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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 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.

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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 20th, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday - Ordinary Time

12:05 PM - Jack Bulisok
(Req. by Family)

TUESDAY - Saint Mary Magdelene

12:05 PM - Marie Harris
(Req. by Dick & Gaile Krumenacker)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday - Ordinary Time
NO MASS

THURSDAY - Weekday - Ordinary Time

12:05 PM - Barry Mills
(Req. by Mary Delusa)

FRIDAY - St. James, Apostle

12:05 PM - Charlene Tarnowsky
(Req. by father John Bair)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass

**SATURDAY - Saints Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM - Pro Populo

5:30 PM - Anna Marie Pfeil
(VPM) (Req. by Margie Blough)

SUNDAY - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM - William A. Karas
(Req. by Charlie Tourney)

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of Marie Harris

Req. by Dick & Gaile Krumenacker

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

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

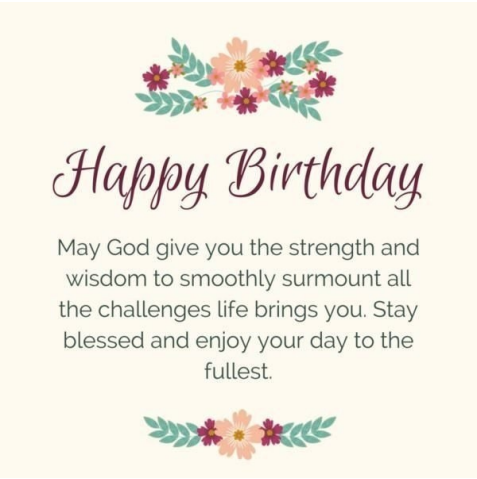
Loose Money.....	\$308.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2476.00
Votive Candles.....	\$39.00
St. Peregrine.....	\$39.00
Apartment Rental - July.....	\$625.00

TOTAL: \$3487.00

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 Rovon, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varnecky, Christi Vavrek, Carrie Young

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of July 21st to July 27th:



Ian Skovensky
 Katelyn Turner
 Stephen Katancik
 George Walters
 Jeff Figura
 Dianne Krise
 Barbara Vedock

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

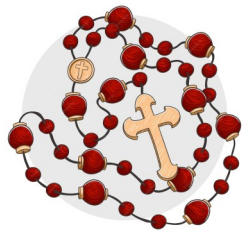
JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE - Our next Parish pilgrimage is scheduled for Sunday, July 27th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Altoona. Mass is scheduled at 11:00 AM. The departure time for those wishing to car pool is at 9:40 AM. Please meet in the rectory parking lot. Lunch will be at Marzoni's Restaurant in Altoona.

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 Cleveland Browns at 1:00 PM on Sunday October 12th, 2025 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 3rd. Those who have either the number below or the number above the winning number will receive \$100 each. Tickets can be purchased in the vestibule of the Church, beginning this 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 important fundraiser.

Young Adult Group (18-39): Our 2nd annual Mass and Picnic at Greenhouse Park was a success with 20+ in attendance including children and 3 Catholic Priests from the Roman and Byzantine Rites. Theology on Tap is a week early in July with Fr. Basil Cole OP from Washington DC joining us on July 23rd at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm. 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 geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

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:

The following is Pope Leo's Angelus Message in it entirety from Sunday, July 13th:

Happy Sunday! Today's Gospel begins with a great question posed to Jesus: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Lk 10:25). Those words express a constant desire in our life: our yearning for salvation, for an existence free from failure, evil and death.

This hope of the human heart is described as something to be "inherited", not something to be gained by force, begged for, or negotiated. Eternal life, which God alone can give, is bestowed on us as an inheritance, as parents do with their children.

That is why Jesus tells us that, in order to receive God's gift, we must do his will. It is written in the Law: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart," and "your neighbor as yourself" (Lk 10:27; cfr Deut 6:5; Lev 19:18). When we do these two things, we respond to the Father's love. God's will is the law of life that the Father himself was the first to follow, by loving us unconditionally in his Son, Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, let us look to Jesus! He shows us the meaning of authentic love for God and for others. It is a love that is generous, not possessive; a love that forgives without question; a love that reaches out and never abandons others. In Christ, God made himself a neighbor to each and every man and woman. That is why each of us can and should become a neighbor to all whom we meet. Imitating the example of Jesus, the Savior of the world, we too are called to bring consolation and hope, above all to those who are experiencing discouragement and disappointment.

In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together. That is the supreme law that is prior to all society's rules and gives them their meaning.

Let us ask the Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, to help us to open our hearts to God's will, which is always a will of saving love.

On Thursday of this past week, the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV greeted the participants of the Orthodox-Catholic Ecumenical Pilgrimage from the United States of America. One of his reflection points had to do with unity and was very well-spoken. I am providing you with that part of the statement below: Your pilgrimage is one of the abundant fruits of the ecumenical movement aimed at restoring full unity among all Christ's disciples in accordance with the Lord's prayer at the Last Supper, when Jesus said, "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). At times, we take for granted these signs of sharing and fellowship that, albeit not yet signifying full unity, already manifest the theological progress and the dialogue of charity that have marked recent decades. On December 7th, 1965, on the eve of the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, my predecessor Saint Paul VI and the Patriarch, Athenagoras signed a Joint Declaration removing from memory and the midst of the Church the sentences of excommunication that followed the events of the year 1054. Before then, a pilgrimage like your own would probably not even have been possible. The work of the Holy Spirit created in hearts the readiness to take those steps as a prophetic presage of full and visible unity. For our part, we too must continue to implore from the Paraclete, the Consoler, the grace to pursue the path of unity and fraternal charity.

SECOND WEEK – BUSES ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY

Pilgrimage to Washington, DC

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

Important Notice: We are taking reservations for the Buses traveling to Washington DC for the Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shine of the Immaculate Conception. 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. Payment is due no later than September 15th, 2025.

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., Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

You are advised to CARPOOL to the HOME DEPOT 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.

Greenery Collection: Thank you to all who generously contributed to the one time collection for new greenery for the interior of our Church. Because of your thoughtfulness, we have been able to collect \$875.00 to date. You have no idea how much this will enhance our Church environment. If you have forgotten your envelope or still wish to contribute, you may do so; simply identify that your contribution is for "greenery" and place it in the regular collection. Again, thanks to all for your generosity.

Ice Cream Crawl Update - On Sunday, July 27th, we will be going to Shaffer's for our next stop in our 1st Annual Ice Cream Crawl. 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.

Picnic Bingo - Resurrection Parish will hold a Picnic Style Bingo on Sunday, July 27th, 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.