

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

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August 13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: The LORD said to Elijah: "Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by" (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

PSALM: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

SECOND READING: To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

GOSPEL: As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE PRESENCE OF GOD

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, "Truly, you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, "Truly you are the Son of God." *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

5:30PM	Saturday Aug 19th	9:00AM	Sunday, Aug 20th
Lector:	Linda Lopez	Lector:	Pat Wess

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Aug 14th - Aug 20th)

MON	08/14	NO MORNING MASS VIGIL MASS 5:30PM. . . + Rich Poplinski - (Susan & Wayne Langerholc) ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
TUES	08/15	7:00AM. . .	Sr. Maria of Jesus O.C.D.
WED	08/16	NO MASS
THURS	08/17	NO MASS
FRI	08/18	NO MASS
SAT	08/19	5:30PM. . .	.For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg Family - (Daughter, Barbara)
SUN	08/20	9:00AM. . .	+ Frank Karmanocky - (Neo-Catechumenal Way Community)



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Stewardship Reflections: Amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives.

When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all is gift from Him. What a grand adventure Peter could have had out there walking on the sea with Jesus! When we embrace the stewardship way of life, letting go of a tight hold over our money, time, and talents, our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us. (CatholicSteward.com 7/10/2023)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

July 29th & 30th, 2023

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,237.00
Monthly	\$ 123.00
Assumption	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE – Daily mass during this week will be offered on Monday at 5:30 for the Vigil Mass and Tuesday at 7AM for the Holy Day.

No Mass will be offered on Friday.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – is this Tuesday, Aug 15th, and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. A Vigil Mass will be held on Monday, Aug 14th at 5:30PM and Mass on Tuesday will be at 7:00AM.



Coffee and Cake...will be served in the Church Basement after both Masses **next weekend, Aug 19 & 20**. **Everyone is welcome to stop down for a delicious treat and to enjoy friendly conversation and fellowship.**

Hope to see you there

2023 Catholic Ministries Drive – Thank you to the families who have pledged through July 31st a total of **\$2,930** towards our target amount of **\$7,682**.

Through it, your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on Ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target.

Looking for help with college?

St. Therese's Knights of Columbus council #10409 are here to help by offering again this year a \$500 Fr Bernard Karmanocky Essay Scholarships to the members of St Therese and St. Anne's Parishes (only). You must be either a senior in High School, or planning to attend or attending a 2-4 years program, or trade school. The essay must consist of 500 words and the topic for this year's scholarship is:



“What does it mean to be a Christian Today”

If you have any questions, please contact Dennis @814-535-6833. **All entries must be postmarked by August 18th** Please submit your essay to:
Dennis Pingatore
115 Stans Lane
Johnstown, Pa 15909

Religious Ed Registration News

Children entering grade 1 will need a registration form completed and must provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

Any other students entering our program will also need to complete a registration form and provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown the sacrament of Confirmation is a three-year program in preparation for receiving the sacrament. This will include **all students in the ninth grade – those in our Religious Education Program, students enrolled in Bishop McCort High School, and home-schooled children. Bishop McCort students and home-schooled children will need to complete a registration form.**

If your child is entering second grade at Divine Mercy or is home schooled, they are required to participate in the 2nd Grade religious education program to make their First Confession & Holy Eucharist.

Registration forms are in the back of the church. They can be put into the collection basket or returned to the rectory by the end of August.

Any student leaving our Religious Education Program is asked to notify the Rectory.

Community News & Events

St Patrick Church Fall Fundraiser: Basement & Bake Sale - Sept 8th & 9th

Come one, come all, search for treasures!

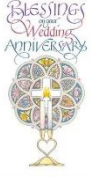
Sale hours: **8am to 4pm** in the basement.

Carry out food & bake sale - 10am -- 4pm.

St. Patrick's famous gobs will be available.

2023 Outdoor Masses: All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our **outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7 PM at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies**. Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- Sept 3, 2023. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament –Father John D. Byrnes and the Basilica of St. Michael parish family invite all in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before the final outdoor Mass of the summer, in Loretto. Adoration will be on Sept 3rd in the Basilica of St. Michael from 3:00-6:30PM prior to outdoor Mass.



Wedding Anniversary Liturgy -- Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2023 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday,

September 10 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or **Sunday, September 17 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral.** Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday, August 29.

SAVE THE DATE -- A Women's Day of Reflection

St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown will be hosting Inspirational Speaker, Ximena DeBroeck, STL, Ph.D for A Women's Day of Reflection, "Called and Anointed for Mission" This one day event will be held from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM September 30, 2023. The day will start off with a walk with the Women of the Old and New Testament as you discover the meaning of being called. The day will include Mass, Adoration, opportunities for confession and fellowship and the opportunity to strengthen the tether between your heart and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This event is Free and open to all, A Lunch and Refreshments will be served so an RSVP is required. A love offering will be taken. For more information contact St. Benedict Rectory at (814) 266-9178 or Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Orvieto -- Fr. John Slovikovski, Pastor of Visitation parish, as part of the celebration of the Jubilee 2025, is promoting and coordinating a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, and Orvieto, Italy, which is open to the entire diocese in the month of June 2025. This pilgrimage will include visitations to the 4 Major Basilicas of Rome (The Vatican {with an audience with the Pope}, Saint Mary Major, Saint John Lateran, and Saint Paul outside the Walls.) We will also visit the Spanish Steps, the Catacombs, Trevi Fountain, and the Coliseum as well as the basilicas of St. Francis and Saint Clare in Assisi. All of our tour will be guided by a native who is fluent in Italian. If you are considering joining our group, you are asked to contact the Visitation Parish office @ 814-536-6110. **THERE IS NO OBLIGATION (financial or otherwise) BEFORE WE MAKE OUR COMMITMENT WITH THE PILGRIMAGE TOUR COMPANY IN EARLY, 2024** when we will meet with our Pilgrimage tour company. 2025 is an exceptional time to be in Rome since it will be during a Jubilee Year which is a very special time for a Jubilee occurs only once every 25 years.

INFORMATION MEETING FOR EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE

--: Msgr. Michael Becker, pastor of St. John's and St. Rose of Lima Parishes in Altoona, will be leading this pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Lisbon, Fatima, Lourdes and Paris on June 3 to the 16th, 2024. A special INFORMATION meeting will be held at St. Benedict Church in Johnstown on Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:30 PM, in room #2 of the St. John Paul II Center. All are welcome to join in this pilgrimage of faith!



Families and the Gospel

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (MT 14:22-33)

The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be "by himself and pray." When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's gospel: "Lord, save me."

August 15, 2023 The Assumption

"Blessed is the fruit of your womb" can be said of all mothers, because every child is "blessed" and a child of God upon whom God "looks with favor." This is our deepest identity and destiny. We do not earn this blessing. God's love is a free gift to each of us.

The Assumption

Stories of how Mary died and went to heaven have been circulating in the church since the second century. Around the year 600 Emperor Maurice set the feast day on August 15 in the Roman Empire. In 1950 Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption an article of faith. Here are a few lines from A New Catechism to help explain its significance: "Mary has already been raised from the dead, body and soul. Of the other dead we may only say that they will be made alive, they are about to arise, but we acknowledge that Mary is already glorified." "Just as Christ's resurrection is effective among us through his forceful, vivid presence in the life of the world, so too, is the glory or the 'Assumption' of Mary... We can experience the presence of Christ and Mary by living on earth in the Spirit of Christ and by speaking to them in prayer. The same may be said of the other dead. Some great saints and good people are more powerfully present than others. Does this perhaps indicate that they are already further on the way of resurrection?"

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