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Rectory Office Hours: Monday through
Friday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

IN LOVING MEMORY: The Sanctuary Lamp is avail-
able for your intentions by calling the
parish office. Please attempt to request your inten-
tions as early as possible. A \$10 donation is sug-
gested.

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 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 Cath-
olic 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 celebrat-
ed 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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26th, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
NO MASS - CLERGY CONFERENCE

TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
NO MASS - CLERGY CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
NO MASS - CLERGY CONFERENCE

THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
NO MASS

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
NO MASS

SATURDAY - Solemnity of All Saints
4:00 PM - Velma Harteis
(Req. by Children)

SUNDAY - Commemoration of All the Faithful De-
parted
9:00 AM - Pro Populo

2:00 PM - All the Deceased Members of Visitation
Parish

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of Sander Yuhas, passing 18 years
ago
Req. by Alexis Kozak

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

\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$
 Collection - October 19, 2025

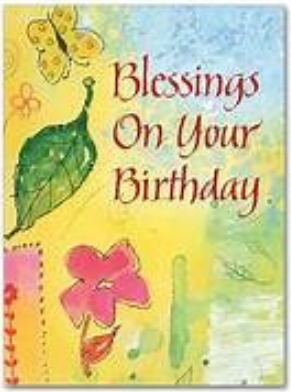
Loose Money.....	\$320.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2873.00
World Mission.....	\$28.00
Votive Candles.....	\$101.00
St. Peregrine.....	\$42.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$105.00

TOTAL: \$3469.00

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 27th to November 2nd:



Barbara Kinley	Myla Minner
Rose Barger	Duane Billotte
John Orlosky	Dolores Valinsky
Donald Hornick	Meghan Bolinger
Daniel Kozak	

I CONTINUE TO BE EXTREMELY PLEASED TO SEE THE INCREASED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN THE WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS AND ADORATION REMAINING STEADY. 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!!!**



THE TURKEYS ARE RESTLESS AND THE PEN IS GETTING FULL: IT’S TIME TO TALK 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 **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. There will the FOURTH and FINAL scheduled SECOND COLLECTION of the calendar year on the weekend of November 8th/9th to help defray some of the cost that are associated with the Turkey Raffle. This will provide an opportunity for those who cannot help physically to participate in this fundraiser. **As always, we are also need volunteers to work the Turkey Raffle** (kitchen workers, raffle ticket sales, runners for prizes and turkey drawings). Sign-up sheets can be found in the main vestibule of the Church. Please know that families who benefit from the parish’s financial assistance for Catholic Education are encouraged to come forward in good faith. Also, know that we are in need of young persons as volunteers, especially for “running the turkeys.” Know that your assistance is GREATLY appreciated. **We need everyone’s help in every regard to make this NECESSARY fundraiser a success.**

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR POOR BOX located in the main vestibule of the Church. Three families who struggle have benefited from your generosity. We appreciate your charitable giving. From your excess, many have benefitted. THANK YOU!!!

From Pontiff to Pew:

This week, during his **Wednesday Audience**, Pope Leo continued his reflections in the Resurrection of Christ. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is an event that one never finishes contemplating and meditating on, and the more one explores it, the more one is filled with wonder, drawn in as if by an overwhelming yet fascinating light. It was an explosion of life and joy that changed the meaning of reality itself, from negative to positive; yet it did not happen in a striking way, much less a violent one, but gently, hidden, one might say humbly. Today we will reflect on how Christ’s resurrection can heal one of the malaises of our time: sadness. Intrusive and widespread, sadness accompanies the days of many people. It is a feeling of precariousness, at times profound desperation, which invades one’s inner space and seems to prevail over any impetus to joy. Sadness robs life of meaning and vigour, turning it into a directionless and meaning-less journey. This very current experience reminds us of the famous account in the Gospel of Luke (24: 13-29) of the two disciples of Emmaus. Disappointed and discouraged, they leave Jerusalem, leaving behind the hopes they held in Jesus, who has been crucified and entombed. In the opening lines, this episode presents a paradigm of human sadness: the end of the objective to which so much energy has been invested, the destruction of what seemed to be the essence of their lives. Their hope is dashed; desolation has taken hold of their hearts. Everything has imploded in a very short space of time, between Friday and Saturday, in a dramatic sequence of events. The paradox is truly emblematic: this sad journey of defeat and return to ordinary life occurs on the same day as the victory of light, of the Pasch that has been fully consummated. The two men turn their backs on Golgotha, on the terrible scene of the cross, still imprinted on their eyes and their hearts. It seems that all is lost. They must return to their former lives, keeping a low profile and hoping not to be recognized. At a certain point, a traveller joins the two disciples, perhaps one of the many pilgrims who have been to Jerusalem for Easter. It is the risen Jesus, but they do not recognize him. Sadness clouds their gaze, erasing the promise that the Master had made several times: that he would be killed and that on the third day he would rise again. The stranger approaches and shows interest in what they are saying. The text says that the two “stood still, looking sad” (Lk 24:17). The Greek adjective used describes an all-encompassing sadness: the paralysis of the soul is apparent on their faces. Jesus listens to them, allowing them to unburden their disappointment. Then, with great frankness, he rebukes them for being “foolish ... and slow of heart to believe that all the prophets have declared!” (v. 25), and through the Scriptures he shows that Christ had to suffer, die and rise again. The warmth of hope is rekindled in the hearts of the two disciples, and then, when night falls and they arrive at their destination, they invite their mysterious travelling companion to stay with them. Jesus accepts, and takes his seat at the table with them. Then he takes the bread, breaks it and offers it. At that moment, the two disciples recognize him... but he immediately disappears from their view (vv. 30-31). The gesture of the breaking of the bread reopens the eyes of the heart, illuminating once again the vision clouded by despair. And then everything becomes clear: the shared journey, the tender and powerful word, the light of truth... Immediately, joy is rekindled, energy flows back into their weary limbs, and gratitude returns to their memory. And the two hurry back to Jerusalem to tell the others everything. “The Lord has risen indeed” (cf. v. 34). In this adverb, indeed, the certain

outcome of our history as human beings is fulfilled. It is no coincidence that this is the greeting Christians exchange on Easter Day. Jesus did not rise in words, but in deeds, with his body bearing the marks of his passion, a perennial seal of his love for us. The victory of life is not an empty word, but a real, tangible fact. May the unexpected joy of the disciples of Emmaus be a gentle reminder to us when the going gets tough. It is the Risen One who radically changes our perspective, instilling the hope that fills the void of sadness. On the paths of the heart, the Risen One walks with us and for us. He bears witness to the defeat of death and affirms the victory of life, despite the darkness of Calvary. History still has much goodness to hope for. To recognize the Resurrection means to change one’s outlook on the world: to return to the light to recognize the Truth that has saved us, and that saves us. Sisters and brothers, let us remain watchful every day in the wonder of the Pasch of the risen Jesus. He alone makes the impossible possible!

ANNUAL FALL CLERGY CONFERENCE: This week from Monday, October 27 through Wednesday, October 29, all of the clergy of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will gather for the Annual Clergy Conference at the Antiochian Village, in Bolivar, PA (just outside of Ligonier). This is the most important event of the year that is sponsored by my office (the Office of Ongoing Formation of the Clergy and Clergy Services). We will be gathering to discuss the state of vocations within the diocese and have an outside organization (Vianney Vocations) coming to address the clergy on their role in fostering vocations to the priesthood. I ask that you pray this week that the gathering is a success. We are in desperate need of vocations seeing that we currently have only one seminarian and his formation period will be eight years in length. As I have always maintained, there are abundant vocations within the diocese, we need only do a better job in terms of harvesting them. Please pray also for our individual priests and for our bishop. All of us having been working at greater than peak efficiency in terms of ministry, and some have multiple assignments (such as I) and some I know by virtue of my position, and by speaking with them, are experiencing stress in the midst of fulfilment (which sounds paradoxical but is nonetheless accurate). I am confident of your love for us all and thus I am confident of your prayers which brings me great hope and joy. As always, I will keep you updated on our progress. Thank you.

Turkey Raffle Meeting - There will a Turkey Raffle Committee meeting held on Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria.

ALL SOUL’S DAY MASS: Please join us for the All Soul’s Day Mass on Sunday, November 2nd, at 2:00 PM to honor and commemorate those who have died this past calendar year (November 2024—October 2025). Those who have lost a loved one during that time will be invited to light a candle in their memory. This is a wonderful community experience for the entire parish. Please know that **THIS MASS FULFILLS THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION!**