

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Fr. Tomkosky's Column

MONDAY 7-1 **JIM PETRARCA**
8:00AM FAMILY
ADORATION UNTIL 9 AM

TUESDAY 7-2 NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 7-3 NO MASS

THURSDAY 7-4 NO MASS

FRIDAY 7-5 **MARY C. LETRENT**
8:00 AM RICHARD & CONSTANCE LETRENT
ADORATION UNTIL 9:30AM
3:00 PM DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

SATURDAY 7-6
8:00 AM **FOR THE FORGOTTEN SOULS**
 IN PURGATORY

5:00 PM **JOAN HOUSEWORTH**
 DWAYNE & EDITH SMITH & FAMILY

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

9:30 AM **ELIAS & VIOLET SMITH**
 DUDZINSKI FAMILY

Server Schedule:

JULY 6-7

5:00PM	Rick Dovala	A & T Clark
7:00AM	Annette Godissart	Serio
9:30AM	Jeff Wright	Cordova

Mass Readings for July 7

First Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

The Gospel Mark 6:1-6a

4th of July Holiday this Thursday: Remember God gave us freedom in our country not to do what we want in a selfish way, but to use it to serve Him and others in charity and goodness. Pray for all Americans to understand this essential truth and responsibility.

A reminder: There will no daily Mass from Tues-Thurs and no Holy Hour on Weds.

1st Friday and 1st Saturday Mass: I will have 8 am Mass on 1st Friday (*see last weekend's bulletin column on that*) with adoration until 9:30 am, and the normal 3 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour; and then on 1st Saturday at 8 am. Attend for all the graces.

Being Pro-life as part as a life of Christian charity: Please pray at least a daily *Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be*, and even better a *Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet* each day to make reparation for abortion and all sins against human life, and that more and more people come to see the truth: *that all human life is sacred and begins at the moment of conception until natural death and needs to be protected*, and that all of the States of the US eventually show that protection in their laws, esp. here in PA.

Help for those in difficult pregnancy situations: Thanks for all of you who gave to the pro-life 2nd collection last weekend. You can still give if you like - just put a white envelope into the weekend collection marked for **Pro-life charities** as we will be sending the donations to the groups in July. Remember there is always help for mothers and fathers to be in difficult circumstances. **Project Gabriel:** If you would like to learn more about The Gabriel Project in Johnstown, please call please contact Becky or Chris at 814-418-1813 or email gabprojsf@yahoo.com. **Mom's House:** www.momshouseinc.org is also a great group to support, and the numbers for **Birthright** and **Catholic Charities** are always on the back cover of the Bulletin, as well as the number for **Project Rachel** for those who have been involved in an abortion and now seek spiritual healing.

Offering Masses for departed loved ones: Remember the greatest act of charity we can show someone who has died: *is to offer a Mass for the repose of their soul and to help them spiritually if they are in Purgatory being spiritually purified of any remnants of sin before entering Heaven.* Also remember you can offer a Mass for any person who has died – the person doesn't have to be a Catholic. Only one person per Mass unless it is a husband and wife. The general offering is usually \$10. Please call the Church office or stop in on Monday or Thurs morning office hours to schedule Masses, as Marcia just got the new 2025 Mass calendar in this past week.

Homilies and Bulletin on Parish Website: Don't forget that if you ever want to access my weekend homily for further spiritual reflection during the week, as well as the bulletin, you can access both at our parish website: www.webparish.com/aj/thomas.

Mass times when traveling: If you are traveling check out: www.masstime.org to find the closest Catholic Church to attend Mass on Sunday- there is no vacation from God.☺

A beautiful Spiritual Communion prayer – if you can't attend daily Mass - (cut out and say daily): *My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. 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 30 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today’s Gospel we see how in faith, Jarius asked Jesus to heal his daughter and how Jesus then answered his prayer. In prayer we also come to know that we are loved by God, and in that trust we ask for healing for ourselves, our loved ones and all those who are suffering.

This week, please join with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in praying for the healing of all those who are ill and especially those who have no one to pray for them.

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	\$4,211.00
Monthly	410.00
Loose	448.00
Candle	10.00
Peter’s Pence	50.00
Local Pro-Life	1,728.10
Total	\$ 6,857.10

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 30, 2024 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today remind us that our God is a tender and loving God. Our First Reading, from the book of Wisdom, helps answer a common question in our Catholic faith – why is there suffering and death? We are tempted to be angry at God for the death of loved ones or of innocent people. We are also tempted to be angry at Him for our sufferings – like illness, car troubles or a terrible week at work. Wisdom teaches us, “God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living.” Rather, “God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him.”

Whether we are healed like the little girl in our Gospel today in this life, or we carry our suffering with us until we reach the next, if we remain faithful, Jesus will one day say to us, “Little girl or little boy, I say to you, arise!” Today, let us reflect on how much our good and gracious God loves us. Remember that whatever we are suffering in this life, do not be afraid, God is right there with us. Offer it to Him, seek His healing and remain faithful so that one day we might rise.

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

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 30, 2024**

All peoples, clap your hands.

Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Psalm 47