACTICES HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOR THE BETTER! A VISITATION WITH OUR LORD PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS NEARLY A PERFECT FORM OF PRAYER AND CAN HELP YOU TO BELIEVE THAT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!!



JUBILEE NEWS - Next Sunday, June 29th, on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the diocese will celebrate its second MAJOR Jubilee Liturgy at St. Michael the Archangel Basilica in Loretto, PA at 7:00 PM A car pool is being arranged to attend this very important liturgy celebrated by Bishop Bartchak. If you wish to attend please contact Evelyn Haggerty at 814-243-2570. This is a very important event in the schedule of events marking the celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025 in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Please consider joining us for this evening of prayer on the only solemnity of the Church year that honors members of the communion of saints.

Basket Party Meeting - On Monday, June 23rd, there will be a basket party wrap up meeting in the school cafeteria at 6:00 PM. We will also be sending out thank you letters to the businesses that had donated in support of our party. Those who had helped are welcome to attend.

Ice Cream Crawl Update - To anyone who is interested in joining the 1st Annual Visitation Parish Ice Cream Crawl, there is a change in locations. On Saturday, June 21st, we will be going to the Westmont Dairy Queen at 7 PM and June 28th, we will be going to the Koolit Korner in Seward at 7 PM since they close early on the 21st.

PARKING - This note is second gentle request that when you park, especially in the lower part of the Church parking lot (behind the rectory), that you please back your car fully into the parking space so as to allow all of the parking spaces to be utilized. Mass, at the very longest takes 50 to 52 minutes. You cannot be in that great of a hurry to leave that you prevent others from having a parking place that is close to the church. Thank you for your future cooperation in this matter.

From Pontiff to Pew:

After the praying of the Sunday Angelus, and after having concluded the Eucharistic Jubilee for the Jubilee of Sport, Pope Leo XIV encouraged the athletes gathered always to participate in sports, including competitive sports, with a spirit of generosity, and to see them as “re-creation,” in the noblest sense, for by engaging in this wholesome pastime we in some sense resemble our Creator. He emphasized that sport is a means of building peace, since, as a training-ground of fairness and respect for others, it fosters a culture of encounter and fraternity; encouraging them always to keep this in mind, opposing all forms of violence and bullying. He noted that the world today is in need of this message. There is currently so much armed conflict. In Myanmar, fighting persists despite the ceasefire, causing damage also to civilian infrastructures. He invited all parties to engage in inclusive dialogue, the only path that can lead to a peaceful and enduring solution.

Pope Leo also informed the crowd that during the night between 13 and 14 June, a terrible massacre took place in the city of Yelwata, located in the local administrative area of Gouman, in the state of Benue, Nigeria. Around two hundred people were killed with extreme cruelty. The majority of those killed were internally displaced people who were being housed at a local Catholic mission. He prayed that security, justice and peace prevail in Nigeria, a beloved country that has suffered various forms of violence. He prayed in particular for the rural Christian communities in the state of Benue, who have unceasingly been victims of violence. He also reflected upon the Republic of Sudan, torn apart by violence for over two years now. With a heavy heart he prayed for Father Luke Jumu, parish priest of El Fasher, who was a victim of a recent bombing, all the victims, renewing his appeal to warring parties to stop the violence, protect civilians and engage in dialogue for peace. Pope Leo also urged the international community to intensify efforts to provide at least essential assistance to the people, who have been severely affected by this grave humanitarian crisis. He appealed to all to continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, in Ukraine and throughout the world.

In his Wednesday Audience, Pope Leo engaged in his continuing catechesis on the Jubilee theme of “Jesus Christ our Hope”, by considering Jesus’ miraculous cure of the paralytic at the pool of Bethesda. In it, Jesus went to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. Before going to the Temple, he stops at a door, where the sheep were probably washed before being offered as a sacrifice. Near this door there were also many sick people who were excluded from the Temple because they were considered unclean! These people hoped for a miracle that might change their fate; indeed, next to the door there was a pool, whose waters were considered thaumaturgical, that is, capable of healing: at certain moments the water would stir and, according to the belief of the time, whoever immersed themselves first would be healed. One can only imagine the sorry scene of these sick people who wearily dragged themselves to enter the pool. That pool was called Betzatà, which means “house of mercy”: it could be an image of the Church, where the sick and the poor gather and where the Lord comes to heal and give hope. Jesus specifically addresses a man who has been paralyzed for some thirty-eight years. He had never managed to immerse himself in the pool when the water stirred (Pope Leo noted that what paralyzes us, very often, is disappointment. We feel discouraged and risk fall

-ing into apathy). Jesus asks the paralytic a question “Do you want to be well?” While seemingly strange, it is a necessary question, because when one is stuck for so many years, even the will to heal may fade. Sometimes we prefer to remain in the condition of sickness, forcing others to take care of us. It is sometimes also an excuse for not deciding what to do with our lives. Jesus instead takes this man back to his truest and deepest desire.

The man replies in a very articulate way to Jesus’ question, revealing his true vision of life. He says first that he has no one to immerse him in the pool: so he is not to blame, but the others who do not take care of him. This attitude becomes the pretext for avoiding responsibility. But is it really true that he had no-one to help him? Here Pope Leo appeals to Saint Augustine’s enlightening answer: “Truly he had need of a ‘man’ to his healing, but that ‘man’ one who is also God. ... He came, then, the Man who was needed: why should the healing be delayed?”. The paralytic then adds that when he tries to immerse himself in the pool, there is always someone who arrives before him. This man is expressing a fatalistic view of life. We think that things happen to us because we are not fortunate, because destiny is against us. This man is discouraged. He feels defeated in the struggle of life. Instead, Jesus helps him to discover that his life is also in his hands. He invites him to get up, to raise himself up from his chronic situation, and to take his stretcher. That mat is not to be left or thrown away: it represents his past of sickness, his history. Until that moment, the past had blocked him; it had forced him to lie like a dead man. Now it is he who can take that mat and carry it wherever he wishes: he can decide what to make of his history! It is a matter of walking, taking responsibility for choosing what road to take. And this is all thanks to Jesus!

Pope Leo ended his reflection by inviting us to ask the Lord for the gift of understanding where our life is stuck. He encourages all to try to give voice to our desire to be healed. Finally, he urged all to pray for all those who feel paralyzed, who do not see a way out. Let us ask to return to dwell in the Heart of Christ, which is the true house of mercy!

Theology on Tap Young Adult Group (18-39) - Sr. Angela Marie SSCJ is joining us for Theology on Tap on June 25th at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm and will speak on vocations and discernment. On July 11th at 6pm we are hosting a young adult and young family outdoor Mass and picnic at Greenhouse Park pavilion six. All young adults (18-39) and young families with their children are invited to join us for faith and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoff-stumpo@gmail.com.

SAVE THE JUBILEE DATE:

October 17th: Pilgrimage – Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, D.C.

There are only a limited number of buses that will be going from the Johnstown area to the Shrine so please be certain to sign up at the end of next month!!!