

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Those Who Are In Need of Healing:

Karen McAleer, Joan Deike, Cheryl Simon, Terry Lawrence Runion, Cheryl Gross, Sara Pullen, Owen Taylor, Carolyn Arnold, Linda Pyle, Joel Easter, Sherry Diehl, Ruth Zack, Matt Siehl, Bryan Braman, Ezekiel Walk, Mark Fleegle, Scott Ward, Nora Massie, Melissa Baker, Cathy Houseworth, Anita Spiker, Angie Wolfhope, Dorthy Eichler, Frank Dohoda, Phil Smith, Marie Smith, Mike Montreal, Jordan Seville, Debbie Wertz, Kathleen Tomkosky, Gabriel Grassi, Beverly Clark, Molly Wyman, Nicole Shorey, George Hickey, Dianna Garvis, Parker Lease, Mary Grace Imgrund, Terry Bardell, Kathy Nebel, Patrick Fleming Sr., Tom Register Sr., Bruce Leonard, Mary Sue Harris, Robert Teresak, Declan McCahan, Cara Moorehead, Mary Anderson, Pat Kohler, Danny Mulhern, Gerald Steves, Fr. John Byrnes, Terry Metivier, Hope Snavelly, Don Hershberger, Carolyn Hershberger, Nadine Naugle, Sandi Fleegle, Nancy Woods, Sandy Rouzer, Emily Diehl, Ed Dudzinski, Faye Montreal, David Hinson, Robert Sankovitch, John Sloniger, Tom Futcher, James B. Whisker II, Inga Pepoy, Tina Datesman, Marlene Claycomb, Tara Musselman, Hope Yotko, Delayne Shoup, Catherine Marie Boob, Suzanne Wilk, Melvin Yanik, Marki Smith, Jase Smith, Evelyn Yost, Charles Cuppett, Edith Cuppett, Peggie Scritchfield, Rita Bush, Gary Daniels, Father John Moineau, Cathy Smith, Patricia Quarry, Jill Groff, Jacob Clark, Melinda Stone, David Brunstretter, Jennifer Hillenbrand, Robert Fulmer, Gary Imler, Sr. Cathy Vent, Matthew Kostelac, Preston Taylor and Michael Coyne.

To have someone placed on the Prayer list or the Military List, Please call the rectory 623-5526. Please ask the person for their permission before placing them on either list. Please call the rectory to have them removed from the list when they recover or are no longer serving in the military.

In Defense of Our Country Both at Home and Abroad:

Jesse Foor, Leo Gressick Jr., Jim Hillegass, Richard Keller, Wilbert Litzinger, Mark Popchak, George Pullman, Sean Richards, Michael Ryder, Gregory Smith, Jonathan Vogel, Ryan Smithmyer, Matt Stankan, Jennifer Lindsey Whetstone, Lindsey Zack, Michele Notestine, Heather Dovala, John Bankes, Ian McCoy, Curt Shane, Derrick Bunja, Michael Franklin, Brian Wolford, Drew Diehl, Adam Wertz, Aaron Ebersole, Michael Haith, Josh Gregor, Brady Hauboldt, Katie Simmons, Shaun Shaffer, John Cornetto, Challum Cornetto, Daniel Veltre, Justin Porta, Marco Veltre, Jeremy Porta, Shaun Cvengros and Bryan Cvengros.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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April 3: Fifth Sunday of Lent

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK:

Weekly Envelopes	\$4,905.75
Monthly	285.00
Loose	203.00
Candles	31.00
January 1 st	100.00
Total	\$ 5,524.75

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Council Meeting- **Thursday, April 7th** at 7:00 pm in Chambers

Ladies Guild March 500 Club winners: Mary Jeanne Wilt, Mary Lee Rowser, Thomas Hickey, Mike Arnold.

LADIES GUILD: Meeting **April 5** at 1:30pm in Heyden Hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Any questions please call Barb at 814-979-8495.

MEN'S CONFERENCE

A professional soccer player turned priest, a man nicknamed the “Dynamic Deacon,” and a mixed martial arts champ are the headliners for an upcoming men’s conference sponsored by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Titled “Strength in Christ,” the gathering is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2022, at Noon at Saint Francis University in Loretto. The speakers are Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, a professional soccer player turned priest in the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois; Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, a dynamic evangelist, author, and radio host; and Bas Rutten, a mix martial arts champion and TV/movie star who openly shares his Catholic journey. The conference is open to all men 18 and older, and includes lunch, the opportunity for Reconciliation, and a closing Mass at 5:00 p.m. with Bishop Mark, which is open to the families of the conference attendees. The cost is \$10. Please register online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a hard copy registration form at any parish. The registration deadline is April 25.

[2022 Men's Conference - Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown \(dioceseaj.org\)](http://dioceseaj.org)

Prayer for Ukraine

We fly to Your patronage, O Virgin Mother of God.

Despise not our prayers in our needs,

but deliver us from all dangers,

since you alone are pure and blessed.

O most glorious Ever-Virgin Mary,

the Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers

and present them to Your Son and our God,

that for the sake of You, He enlighten and save our souls.

RECONCILIATION (Confessions): Saturdays – 3:45 pm

ADORATION: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Will be held every Monday after 8:00 am Mass until 9:00 am

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: The First Friday of every month after 8:00 am Mass there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:30 am

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: Mass The First Saturday of every month at 8:00 am. Confessions following.

HOLY HOUR: Friday afternoon at 3:00 pm. Confessions at 4:00 pm.

BAPTISMS OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN: Parents are expected to be registered in the parish and to attend a class on the Sacrament of Baptism before a child is baptized. Due to the hectic schedule that often faces new parents as well as the nature of the material covered, we encourage parents to attend prior to the birth of the child. Call the Rectory Office for an appointment.

MARRIAGES: The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of Preparation. Arrangements are to be made with the Priest of the Parish nine months before the date of marriage. Your church date and time are to be set prior to your reception date and time. The Pre-Cana Conferences or Engaged Encounter must be part of the marriage preparation. **Either the bride or the groom or both must be a registered and practicing member of St. Thomas parish.** To make Marriage Preparation arrangements in the parish, call 623-5526.

Children of parishioners are reminded that they are removed from their parents' registration upon their 22nd birthday and must register as an adult member of the parish.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Certified diocesan instructors are located throughout the diocese. Contact the diocesan Family Life Office, 814-886-5551; familylife@dioceseaj.org; www.dioceseaj.org/family-life

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME! Please call the Rectory for an appointment. If you are moving away or returning, please let us know so we can maintain accurate records. Changes in phone number are also appreciated.

INACTIVE CATHOLICS: Baptized Catholics who have not been practicing their faith are most welcome to return Please call or email Fr. Tomkosky if you have questions.

R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): This process sees to the needs of adults who wish to become Catholic. Catholics baptized as infants and have never received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation are also invited into this process. Call the Rectory for Details.

CARE OF THE SICK: Those confined to home due to illness or age should contact the Rectory. Arrangements will be made to bring the Eucharist and if needed, the Sacrament of the Sick.

ENVELOPES: Regular use of envelopes provide a stable income for the parish and enables us to prepare a budget. A record of your contributions is kept and a statement will be mailed upon your request.

PROJECT RACHEL: Is a program of counseling, compassion, and healing for women and men who have been involved in an abortion. Call (814) 884-8000 or ProjectRachel@dioceseaj.org

HURTING RELATIONSHIPS? Spouse to Spouse or Spouse to Child. Call (814) 535-6538.

BIRTHRIGHT: Believes that every pregnant woman has to right to give birth, and every child has the right to be born. Call 1-800-550-4900. www.birthright.org Birthright, 216 Dibert Street, Johnstown, PA 15901

CATHOLIC COUNSELING: Call Catholic Charities...Altoona office... 814-944-9388.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Church

SUNDAY: 7:00 a.m. Mass in the Church

9:30 a.m. Mass in the Church

Note: The Rosary is recited ½ hour before each Mass.

Confessions: Saturday, 3:45 p.m. in the Church.

Or call the rectory for an appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 8:00am-12:00pm

Thursday 8:00am-11:30am

All ordinary parish business should be conducted at this time. Please call Father to make an appointment with him at 623-5526 ext.3

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,

for you, O God, are my strength.

Psalm 43