

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Fr. Tomkosky's Column

MONDAY 6-17 CATHY RHINEHART
8:00AM SHARON & JIM FEIGHT
ADORATION UNTIL 9 AM

TUESDAY 6-18 NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 6-19 THERESE KARNs
8:00 AM URSULA KARNs-WATERS
3:00PM OLGf HOLY HOUR

THURSDAY 6-20 MARY NORTH D'ZMURA
8:00 AM RICHARD & CONSTANCE LETRENT

FRIDAY 6-21 JAMES DAVIS
8:00 AM BOB & MARCIA RESTLY
3:00 PM DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

SATURDAY 6-22
7:00 AM HARRY CARRODUS III
BARB CARRODUS

SUNDAY 6-23
7:00 AM *PEOPLE OF THE PARISH*
ST. THOMAS AND SEVEN DOLORS

9:30 AM RYAN WIGFIELD
ERNIE & TESSIE DE LAS ALAS

Server Schedule:

JUNE 22-23

5:00PM	Pat Brenner	Cotchen
7:00AM	Al Godissart	Yanoshak
9:30AM	Rick Dovala	Cordova

Mass Readings for June 23

First Reading Job 38:1,8-11

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The Gospel Mark 4:35-41

Father's Day: I want to extend in the name of the Parish our prayers and gratitude for our Fathers, Grandfathers, and Godfathers and all they do for their families and for our parish family. They will be remembered at all the Masses this weekend and throughout the month of June. And we pray that through the intercession of St. Joseph that all our fathers, living and deceased, esp. if in Purgatory, will be drawn close to the Lord Jesus's Sacred Heart and the love & eternal salvation Jesus won for us in His Paschal Mystery.

2nd collection for Pro-life charities: We will take up a 2nd collection next weekend: June 22 & 23 in gratitude for the evil Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade being overturned last June 24, 2022 on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The monies we take up will be distributed to local pro-life groups: *Mom's House, Birthright and Project Gabriel.*

A Great Book to understand yourself and others: Check out the book I mentioned last week-end in my homily: *The Temperament God Gave You* by Art and Lorraine Bennett. You can order it online either as hardcopy or a Kindle book: see www.amazon.com, or directly from Sophia Press www.sophia institute.com which publishes it. It is a very insightful book on the 4 temperaments, in which all of us have one primary and one secondary temperament and how that innately effects our outlook on life and other people and vice versa. Of course, our free choices and God's grace can mature our temperament.

Info about the Divine Mercy Devotion and helping the Souls in Purgatory: Go online and read the new **Summer 2023** quarterly Marian Helper magazine at: www.marian.org/imh/. There is also info on how to join **the Marian helpers** which is a great Catholic group to belong to with many spiritual benefits and **the Holy Souls Sodality** to help the souls in Purgatory (see PrayForSouls.org or call: 1-800-462-7426). You can also check out their official Divine Mercy YouTube channel with many good Catholic videos www.youtube.com/MarianHelpers. And if you or anyone you love needs prayers, please call **the Divine Mercy Prayer line** at 1-800-804-3823 or go online to: www.marian.org/prayerline. And they have a great online Catholic store: www.divinemercygiftshop.org or 1-888-484-1112 for rosaries and scapulars; metals of the saints, artwork, books, etc.

The Wednesday 3 pm Our Lady Guardian of the Faith & Friday 3 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hours: Make it a holy habit to attend one or both during the summer months. It is a great time to grow in prayer as we adore our Eucharistic Lord in company with our Blessed Mother Mary. **3 pm** is also always an hour of special graces because Jesus died on the Cross for our salvation at the 3 o'clock Hour on Good Friday, and so I always offer Confessions afterwards to receive those special graces from Our Lord.

Mass Times when Traveling: If you are traveling check out: www.masstimes.org to find the closest Catholic Church to where you will be, so you can attend Mass throughout the summer months.

Lending Library: Sign out a good book to read for the upcoming summer months.

Thoughts from the Saints: On the Power of St. Joseph's Intercession for Us – "We must be convinced that, in consideration of his great merits, God will not refuse St. Joseph any grace he asks for those who honor him" (St. Alphonsus Liguori). Have a blessed week. ☩

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Those Who Are In Need of Healing:

Karen McAleer, Joan Deike, Cheryl Gross, Sara Pullen, Carolyn Arnold, Sherry Diehl, Ruth Zack, Matt Siehl, Bryan Braman, Mark Fleegle, Scott Ward, Nora Massie, Melissa Baker, Cathy Houseworth, Anita Spiker, Angie Wolfhope, Frank Dohoda, Marie Smith, Mike Montreal, Jordan Seville, Debbie Wertz, Kathleen Tomkosky, Gabriel Grassi, Beverly Clark, Molly Wyman, Nicole Shorey, Dianna Garvis, Parker Lease, Mary Grace Imgrund, Kathy Nebel, Patrick Fleming Sr., Bruce Leonard, Mary Sue Harris, Mary Anderson, Pat Kohler, Danny Mulhern, Gerald Steves, Fr. John Byrnes, Terry Metivier, Don Hershberger, Carolyn Hershberger, Nadine Naugle, Sandi Fleegle, Nancy Woods, Sandy Rouzer, Emily Diehl, Ed Dudzinski, Fae Montreal, David Hinson, John Sloniger, Tom Futcher, James B. Whisker II, Inga Pepoy, Tina Datesman, Marlene Claycomb, Tara Musselman, Hope Yotko, Catherine Marie Boob, Suzanne Wilk, Evelyn Yost, Charles Cuppett, Edith Cuppett, Peggie Scritchfield, Father John Moineau, Patricia Quarry, Jacob Clark, Melinda Stone, David Brunstretter, Robert Fulmer, Cathy Vent, Matthew Kostelac, Preston Taylor, Liz Anderson, Amanda and Tim Hixenbaugh, Fr. Tom Acklin, Sue Durr, Tina Honkus, Jane H. Davidson, John Wolfhope, Sara Felton, Debbie Porta, Lawrence Quarry, Cpl. Hunner Flint, Barry Leydig, Danielle Henry, Scarlette Chris, Toni Reiss, Barry Fleegle, Rick and Val Dovala, Troy Nelson, Sherry Kendall, Ernie Imgrund, Patricia Worrell, Richard Grimes. Leesa Keys-Waite, Robert Myers, Brittany Dodson, Dwayne and Edith Smith, Penny Wyman, Cindy Zimmer, John Andzelik, Debbie Fisher, Micki McCahan, Barb Isaac, Sal Santino, Adam Wright and Brenda Sidor.

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:

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, Drew Diehl, Adam Wertz, Aaron Ebersole, Michael Haith, Josh Gregor, Katie Simmons, Shaun Shaffer, Daniel Veltre, Justin Porta, Marco Veltre, Jeremy Porta, Patrick Sanders and Cpl. Hunner Flint.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 814- 979-0272

June 16 - Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens."

Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.

If anyone has Rosaries that need repaired or if you want any type of chaplet please contact Linda Steele at 814-979-0882.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK:

6/2/2024

Weekly Envelopes	\$4,342.00
Monthly	2,275.00
Loose	390.42
Candle	7.00
Ascension	25.00
Peter's Pence	550.00
Total	\$ 7,589.42

6/9/2024

Weekly Envelopes	\$2,617.00
Monthly	783.00
Loose	621.11
Candle	20.00
Ascension	25.00
Peter's Pence	124.00
Total	\$ 4,190.11

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: ASSEMBLY MEETING, THURSDAY JUNE 20TH AT 7:00PM IN NEW BALTIMORE'S PARISH HALL.

The Women at the Well prayer group is meeting from 3-4PM in the Church Hall every 2 weeks on a Thursday. Dates are June 20, July 11, (no meeting on July 4), July 25, August 8 and August 22. Please bring your own Bible. All women are welcome. For more information call: Diana 814-330-1938; Susan 706-400-8204; or Pat 814-623-1337.

June 16, 2024 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we enter back into Ordinary Time, our readings today remind us that heaven is our true home and that we cannot make it there without God's assistance. In our First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel foretells the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is through a newly planted cedar that God will bear fruit. As he says, "Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it... And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree."

We can see that Jesus is the cedar that will become refuge for all people. He will humble the proud, lift up the lowly and produce good fruit in the weakened. It is God who does the wondrous works. As Christian disciples, we hope to reside in the branches of heaven, along with our family and friends. We cannot do this on our own. As our other readings mention, it is through the total surrender, complete faith and actively living out our faith as a witness to Christ that we can hope in eternal life.

As we settle into Ordinary Time, let us not become complacent, but keep our hearts and minds fixed on the Kingdom of God.

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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 16, 2024

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Savior!

Psalm 27