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Outstanding Young Adults 2025

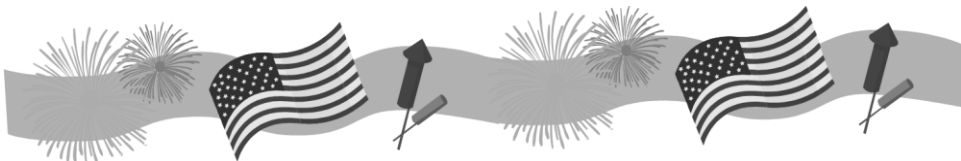


Congratulations to Amber Hoover and Amanda George who were recognized as Outstanding Young Adults in the Diocese. They are pictured here beside Bishop Mark at a dinner honoring them among other Outstanding Young Adults throughout the Diocese.

July 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Laughter</i> <i>Laughter is like a windshield wiper: it won't stop the rain, but it will allow you to keep going.</i>		1	2	3	4 First Friday Confessions 8:30 – 9:15 Adoration 8:30 – 9:30 4th JULY	5 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45 Mission Co-Op talks at Masses
6 Mission Co-Op talks at Masses	7	8  St. Vincent de Paul Society (2nd Tuesday) 2:00 PM Church Hall	9	10	11 Youth Swimming Party at Cresson Swimming Pool from 6-8 pm	12 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 Parish Festival 11:00 to 5:30	21	22	23  Knights of Columbus (4th Wednesday of the month) 6:30 pm Church Hall	24	25	26 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45



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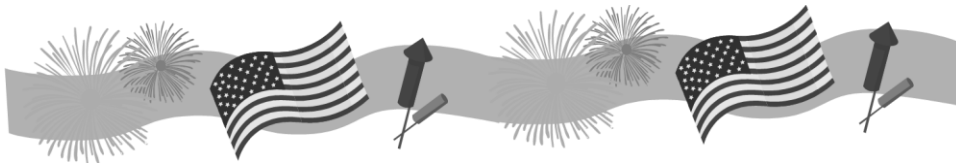


PARISH FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, JULY 20TH
11:00AM - 5:30PM



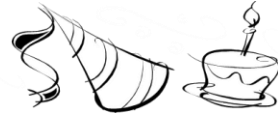
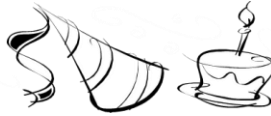
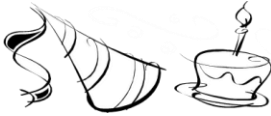
Blessed is
 the nation
 whose God
 is the LORD.
Psalm 33:12





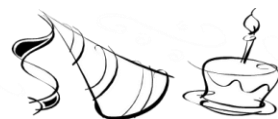
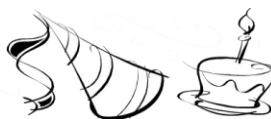
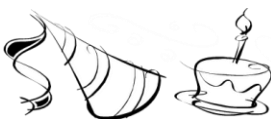


July Celebrations



1	Nathan Hoover	10	Sharon Zoskey	18	Diane Misiura
	Heather Jones	11	Carol Albarano	19	Tucker Brown
	Anna Leahey		Mason Barlick		Daniel Falger
	Dorothy Phillips		Regina Leja		Patrick McCool
2	Kendall Osman		Kathryn Martynuska	20	Lily Hallinan
	Dana Ronan		Agnes McCarty		Fr. Matthew Reese
3	Alyse Rabatin		Tami Wissinger		Gary Risko
	Robert Van Guilder	12	Deborah Giraud	21	Mary Callen
6	Charlie Craig		Linda Leahey		Alfred Hritz
	Patrick Tremel		Patricia Steberger	22	Amber Kertes
7	Amber Hoover	13	Steven Noland	25	Shana Hoover
	Phyllis Siedlarczyk		Ronald Sweeney		John Stiffler
8	Kerry Bossler	15	Kim Gides	26	Renee Behe
	Helen Link		Donna Panek	27	Les Kiel
9	Patrick Behe	16	Patricia Davis	28	Annette Ditosti
	Trisha Behe		Ronald Martynuska	29	MaryEllen Nazit
	Janet Franey		Malia Prebish	30	Heather Agosta
10	Diane Bishop		Regis Tremel		Donald Hmiel
	Debra Kozak	17	Edward Craine		Brandon Roop
	George Nesbella	18	Ronald Leturgey Jr.	31	Claire Tickerhoof
					James Moyer

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Special Birthday Celebrations

The following members of the parish family will be celebrating special birthdays this month.

Regina Leja	98	Robert Van Guilder	84	Phyllis Siedlarczyk	80
Claire Tickerhoof	94	Helen Link	84	Kathryn Martynuska	80
MaryEllen Nazit	87	Donald Hmiel	83	Edward Craine	80
Agnes McCarty	85	James Moyer	82		

Fourth of July Prayer

Fr. Ed Hays, *A Pilgrim's Almanac*, P. 111

We lift up our hearts, O God,
on this day of celebration in gratitude for
the gift of being Americans.

We rejoice with all those who share in the
great dream of freedom and dignity for all.

With flags and feasting, with family and
friends we salute those who have
sacrificed that we might have the
opportunity to bring to fulfillment our
many God-given gifts.

As we deny all prejudice a place in our
hearts, may we also clearly declare our
intention to work for the time when all
people, regardless of race, religion, or sex,
will be granted equal dignity and worth.

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"Apple Seeds"
Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R.
Collection Basket July 2019

Inner Strength

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can get going without pep pills,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring
aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring
people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and
be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones
are too busy to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and blame
without resentment,

If you can ignore a friend's limited
education and never correct him,

If you can resist treating a rich friend
better than a poor friend,

If you can conquer tension without medical
help. . .

Then you are probably "The Family Dog"!

2022-3 Exchange
Trinity United Methodist Church, Portage, PA

Parish Council Report

June 16, 2025

1. Welcome to new member: Jim Secriskey
2. Congratulations to newly married council members: Mr. & Mrs. Hoover
3. Election of this year's Chair: John Hurley
4. Volunteer for Secretary: Barbara Bart
5. Call to Order
 - a. Attended: Deacon Sam, John Hurley, Michael Summerville, Jim Secriskey, Alexis Eckenrode, Matthew Hoover, Amber Hoover, Barbara Bart, George Nesbella, Colleen Keagy, Joy Eckenrode (Asst. DRE & Youth)
6. Opening Prayer/Blessing of the 2025/2026 Council – Fr. Matthew
7. Reading of minutes from the last Parish Council meeting (April 7, 2025). Motion was made to approve, was seconded, and passed unanimously.
8. Finance Council Report
 - a. Net income as of 5/31/2025 +\$94,558.09
9. Old Business
 - a. Pro-Life presentation by Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
 - i. Motion was made for two pro-life activities per year: October benefit for the Gabriel Project, May for the baby bottle collection campaign
 - ii. At the start of the Gabriel Project there will be a designated collector for delivery
 - b. Wi-Fi in the Hall has been fixed
 - c. Update on sidewalk: waiting for weather to clear
10. New Business
 - a. Small Games of Chance update
 - i. Fr. Matthew, with some other parishioners, attended teaching at St. Michael regarding small games of chance
 - ii. Money from this account to be used for good of general community
 - iii. Any tickets for small games that are unused have to be kept for two years
 - iv. Raffle tickets must have a person's name on it, not "Our Lady of the Alleghenies." If the winner wants to donate the money back to the church they may after winning it themselves.
 - v. Any money that is not claimed within 30 days goes back to the church small games account
 - b. Church Bell System
 - i. Amplifier broken; looking into repair
 - c. Hallway issue
 - i. Floor in hallway between church and rectory is falling away from building
 - ii. Contacted Diocese, obtaining price for repair

- d. Bell tower issues
 - i. Continual water damage inside sides of choir loft and crumbling of interior wall structure
- e. Known upcoming 2025 events
 - i. June 28 – Youth Rock Painting for the Festival
 - ii. July 5/6 – Mission Co-Op talks at Masses
 - iii. July 11 – Youth Swimming Party
 - iv. July 20 – Festival
 - v. August 15 – Holyday of Obligation
 - vi. August 24 – 1st day of CCD and Faith Day at the Curve youth event
 - vii. September 7, 8, 9 – 40 Hours with special guest Homilist, Fr. Leo Patalinghug, for each evening
 - viii. September 23 – National Centre for Padre Pio Shrine Bus Trip to Barto, PA
 - ix. September 28 – CCD Class in Loretto to learn about Prince Gallitzin
 - x. October 10 thru 17 – Rome Jubilee Pilgrimage
 - xi. October 17 – Diocesan Bus Trip Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. Basilica
 - xii. October 25/26 – NON Parish related fundraising event using our Hall – Quilt Sale
 - xiii. December 8 and 25 – two Holydays of Obligation
 - xiv. December 12 – Knights of Columbus Bloodmobile
 - xv. December – TBD – Christmas Social
- 11. Reports from Committees
 - a. Cemetery Committee
 - i. Summary of last meeting – water issues
 - 1. Mt. Carmel Cemetery – significant flooding, ditch dug for temporary water diversion until full project can be completed
 - ii. Another meeting to follow tonight’s Council meeting
 - 1. Reviewing Diocesan policies
 - b. Festival Heads – Fr. Matthew as representative
 - i. A meeting will be held June 23 to finalize plans
 - c. Vocation Committee – Joan Walters and/or Renee Behe as representatives – no report

12. Non-Committee Reports

- a. 2025 Jubilee Year – Amber Hoover (Parish Ambassador)
 - i. Status of Rome/Vatican City State Pilgrimage in October 2025: currently 14 people going, July 10 last day for guaranteed price
- b. Youth Ministry – Joy Eckenrode (Head)
 - i. Saturday, June 28, 2025: Rock painting craft in the hall for Festival at 5 pm (after the 4 pm Mass)
 - ii. Friday, July 11, 2025: Youth Pool Party at Cresson Swimming Pool from 6-8 pm
 - iii. Sunday, August 24, 2025: Faith Day at the Altoona Curve at 5 pm
 - 1. Adult tickets are \$25 each; ages 0-17 tickets are free, which includes food before the game
 - iv. More information will be sent home to our youth in the mail
- c. Adult Education – Colleen Keagy (Chair)
 - i. Historical Class – looking at a date in August
 - ii. Tuesday, September 23 – Padre Pio Centre bus trip
- d. Youth Religious Education & Sacramental prep. – Fr. Matthew (DRE) and/or Joy Eckenrode (Assistant DRE)
 - i. CCD begins August 24, 2025
 - ii. Next CCD Teacher meeting is Monday, August 18, 2025, at 7pm following the Parish Council Mtg.
 - iii. George Nesbella will be teaching all high school classes
 - iv. 2026 Confirmation will be held May 1st at Holy Family in Portage
- e. Maintenance Issues
 - i. Side rectory entrance to basement - masonry is deteriorating
 - ii. Lights are being replaced in basement, kitchen, bathrooms, and two office rooms in the rectory
 - iii. Request made to cut grass towards end of the week to look nicer for weekends

13. Comments from Fr. Matthew

- a. September's 40 Hours Devotions special speaker from Baltimore

14. Other comments

- a. Collection baskets need to be replaced
 - i. We have some already from the Chapel

15. Closing Prayer

16. Adjournment at 7 pm (Next Parish Council meeting: Monday, August 18, 2025, at 6-7pm)

Prayer Requests

Prayer Circle



A prayer circle enlists the power of our community joining together to pray for those in need of prayers and/or healing. Prayer requests may be made to any member of the prayer circle by contacting:

Shirley Patterson	814-886-7213	Jeannie Krug	814-931-9311
Diane Misiura	814-317-5711	Debbie Kozak	814-886-8296
Pattie Grove	814-886-4463	Dorothy McCool	814-736-4126
John & Sara Latoche	814-736-3037	Patty Nagy	814-886-7374
Mike & Shelly McIntosh	814-886-5516		

Any one of these people can be contacted for a prayer need. Then the prayer request is passed onto the next member of the circle and continues around the circle. Contact any member to start your request.

We welcome any new volunteers. Please contact Shirley Patterson

Jubilee Year Pilgrims

On June 12, 2025, our parish welcomed a bus load of Jubilee Year Pilgrims from the Johnstown area. Fr. Matthew held Solemn Lauds and gave a talk about the general background of our Parish's history. Picture is courtesy of Fr. Matt Baum who organized this group trip. After they visited our church, they continued to Altoona and Loretto. (Also pictured with the group is Fr. Simon who accompanied them.)



Parish Council 2025/2026

June 2025

The 2025-2026 Elected Parish Council Members – **John Hurley (CHAIR)**
(# years left of term)

Age Group 56 & above

- Barbara Bart (2)
- George Nesbella (2)
- John Hurley (3)

Age Group 36-55

- Colleen Keagy (2)
- Mike Summerville (3)
- Jim Secrisky (3)

Age Group 18-35

- Alexis Eckenrode (1)
- Matthew Hoover (1)
- Amber Hoover (1)

Clergy – Father Matthew Reese, PASTOR and Deacon Samuel Albarano Jr.

Finance Council Chair ----- Bill Mulhearn
Assistant D.R.E. & Youth Ministry ----- Joy Eckenrode
Cemetery Committee Chair----- Ed Myers
Vocation Committee.....Renee Behe and Joan Walters
Adult Education ----- Colleen Keagy
Festival Heads Liason.....Fr. Matthew Reese
March Craft Fair Head ----- Amy Hazlett
May B.Y.O.B Dance Head----- Colleen Keagy
Christmas Social Head----- Anna Leahey
MaintenanceLiam Layo, employee

Finance Council Membership

June 2025

OUR FINANCE COUNCIL as of July 3, 2022

CLERGY: Fr. Matthew Reese (PASTOR)
Deacon Sam Albarano

*Bill Mulhearn (CHAIR)
Matthew George
Ted George

Rich Giraud
Gary Nagy
Pat Rainey

Andy Ronan
Jenny Schilling
Liz Wilt



July Wedding Anniversaries

1	Richard and Debbie Giraud	12	Stanley and Delores Skura
3	Edward and Patricia Grove	13	Jeffrey and Crystal Hite
4	Matthew and Amanda George	14	Robert and Theresa Shedlock
5	Nate and Missy Erzal	15	Daniel and Claudine Falger
	Francis and Mary Risko	16	John and Lana Geriak
7	Joseph and Annette Ditosti	18	Ron and Tami Wissinger
8	Robert and Amy Hazlett	20	Brent and Alysia Krug
	Joseph and Tanya Phillips	25	Mark and Deborah Wilson
9	Ryan and Shauna Haney	26	Frank, Jr. and Julie Crouse
	William and Catherine Weakland	29	Dominic and Juliana Ricupero
11	Donald and Cindy Hartline	30	Adam and Greta Rabatin



Anniversary Milestones

Congratulations to the following couples
celebrating special anniversaries this month.



Francis and Mary Risko-----56	Daniel and Claudine Falger----- 30
Delores and Stanley Skura-----56	Adam and Greta Rabatin ----- 20
Edward and Patricia Grove -----54	Matthew and Amanda George ---- 10

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Mark your calendar for our parish festival.
Sunday July 20, 2025, from 11:00am to 5:30pm

What can you expect?

- Several businesses have donated either money or gift certificates or baskets
- Craft vendors and Food vendors
- Check out the cake/pie walk.
- Raffles, including baskets
- Fun, games, bouncy houses, and entertainment by Charlene's Dance Studio, and Felix & the Hurricanes from 2pm-5pm



All of our Heads of Booths have been busy planning. Now we need some help on the day of the festival. Just an hour or two of your time would go a long way in contributing to the success of the festival. Please sign up at the Masses. Your help will be truly appreciated.

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