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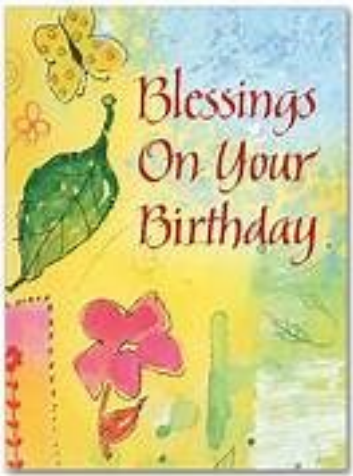
Loose Money.....	\$419.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2648.00
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TOTAL: \$3568.00

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

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of October 6th to October 12th:



Richard Skovensky	Shirley Machowski
Carter Smitley	Kathleen Vuckovich
Kylee Arms	Shirley Slovikovski
Katheleen Mikesic	

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

A REMINDER TO ALL GOING ON THE JUBILEE PILGRIM-AGE TRIP THAT PAYMENT IS DUE ASAP! Please call the rectory with any questions. Our secretary, Catherine, will be calling those who are attending on Monday, October 13th, to remind all what time to be at the Home Depot in Johnstown and information regarding dinner on the way home.

I HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY PLEASED TO SEE THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN THE WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS AND ADORATION INCREASE NOTABLY!

And so I continue to implore you to ***SERIOUSLY*** CONSIDER SOME EXTRA TIME WITH THE LORD THIS WEEK. We always pray the rosary 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!!!**



TURKEY RAFFLE 2025 - Our annual Turkey Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, November 15th, 2025 at the Visitation school gymnasium. Once again, we are calling upon your generosity for various items that are required to make our event a success:

1. Readymade baskets or items that can be arranged into baskets
2. Door prizes,
3. Lottery tickets,
4. Gift cards for the Neighborhood Gift collage, and
5. Spirits for our Basket of Cheer (State store gift cards are also welcome).

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Additional details will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

A GENTLE REMINDER that all cell phones should be silenced before Mass begins. Thank You.



NEW PLANTS: You will note that our sanctuary and vestibule are filled with many new plants. These were purchased with about one half of the money that was collected in the “one time” greenery fund. The remainder of the money will be slotted for future purchases of plants and to help with the cost of seasonal flowers.

From Pontiff to Pew:

Pope Leo XIV’s **Wednesday Audience** continued the Cycle of Catechesis - Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. III. The Passover of Jesus. Focusing particularly on The Resurrection. “Peace be with you!” (Jn 20:21). It is provided in its entirety below:

The centre of our faith and the heart of our hope are firmly rooted in the resurrection of Christ. When we read the Gospels carefully, we realize that this mystery is surprising not only because a man – the Son of God – rose from the dead, but also because of the way he decided to do so. Indeed, Jesus’ resurrection is not a bombastic triumph, nor is it revenge or retaliation against his enemies. It is a wonderful testimony to how love is capable of rising again after a great defeat in order to continue its unstoppable journey.

When we get up again after a trauma caused by others, often the first reaction is anger, the desire to make someone pay for what we have suffered. The Risen One does not react in this way. When he emerges from the underworld of death, Jesus does not take revenge. He does not return with gestures of power, but rather with meekness he manifests the joy of a love greater than any wound and stronger than any betrayal.

The Risen One does not feel any need to reiterate or affirm his own superiority. He appears to his friends – the disciples – and he does so with extreme discretion, without forcing the pace of their capacity for acceptance. His only desire is to return to communion with them, helping them to overcome the sense of guilt. We see this very well in the Upper Room, where the Lord appears to his friends who are enclosed in fear. It is a moment that expresses extraordinary power: Jesus, after descending into the abysses of death to liberate those who were imprisoned there, enters the closed room of those who are paralyzed by fear, bringing them a gift that no-one would have dared to hope for: peace.

His greeting is simple, almost ordinary: “Peace be with you!” (Jn 20:19). But it is accompanied by a gesture so beautiful that it is almost disconcerting: Jesus shows the disciples his hands and his side, with the marks of the passion. Why show his wounds to those who, in those dramatic hours, had denied and abandoned him? Why not hide those signs of pain and avoid reopening the wound of shame?

Yet, the Gospel says that, seeing the Lord, the disciples rejoiced (cf. Jn 20:20). The reason is profound: Jesus is now fully reconciled with everything he has suffered. There is not a shadow of resentment. The wounds serve not to reproach, but to confirm a love stronger than any infidelity. They are the proof that, even in the moment of our failure, God did not retreat. He did not give up on us.

In this way, the Lord shows himself to be naked and defenseless. He does not demand, he does not hold us to ransom. His is a love that does not humiliate; it is the peace of one who has suffered for love and can now finally affirm that it was worthwhile.

Instead, we often mask our wounds out of pride, or for fear of appearing weak. We say, “it doesn’t matter”, “it is all in the past”, but we are not truly at peace with the betrayals that have wounded us. At times we prefer to hide our effort to forgive so as not to appear vulnerable and to risk suffering again. Jesus does not. He offers his wounds as a guarantee of forgiveness. And he shows that the Resurrection is not the erasure of the past, but its transfiguration into a hope of mercy.

Then, the Lord repeats: “Peace be with you!”. And he adds, “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you” (v. 21). With these

words, he entrusts the apostles with a task that is not so much a power as a responsibility: to be instruments of reconciliation in the world. As if he said: “Who will be able to proclaim the merciful face of the Father, if not you, who have experienced failure and forgiveness?”. Jesus breathes on them and gives them the Holy Spirit (v. 22). It is the same Spirit who sustained him in obedience to the Father and in love even to the cross. From that moment, the apostles will no longer be able to remain silent about what they have seen and heard: that God forgives, lifts up, and restores trust.

This is the heart of the mission of the Church: not to administer power over others, but to communicate the joy of those who are loved precisely when they did not deserve it. It is the strength that gave rise to the Christian communities and made them grow: men and women who discovered the beauty of returning to life to be able to give it to others.

Dear brothers and sisters, we too are sent. The Lord shows us his wounds and says: Peace be with you. Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us, too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.

Grief Heals with Kindness Presentation - St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown will be presenting a Community-Wide Grief Presentation “Grief Heals with Kindness”. This one-day event will be held at 3 P.M. on Sunday, October 26, 2025. Come and discover the stages of grief and the corresponding forms of caregiving for each stage. This workshop will emphasize on the importance of expressing one’s feelings and needs to others, as well as encouraging them to make decisions about activities in which to participate, who to be with and how to regain a sense of control. Adults in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are welcome to attend. Tickets are not required. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at dcmlr@icloud.com.

Walk Through Basket Party - Resurrection Parish Ladies’ Auxiliary is having a Walk-Through Basket Party Saturday, October 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Resurrection Church Hall located at 324 Chestnut Street in Cambria City. No admission fee. \$5 for 25 chances. Baked goods available for purchase. Basket drawing is on Sunday, October 19 at 2:00 p.m. Winners do not need to be present to win.

DONATIONS REQUESTED: The Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries, “*Growing Years*” is requesting donations to use in their new **Highscope Sensory Box** to be incorporated in their lesson plans. Items include: ace bandages, clothes pins, cans (e.g., coffee, etc.), bells, assorted boxes (e.g. shoe-boxes, jewelry boxes, etc.) muffin tins, 1-4 inch blocks, tubes (e.g. paper towel, toilet paper, plastic, etc.) plastic or cardboard containers with lids, scarves, handkerchiefs, and other similar sized pieces of material. All donations are greatly appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at the Growing Years located at 865 Susquehanna Street, Johnstown, PA 15905.

