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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5th, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM - James Rovani
(Req. by Ezio Di Francisco & Jean Fraser)
Rescheduled from 6-29-26

TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM - Msgr. Peter Tay
(Req. by Jeni Lecci)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM - Anna Marie Pfeil
(Req. by Mary Ann & Amy Wissinger)
Rescheduled from 7-1-26

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM - Monica Wheeler
(Req. by John & Julie Fontana)

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM - Michael & Ethel Fuska
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)
Rescheduled from 6-30-26

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY - Vigil of 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mary Magro
(Req. by Jim & Kim Friebe)

5:30 PM - Shirley Machowski
(Req. by Kathy Stypula)

SUNDAY - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM - Pro Populo

SANCTUARY CANDLE
For the Spiritual & Temporal Welfare
of Fr. John

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. **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.

VISITATION PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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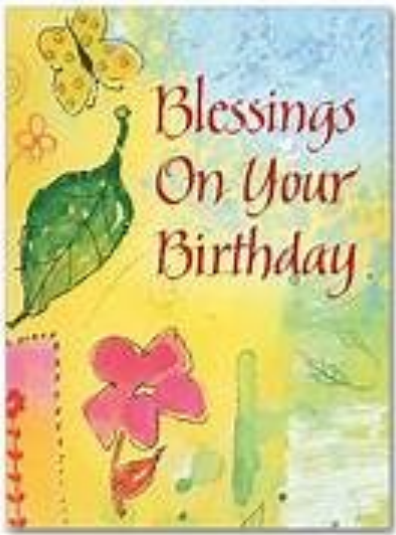
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Let us continue to pray for the members of our parish community who serve in the military, as well as for the sick, elderly and homebound members of our parish especially:

Anonymous Petitioners, Pat Balagusz, John Bair, Ralph Blair, David Clark, Ronald Cleaver, Dolores Danner, 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, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Jean Petrero, 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 July 6th to July 12th:



Donna Straczek Todd Bridges
 Ronald Fox

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part

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. 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!!!



Saint John Gualbert Cathedral - Saint Anne Triduum: July 24-26: Join us as we gather in prayer and celebration to honor Saint Anne, the beloved mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, July 24 - Vespers – 6:00 PM

Friday, July 25 -Holy Mass – 6:00 PM

Saturday, July 26 – Holy Mass followed by a Eucharistic Procession – 5:00 PM (Deacon John Fontana)

We are honored to welcome our newly ordained permanent deacons, Deacon Wally Zapotoczny, Deacon Matt Marafino and Deacon John Fontana as guest homilists throughout the Triduum. During the Eucharistic Procession, we will also unveil and carry a new statue of Saint Anne, created through innovative AI-assisted design and brought to life through 3D-printing technology. All are warmly invited to participate in these special days of prayer, worship, and fellowship as we seek the intercession of Saint Anne for our families, parish, and community.

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Monday July 13th at 6:30pm in the Gardens at Mount Assisi (in case of inclement weather it will be at Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University). Fr. Malachi Van Tassell will be the homilist and the choir from the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel will lead the singing. We encourage you to Bring a Friend!

Public Rosary – There will be a public rosary praying for our Nation’s 250th birthday and saved by the precious Blood of Christ on Thursday, July 9th at 6:30 PM at St. Clement Church and on Saturday, July 11th at noon at the Vine Street Parklet in downtown Johnstown (meet on the Lincoln Street side of the parklet, not the Vine Street side).

From Pontiff to Pew:

During this past Sunday’s Angelus, Pope Leo XIV offered the following reflection in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

In today’s Gospel reading (Mt 10:37–42), we hear some of Jesus’ exhortations on how to follow him and be witnesses to his kingdom. This is not just a matter of outward acts, but of committing ourselves entirely to a loving relationship with him. In order to bear fruit, love requires at least three things: detachment, loss and hospitality.

First, detachment. Jesus says, “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (v. 37). When the Lord begins to send his apostles on mission, he wants them to be free from any ties. However, this applies to everyone, as even the most significant relationships find their fullness through the love that Christ gives us. Consider married life: it can only be lived fully by “leaving” one’s parents’ home (cf. Mt 19:6) in order to commit to the life of marriage. We can also consider the upbringing of children. We help them to fulfill themselves and be happy by teaching them to “stand on their own two feet” and make their own choices. Saint Augustine says, “It is painful to part from what you love. Yet even the farmer temporarily loses what he sows” (Sermon 330: 2). Only by “losing” that seed sown in the ground, can we see it blossom.

In this sense, love is also loss. We find it difficult to understand this, especially in a world where losing is seen as weakness and we are obsessed with having and possessing. However, love only bears fruit in self-giving: when we are willing to lose a little of ourselves to make room for another; to lose a little time to listen to a friend; to lose a little comfort to share in a time of hardship. According to the Gospel, those who hold on to their lives merely for themselves actually lose them (cf. v. 39), for they do not open themselves to the joy of love and thus become barren. This is why Jesus invites us to embrace the cross. He offered himself, lost himself, and in this very way we were enabled to receive his life in abundance. In the same way, if we live by the logic of the gift of self, we too will be capable of bringing forth new life in our relationships.

Finally, hospitality. Love is expressed through concrete choices and actions; by a commitment made up of small daily gestures, such as offering a glass of water to someone who is thirsty (cf. v. 42). Jesus sent his disciples ahead of him without provisions, so that, by being dependent on the help of others, they would inspire hospitality in those they met. By welcoming those who come in Jesus’ name, we welcome him and the heavenly Father who sent him. Indeed, love for the Lord always involves welcoming our brothers and sisters.

Dear friends, let us pray to the Virgin Mary, who loved her Son, knowing that she would also lose him. May she help us to be humble and joyful witnesses to the love of Christ.

In his weekly Wednesday Audience, Pope Leo spoke about the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Here it is in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters, good afternoon!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the Patrons of Rome. This feast recalls the original bond that unites the Church in Rome with all the other Churches throughout the world in a communion of faith and charity.

The witness of these two Apostles is like a seal upon the

New Testament. The blood they shed in this city reveals the depth of God’s love that the Lord Jesus has given us. Yes, it is by their word and their martyrdom that the Gospel of Christ has, so to speak, taken root in Rome, revealing right here, in the capital of the empire, its power to renew through a new knowledge of God and of the infinite dignity of every human being, a new understanding of power – not as dominion, but as service to human life.

Even today, the Lord, who died and rose again out of love, makes himself present through his witnesses, reaching the centers and the peripheries, the capitals and the most remote regions, through the voices, faces and courageous choices of those who have responded to his call to “Follow me!” Thus, this day of celebration draws us into the mission of Peter and Paul, that is, into the mission of Jesus himself. God places his trust in us, imperfect but forgiven sinners, so that his grace may shine through our lives, and his power that transforms evil into good may be revealed.

Dear friends, perhaps Peter and Paul could not have been more different from one another. They differed in background, upbringing and character, not only before but also after they were called, for the one Lord did not make them the same. Peter and Paul understood and proclaimed the Gospel, each with his own distinctive voice; and the Holy Spirit, in inspiring the biblical authors, did not want their differences to be hidden. Indeed, these differences are presented to us as good news. Within the College of the Apostles, Peter and Paul were not adversaries. On the contrary, in a sense they became the symbol of the many other diversities that the one Spirit unites into a single whole. In this way, the patron saints of the Church of Rome experienced the challenges of communion; they knew it, served it, and proclaimed it as a sacrament of divine life. Their witness has contributed decisively to ensuring that the Christian presence in history is directed not toward dominion, but toward service, unity and reconciliation.

May the Lord, through the intercession of Saints Peter and Paul, grant us the grace to appreciate ever more deeply the catholicity of the Church, to recognize its value in fostering fraternal encounter among individuals and peoples, to avoid whatever erodes or harms communion, to persevere on the ecumenical path and in attentive and honest dialogue with all.

May Mary, Queen of the Apostles, always protect the People of God, in Rome and throughout the world.

Ice Cream Crawl - The 2nd Annual Visitation Parish Ice Cream Crawl will be meeting at the different stops at 7:00 PM unless otherwise stated. The schedule for the upcoming dates and locations for July are as followed:

July 12th – Sweet Frog

July 19th – Valley Dairy @ 6:00 PM

July 26th - the Rambler in Windber

If you have any questions, please contact Kristyn Amendola at (814) 248-2942. Thank you and we hope to see you there.