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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12th, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

- MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time**
12:05 PM - James Rovani
(Req. by Ezio Di Francisco & Jean Fraser)
Rescheduled from 7-6-26
- TUESDAY - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**
NO MASS
- WEDNESDAY - Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
5:30 PM - George Mikesic II
(Req. by George Mikesic)
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time**
12:05 PM - Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Fr. John
30 yr. Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood
(Req. by Ron Cleaver)
- FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time**
NO MASS
- SATURDAY - Vigil of 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00 PM - Rev. Msgr. Thomas Cawley
(Req. by Tom Urban)
- SUNDAY - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 AM - Pro Populo

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

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



1127 McKinley Avenue Johnstown, PA 15905

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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 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.

\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$	
<u>Collection - July 5, 2026</u>	
Loose Money.....	\$239.00
Envelopes.....	\$2417.00
Holy Father.....	\$5.00
Votive Candles.....	\$145.00
St. Peregrine.....	\$73.00
Perquisites - Sigg Funeral.....	\$100.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$315.00
TOTAL:	\$3294.00

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, 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 Petroro, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rován, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Sloviovski, Shirley Sloviovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varnecky, Carrie Young

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of July 13th to July 19th:



Catherine Bennett	Mary Kay Litzinger
Dr. George Gress	Barbara Rutledge
Joseph Podrebarac	Joseph Young
Renee Daly	John Dugan

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.

Visitation Parish Labor Day Gas Card Giveaway

On Labor Day Monday, September 7th, 2026, Visitation Parish will be chancing off a ticket for \$500 of Sheetz Gasoline. The Winning number will be taken from the first three (straight) numbers drawn of the 7 PM official Pick 3 daily Pennsylvania Lottery. If the winning ticket is not sold, the winner will be determined by a random drawing. The cost of one ticket is \$5, or 5 tickets may be purchased for \$20. Please support this fundraiser that is earmarked to assist with the budgetary deficit caused by the present lack of a renter for our school building.

Priest Picnic Volunteers - We are looking for volunteers to help with the annual Priest Summer Picnic. There will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule of the church if anyone is willing and able to assist.

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 11:25–30) Jesus invites us to join him in praising the Father, “Lord of heaven and earth” (v. 25). The Son of God made man reveals his love by including all creatures in this act of thanksgiving.

The simplicity of such a spontaneous and joyful gesture reflects God’s way of acting: he delights in revealing himself “to infants,” while remaining hidden “from the wise and the intelligent” (v. 25). So filled are they with their own ideas that they fail to recognize the presence of Christ, the Messiah who comes to visit his people. Human wisdom thus becomes arrogance, and doctrine degenerates into pride. By contrast, God’s true wisdom is revealed in the humility of the Incarnation, and his teaching is addressed above all to those who struggle: “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens” (v. 28), says the Lord. Going to Jesus means responding to his love and sharing in his life, even to the cross, as he himself teaches: “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” (Mt 16:24). It is precisely this self-giving out of love that constitutes Jesus’ “yoke” (Mt 11:29), which is the essence of his teaching and the heart of his wisdom, ablaze with love for all.

Brothers and sisters, how can the weight of the cross be “easy” and “light” (v. 30)? For one reason alone: because the Lord himself carries it with us, never leaving us alone in what burdens us. As a true teacher, Jesus takes upon himself humanity wounded by evil in order to heal and care for it. The wisdom he gives us is therefore a proclamation of salvation, and his yoke lifts us up from every fall. For this reason, our journey of following Christ is not an asceticism that mortifies. Rather, it is a school of freedom that takes seriously the drama of history and continually sheds light on its meaning, especially in its darkest moments. Indeed, only in the cross of Jesus is evil overcome; only in his passion does our mortal weariness find consolation and redemption.

In slavery, Christ is liberation. Amid the scourge of war, Christ is hope. In the hour of sin, Christ is forgiveness. This is true wisdom and the path that we wish to walk together, united as disciples in his name. Jesus teaches us this as the Son, by becoming our brother. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, he reveals to the Church the truth about God and about humanity, for “no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him” (v. 27).

Dear friends, as we thank the Lord for the loving trust he has placed in us, let us ask Mary, Queen of Peace, to intercede for the good of the Church and of the whole world.
 In lieu of his weekly **Wednesday Audience**, Pope Leo made a video message on the Occasion of the Conclusion of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. Here it the text form in its entirety:
 Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am happy to greet you at the conclusion of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. As you know, pilgrimages are deeply rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition and are often undertaken to mark significant anniversaries as the community comes together in prayer. In this light, it has been particularly appropriate to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States

of America with a pilgrimage centered on our Lord. As you walked through many of the thirteen original colonies, you have prayed for unity, renewal and healing for the country, under the motto “One Nation Under God.” These intentions are also close to my own heart. For this reason, I express sincere gratitude to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and all who have contributed to organizing this event, along with everyone who has participated in person or virtually.

This Nation, united “under God,” has been imbued with a sense of faith that recognizes God’s sovereignty even before its formal establishment. Your pilgrimage began in Saint Augustine, Florida, where on September 8, 1565, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by Spanish explorers and settlers upon their arrival, followed by a feast shared with the local Seloy tribe. This historical event, accompanied by many others, attests to the strong, though largely unknown, Eucharistic heritage of the United States of America. This heritage, far from being forgotten, must continue to serve as source of both renewal and unity.

With the blessing of Almighty God, this heritage has continued to bear fruit by leading new generations of American Catholics to Jesus Christ. The Lord also inspired certain men and women to bear witness to the Gospel in a radical way. I think for example of the martyrs in New York and Georgia, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Saint Katharine Drexel, Saint John Neumann and Venerable Fulton Sheen, who will soon be beatified. The route you followed was named after another saint, Frances Xavier Cabrini, the foundress of a religious congregation whose mission was to care for the spiritual and material needs of poor immigrants. The intense apostolic activity of these holy men and women, and others like them, would not have been possible without the strength they drew daily from moments of silent prayer before the tabernacle.

Brothers and sisters, by participating in this Eucharistic Pilgrimage, you carry on this great legacy of faith. Along your journey, the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic processions and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament were not lacking, providing you with the strength and nourishment needed to continue your course. Perhaps you have even experienced for yourselves a hunger for “the living bread that came down from heaven” (Jn 6:51). Indeed, the true body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ is the life of the pilgrim Church on earth. Saint John Paul II expressed this beautifully in his Encyclical Letter Ecclesia de Eucharistia: “The Eucharist, as Christ’s saving presence in the community of the faithful and its spiritual food, is the most precious possession which the Church can have in her journey through history” (No. 9). As the country marks the anniversary of the founding of its earthly homeland, it is my hope that this experience as pilgrims will also help you to fix your eyes on the heavenly one (cf. Hb 11:16), and likewise serve as a reminder that the Eucharist is an invaluable gift, our indispensable sustenance. It is precisely through her recognition and reception of this gift that the

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