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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Iuly 27th, 2025*

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday - Ordinary Time

12:05 PM - Joseph Latch III

(Reg. by Jeno Lecci)

TUESDAY - Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

12:05 PM -Dr. Larry Rutledge

(Rea. by wife Barbara)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday - Ordinary Time

5:30 PM -**Vickie Schmidt** (Reg. by Helen Boyle)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass

THURSDAY - Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

12:05 PM -John Slovikovski, Sr.

(Reg. by Ray & Sue Lombardi)

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:05 PM - James Rovan

(Reg. by Rick & Jeanne Skovensky)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass

SATURDAY - Vigil of 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM -**Pro Populo**

SUNDAY -18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 AM -**Krumenacker and Oravec Families**

(Reg. by Dick & Gaile Krumenacker)

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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 20, 2025

Loose Money	\$361.00
Sunday Collection	
Greenery Collection	\$285.00

TOTAL: \$3726.00

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

<u>Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of July 28th to August 3rd:</u>



Mary Ellen Carney
Kaitlin Mical
Barbara Carrier
Francis Beaujon
Deborah McCaffrey
Craig Foust Christine

ey James Mical, Jr.
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Sharon Lovette
rey Linda Orlosky
Christine Cumberledge-Katancik
Sandy Marano

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

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 lo-

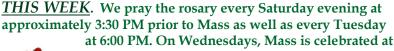


cated on the 40-yard line, ten rows up from the field. Package includes transportation to the game by way of the Steeler bus, and \$200 of mad money. The winners are determined by the PA Lottery 7:00 PM drawing of the Pick 3 on October 3rd. Those who have either the number below or the number above the 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): On August 8th there is a Rosary and Bonfire at Greenhouse Park at 6pm, and August 9th at 9am is our 2nd annual Hike at Laurel Highlands Trail Route 56 Trailhead. 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.

2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration Information - Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 21 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 28 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 12th.

<u>CONSIDER SOME EXTRA TIME WITH THE LORD</u> <u>THIS WEEK</u>. We pray the rosary every Saturday evening 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 liturgy invites us to reflect on the hospitality shown by Abraham and his wife Sarah, and later by the sisters Martha and Mary, who were friends of Jesus (cf. Gen 18:1-10; Lk 10:38-42). Every time we are invited to the Lord's Supper and share in the Eucharistic meal, it is God himself who "comes to serve us" (cf. Lk 12:37). Yet God first knew what it was to be a guest, and today as well, he stands at our door and knocks (cf. Rev 3:20). In Italian, the same word can mean both "guest" and "host." On this summer Sunday, let us reflect on this interplay of giving and receiving hospitality, for without it our lives are impoverished.

Humility is needed to offer hospitality, but also to receive it. It also takes courtesy, attentiveness and openness. In the Gospel, Martha risks missing out on some of the joy of this exchange. She is so caught up in preparing to welcome Jesus that she nearly spoils a unique moment of encounter. Martha is a generous person, but our Lord calls her to something more than generosity alone. He calls her to leave her preparations behind and to come and spend time with him.

Dear brothers and sisters, our lives can only flourish if we learn to be open to something greater than ourselves, something that brings us happiness and fulfillment. Martha complains that her sister has left her alone to serve (cf. v. 40), but Mary is completely caught up in Jesus' words. She is no less practical than her sister, nor less generous, but she recognized what was most important. That is why Jesus chides Martha. She was missing an opportunity to share in a moment that would have brought her great joy (cf. vv. 41-42).

The summer season can help us learn how to slow down and become more like Mary than Martha. Sometimes we too fail to choose the better part. We need to take time to rest and try to learn better the art of hospitality. The holiday industry wants to sell us all sorts of "experiences," but perhaps not the ones we are really looking for. Every genuine encounter is free; it cannot be bought, whether it is an encounter with God, with others or with nature. We need only learn the art of hospitality, which includes both welcoming others and allowing ourselves to be welcomed. We have much to receive, not only to give. Abraham and Sarah, despite their advanced years, found themselves being parents after they welcomed the Lord himself in the three visitors. We too have so much life ahead of us, remaining to be welcomed and embraced.

Let us pray to Mary Most Holy, our Mother, who welcomed our Lord, bore him in her womb, and together with Joseph gave him a home. In her, we see the beauty of our own vocation, the vocation of the Church, to be a home open to all and in this way to welcome her Lord, who knocks at our door and asks our permission to enter.

THIRD 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

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You are advised to <u>CARPOOL</u> 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.

Ice Cream Crawl Update - On Sunday, August 3rd, we will be going to the Roxbury Creamery 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.

Fatima Devotions - The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Wednesday August 13th, 2025, at 6:30pm at the Sunken Gardens (In case of inclement weather they will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University). The presider will be Fr. David Dodd, T.O.R. Bring a Friend!