

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

MONDAY 6-24

8:00AM

ADORATION UNTIL 9 AM

JOHN DUMA

BARB CARRODUS

TUESDAY 6-25

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 6-26 HARRY & ANNE CARRODUS

8:00 AM

BARB CARRODUS

3:00PM OLG HOLY HOUR

THURSDAY 6-27 LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS

8:00 AM OF THE HILLEGASS & HAGENBUCH FAMILY

FRIDAY 6-28 JOANNE CARRODUS-SANTINO

8:00 AM

BARB CARRODUS

3:00 PM DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

SATURDAY 6-29

5:00 PM

KAYLA NICODEMUS

BARB CARRODUS

SUNDAY 6-30

7:00 AM

JOAN MURRAY

CARL MURRAY

9:30 AM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

ST. THOMAS AND SEVEN DOLORS

Server Schedule:

JUNE 29-30

5:00PM

Barb Carrodus

A & T Clark

7:00AM

Larry Smith

Serio

9:30AM

Lloyd Roach

Cordova

Mass Readings for June 30

First Reading Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7,9, 11-13

The Gospel Mark 5:21-43

Fr. Tomkosky's Column

June is the month in the Church we honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus, His Humility and total self-giving Love for every human person ever created; in striking contrast to the secular world now which promotes everywhere a disordered understanding of the human person and human sexuality under the title of Pride. Let's root

ourselves and our families under the Sacred Heart of Jesus and learn the backstory on this beautiful devotion (Cut out and save for future reference).

Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began about the year 1672. On repeated occasions, Jesus appeared to **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque**, a Visitation nun, in France, and during these apparitions He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart as He wanted people to practice it. *He asked to be honored in the symbol of His Heart of flesh; He asked for acts of reparation, for frequent Communion, Communion on the First Friday each month, regular Confession, and a Holy Hour on First Friday – which we always have after 1st Friday Mass and 3 pm each Friday.*

When the Catholic Church approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, she did not base her action only on the visions of Saint Margaret Mary. The Church approved the devotion on its own merits. There is only one Person in Jesus, and that Person was at the same time God and Man. His Heart, too, is Divine - it is the Heart of God.

There are two things that must always seen together in the devotion to the Sacred Heart: *Christ's Heart of flesh and Christ's love for us.* True devotion to the Sacred Heart means devotion to the Divine Heart of Christ insofar as His Heart represents and recalls His love for us.

In honoring the Heart of Christ, our homage lingers on the Person of Jesus in the fullness of His love. This love of Christ for us was the moving force of all he did and suffered for us -- in Nazareth, on the Cross, in giving Himself in the Blessed Sacrament, in His teaching and healing, in His praying and working. When we speak of the Sacred Heart, we mean Jesus showing us His Heart: Jesus complete love for us and desire for each person's salvation in Him.

Jesus Christ is the incarnation of God's infinite love. The human nature which the Son of God took upon Himself fully through Our Lady in the power of the Holy Spirit was filled with love and kindness that has never found an equal. He is the perfect model of love of God and neighbor.

Every day of His life was filled with repeated proofs of 'Christ's love that surpasses all knowledge' (Eph 3:19). Jesus handed down for all time the fundamental feature of His character: *'Take My yoke upon your shoulders and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of Heart'* (Mt 11:29). He invited all, refusing none, surprising friends and rivals by His total generosity.

The meaning of love in the life of Jesus was especially evident in His sufferings. Out of love for His Father, He willed to undergo the death of the Cross. *'The world must know that I love the Father and do just as the Father has commanded Me'* (Jn 14:31). We share in that total self-gift of Jesus by offering our daily sufferings with Him for the salvation of souls including our own.

The total love that Jesus bore toward us is shown in His death on the Cross. At the Last Supper He said: *'There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends'* (Jn 15:13)

The Heart of Jesus never ceases to love us in Heaven. He sanctifies us through the Sacraments. These are inexhaustible fountains of grace and holiness which have their source in the boundless ocean of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Make a resolution to make the 9 first Fridays – if you have never done so; and if you have, do it again, and offer it for someone else. 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 23 - Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, Jesus calms the sea and then asks the disciples “Why are you lacking in faith.” In our life’s journey, we also must learn to believe in God’s presence and to trust in his care.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to continue show God’s love and care to others. Our next regular meeting is Monday, June 24, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Hall. Please join us.

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:

Weekly Envelopes	\$4,354.29
Monthly	405.00
Loose	604.57
Candle	6.00
Ascension	20.00
Peter’s Pence	65.00
Total	<u>\$5,454.86</u>

The Women at the Well prayer group is meeting from 3-4PM in the Church Hall every 2 weeks on a Thursday. Dates are 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 23, 2024 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today remind us that God always has our best interests in mind. No matter what is going on in our lives, God is with us. Our First Reading is from the end of the book of Job. The book of Job is an incredible story of God allowing trials and suffering to occur in Job’s life. God knows that Job is a faithful man and will not turn away from Him despite hardship, so the Lord allows destruction in Job’s life.

In moments of trial, we often live our days in a panic. It is as if our life is like the life of those disciples. We see the water coming into our boat and we do all that we can in our power to stay afloat. We aimlessly try to throw the water overboard, and we become exhausted because it is thrown right back into our face. We are frantic, so we fail to stop and recognize that our Savior is in the same boat with us. Although it might feel like He is sleeping and His presence is lacking, He is right there suffering with us.

Therefore, during our trials, cling to Jesus. Know that there is an end, and whether we see the end in this life or the next, God allows it all for our salvation. Today, let us thank God for His presence in our lives, and ask for the eyes of faith to see that He is right here with us always.

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

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 23, 2024**

**The Lord is the strength of his people,
A saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
And govern them for ever.
Psalm 28**