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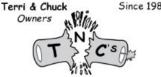
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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time *July 13th, 2025* 

#### MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin NO MASS

TUESDAY - Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY - Weekday - Ordinary Time** 5:30 PM-Rev. John Brezovec

(Req. by Family)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass

THURSDAY - Weekday - Ordinary Time

12:05 PM -Vicki Huston

(Reg. by husband Mike)

FRIDAY -**Weekday Ordinary Time** 

12:05 PM -Joanne Thomas

(Rea. by Stephanie Rovansek)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass

SATURDAY - Vigil of 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Deceased Members of the** 4:00 PM -**BMHS Class of 1970** 

(Reg. by Peggy Cavanaugh)

SUNDAY - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM -**Pro Populo** 

### **SANCTUARY CANDLE** Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Fr. John



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

# 1127 McKinley Avenue Johnstown, PA 15905

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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 intentions as early as possible. A \$10 donation is sugaested.

**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 lifegiving 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 EX-CEPTIONS.

**INFANT BAPTISM:** Baptisms are generally celebrated during one of the Sunday Liturgies. Prebaptismal 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 Faster 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.

### **\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$** Collection - July 6, 2025

Loose Money	\$197.00
Sunday Collection	\$3005.00
Ascension	\$3.00
Votive Candles	\$50.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$10.00
Learning Lamp Rent - July	\$3800.00
Parking Lot Rent	\$175.00
Donation - Parish Picnic	\$50.00

TOTAL: \$7290.00

**Stuver's Coupon Profit** \$297.00

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, 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 Rovan, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varmecky, Christi Vavrek, Carrie Young \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of July 14th to July 20th:



Fillippa Moore Joseph Podrebarac Renee Daly Andrew Bezek Joseph Furman

Barbara Rutledge Joseph Young John Dugan Douglas Crum Jessica Sabella

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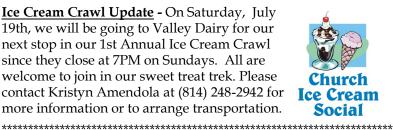
Friday, October 17, 2025 - Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Washington, DC.

NB: There are a limited number of buses that will fill up very quickly once sign-up sheets are released Please plan accordingly

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Ice Cream Crawl Update - On Saturday, July 19th, we will be going to Valley Dairy for our next stop in our 1st Annual Ice Cream Crawl since they close at 7PM on Sundays. All are welcome to join in our sweet treat trek. Please contact Kristyn Amendola at (814) 248-2942 for more information or to arrange transportation.



Basket Party Thank You - We do not have the words to express how grateful we are for everyone who gave their precious time to make our 1st Annual Walk Through Basket party a success. A big thank you to our sponsors and parishioners who donated baskets and items to make baskets such as gift cards, lottery tickets, spirits and more. We could not have done this without any of your help and support. We hope that next year's basket party will be just as big of a success like this year's.

- The Basket Party Committee

#### **Basket Party Income**

**Ticket Sales** \$4901.00 Second Collection \$510.00

**Total Income** \$5411.00

#### **Basket Party Expenses**

Tribune Democrat \$250.25 Conrad's \$155.76 Misc. \$157.74

\$563.75 **Total Expenses** 

**Final Profit** \$4847.25 \*

CONSIDER SOME EXTRA TIME WITH THE LORD THIS WEEK. 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!!**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!!!

### **From Pontiff to Pew:**

Once again, I felt that Pope Leo XIV's Sunday Angelus reflection upon last Sunday's Gospel was so meaningful, I am sharing it with you in its entirety.

Today's Gospel (Lk 10:1-12, 17-20) reminds us of the importance of the mission to which we are all called, each according to our own vocation and in the situations in which the Lord has placed us. Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples (v. 1). This symbolic number indicates that the hope of the Gospel is meant for all peoples, for such is the breadth of God's heart and the abundance of his harvest. Indeed, God continues to work in the world so that all his children may experience his love and be saved.

At the same time, Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (v. 2). On the one hand, God, like a sower, has generously gone out into the world, throughout history, and sowed in people's hearts a desire for the infinite, for a fulfilled life and for salvation that sets us free. The harvest, then, is plentiful. The Kingdom of God grows like a seed in the ground, and the women and men of today, even when seemingly overwhelmed by so many other things, still yearn for a greater truth; they search for a fuller meaning for their lives, desire justice, and carry within themselves a longing for eternal life. On the other hand, however, there are few laborers to go out into the field sown by the Lord; few who are able to distinguish, with the eyes of Jesus, the good grain that is ripe for harvesting (cf. Jn 4:35-38). The Lord wishes to do something great in our lives and in the history of humanity, yet there are few who perceive this, pause to receive the gift and then proclaim and share it with others.

Dear brothers and sisters, the Church and the world do not need people who fulfill their religious duties as if the faith were merely an external label. We need laborers who are eager to work in the mission field, loving disciples who bear witness to the Kingdom of God in all places. Perhaps there is no shortage of "intermittent Christians" who occasionally act upon some religious feeling or participate in sporadic events. But there are few who are ready, on a daily basis, to labor in God's harvest, cultivating the seed of the Gospel in their own hearts in order then to share it in their families, places of work or study, their social contexts and with those in need. To do this, we do not need too many theoretical ideas about pastoral plans. Instead, we need to pray to the Lord of the harvest. Priority must be given, then, to our relationship with the Lord and to cultivating our dialogue with him. In this way, he will make us his laborers and send us into the field of the world to bear witness to his Kingdom.

The Holy Father is currently "on vacation" as he begins a six-week vacation in his first break since his historic election May 8. Leo is resuming the papal tradition of escaping the Roman heat for the relatively cooler climes of Castel Gandolfo, the papal summer retreat on Lake Alban, south of Rome. Therefore, for the next 6 weeks there will be no Wednesday Audiences given by the Pope. However, do not think that the Pope will be resting on his laurels. He has taken quite a bit of homework with him including the nomination of several bishops/cardinals to posts in the Roman curia, continuing to resolve the financial issues that plaque the Vatican at this time, as well as resolving the issue regarding the permissions surrounding the Latin Mass.

# Pilgrimage to Washington, DC

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - October 17, 2025.

**Important Notice:** We are beginning to take reservations for the Buses traveling to Washington DC for the Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shine of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, July 15th at 10:00 AM. The cost of the Bus is \$50.00 per person and includes the tip for the bus driver. The bus will depart at EXACTLY 6:30 AM from the HOME DEPOT parking lot, Galleria Extension Drive in Johnstown.

#### ONLY 3 BUSES with 150 SEATS are available.

Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a seat (s) and make payment to Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, please call Catherine Bennett, Secretary at 814-536-6110, x1.

You are advised to CARPOOL to the HOME DE-POT because of limited parking.

More information and an itinerary for the day will be distributed closer to the event.

Please call as soon as possible because seats will fill up fast and these are the only buses reserved for the Johnstown area. 

#### Summer Basket and Burger Bash -

On Saturday, July 19th and Sunday, July 20th, St. Therese will be hosting a Summer Basket and Burger Bash in the St. Therese Church Social Hall at 531 Decker Avenue. The times on July 19th will be from 4 -8PM and on July 20th will be from



11 AM - 3 PM. There will be live entertainment by the Desperados on Saturday from 5 – 8 PM and a themed basket drawing on Sunday at 3 PM. There will be craft and bistro style burgers as well as pulled pork sandwiches, pizza, fresh cut fries, water, soda and beer available for purchase. Basket tickets will be sold at the door. All are welcome to attend!

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Picnic Bingo - Resurrection Parish will hold a Picnic Style Bingo on Sundays, July 27, 2025 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM in Resurrection Church Hall, 4th Ave. and Chestnut St. in Cambria City. 3 cards for \$.50, specials for \$1.00. Last game at 5:00 PM for the kitty. Gobs and more for sale. Call 814-539-2735 for more info.