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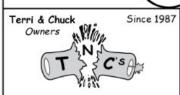
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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time *October 12th, 2025* 

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY** - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM - Betty Petro

(Rea. by Teresa Flynn)

**TUESDAY** - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM -NO MASS

WEDNESDAY - St. Teress of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

5:30 PM -Jack Bulisok

(Rea. by Cathy Fuska)

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM -John Slovikovski Sr.

(Reg. by Mary Ann & Amy Wissinger)

FRIDAY -St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr **NO MASS - JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE** 

SATURDAY - St. Luke, Evangelist

**Pro Populo** 4:00 PM -

5:30 PM -**Loretta Mevers** 

(VPM) (Req. by Family & Friends)

**SUNDAY -**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 AM -**Swope and Maloney Families** 

(Rea. 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 - October 5, 2025

Loose Money	\$195.00
Sunday Collection	\$3442.00
World Mission	\$10.00
Retired Priests Medical	\$35.00
Votive Candles	\$82.00
St. Peregrine	\$29.00
Learning Lamp Rent - Oct	\$3800.00
Parking Lot Rent	\$105.00

TOTAL: \$7698.00

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, Carrie Young

<u>Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of October 13th to October 19th:</u>



Jane Stanko

Merikay Moore Scarlett Bolinger Tara Kralik Anita Albert Evelyn Haggerty Rosemarie Sigg

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.

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I CONTINUE TO BE EXTREMELY PLEASED TO SEE THE NUMBER OF INDIVDUALS PARTICIPATING IN THE WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS AND ADORATION IN-

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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

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- 1. Readymade baskets or new 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Our requests for Sunday Masses have been growing to the point that we have been unable to satisfy all of them. As a result, the following change in policy will become effective as of the Weekend of November 29/30 (the First Sunday of Advent). Individuals may only request three (3) Sunday Masses per year, whatever the intention—with NO exceptions. Also, I would kindly ask that if you are able to schedule a Mass on a weekday that you are able to attend, please consider doing so in consideration of those who cannot attend weekday Mass. It actually is a privilege to attend Mass during the week in addition to Sunday. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

#### From Pontiff to Pew:

In this weeks **Angelus Message**, Pope Leo XIV did not reflect upon the Sunday readings; however, his message was very pressing. The majority of the message is found below. I express my concern about the rise of antisemitic hatred in the world, as unfortunately we saw with the terrorist attack in Manchester a few days ago. I continue to be saddened by the immense suffering of the Palestinian people in Gaza. In recent hours, in the dramatic situation in the Middle East, some significant steps forward have been taken in peace negotiations, which I hope will achieve the desired results as soon as possible. I ask all those in positions of responsibility to commit themselves to this path, to bring about a ceasefire and to release the hostages. At the same time, I urge everyone to remain united in prayer, so that the ongoing efforts may put an end to the war and lead us towards a just and lasting peace.

Let us join ourselves spiritually with those gathered at the Shrine in Pompeii for the Supplication to the Virgin of the Holy Rosary. In this month of October, as we contemplate with Mary the mysteries of Christ our Savior, let us deepen our prayer for peace: a prayer that becomes concrete solidarity with those people tormented by war. Thank you to the many children around the world who have committed themselves to praying the Rosary for this intention. You have our heartfelt thanks! This week, during his **Wednesday Audience**, Pope Leo continued his reflections in the Resurrection of Christ. They are found

ued his reflections in the Resurrection of Christ. They are found below in their entirety:

Today I would like to invite you to reflect on a surprising aspect

of Christ's Resurrection: his humility. If we think back to the Gospel accounts, we realize that the risen Lord does nothing spectacular to impose himself on the faith of his disciples. He does not appear surrounded by hosts of angels, he does not perform spectacular feats, he does not deliver solemn speeches to reveal the secrets of the universe. On the contrary, he approaches discreetly, like any other wayfarer, like a hungry man asking to share some bread (cf. Lk 24:15, 41). Mary Magdalene mistakes him for a gardener (cf. Jn 20:15). The disciples of Emmaus believe him to be a stranger (cf. Lk 24:18). Peter and the other fishermen think he is just a passer-by (cf. Jn 21:4). We would have expected special effects, signs of power, overwhelming evidence. But the Lord does not seek this: he prefers the language of proximity, of normality, of sharing a meal Brothers and sisters, there is a valuable message in this: the Resurrection is not a theatrical coup; it is a silent transformation that fills every human gesture with meaning. The risen Jesus eats a piece of fish in front of his disciples: this is not a marginal detail, it is confirmation that our body, our history, our relationships are not a shell to be thrown away. They are destined for the fullness of life. Resurrection does not mean becoming evanescent spirits, but entering into a deeper communion with God and with our brothers and sisters, in a humanity transfigured by love. In the Pasch of Christ, everything can become grace. Even the most ordinary things: eating, working, waiting, taking care of the house, supporting a friend. The Resurrection does not remove life from time and effort, but changes its meaning and "flavor". Every gesture performed in gratitude and communion anticipates the Kingdom of God. However, there is an obstacle that often prevents us from recognizing Christ's presence in our daily lives: the assumption that joy must be free from suffering. The disciples of Emmaus walk sadly because they hoped for a

different ending, for a Messiah who did not know the cross. Although they have heard that the tomb is empty, they cannot smile. But Jesus walks alongside them and patiently helps them understand that pain is not the denial of the promise, but the way through which God has manifested the measure of his love (cf. Lk 24:13-27). When they are finally seated at the table with him and break bread, their eyes are opened. They realize that their hearts were already burning, even though they did not know it (cf. Lk 24:28-32). This is the greatest surprise: to discover that beneath the ashes of disenchantment and weariness there is always a living ember, waiting only to be rekindled.

Brothers and sisters, Christ's resurrection teaches us that no history is so marked by disappointment or sin that it cannot be visited by hope. No fall is definitive, no night is eternal, no wound is destined to remain open forever. However distant, lost or unworthy we may feel, there is no distance that can extinguish the unfailing power of God's love. Sometimes we think that the Lord comes to visit us only in moments of contemplation or spiritual fervor, when we feel worthy, when our lives appear orderly and bright. Instead, the Risen One is close to us precisely in the darkest places: in our failures, in our frayed relationships, in the daily struggles that weigh on our shoulders, in the doubts that discourage us. Nothing that we are, no fragment of our existence, is foreign to him.

Today, the risen Lord walks alongside each of us, as we travel our paths – those of work and commitment, but also those of suffering and loneliness – and with infinite delicacy asks us to let him warm our hearts. He does not impose himself loudly; he does not demand to be recognized immediately. He waits patiently for the moment when our eyes will open to see his friendly face, capable of transforming disappointment into hopeful expectation, sadness into gratitude, resignation into hope.

The Risen One desires only to manifest his presence, to become our companion on the road and to kindle in us the certainty that his life is stronger than any death. Let us then ask for the grace to recognize his humble and discreet presence, not to expect a life without trials, to discover that every pain, if inhabited by love, can become a place of communion. And so, like the disciples of Emmaus, we too return to our homes with hearts burning with joy. A simple joy that does not erase wounds, but illuminates them. A joy that comes from the certainty that the Lord is alive, walks with us, and gives us the possibility to start again at every moment.

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.

We are in desperate need of additional Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. These are essential ministries needed for our Church to function Sunday after Sunday. I ask parishioners to please prayerfully to consider being more active in the life of our Church community.