



A Cordial Invitation

*With praise and thanksgiving
to God, our Almighty Father
and relying upon the help of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
the Church of Altoona-Johnstown
joyfully announces the ordination of*

Peter Dominic Crowe

and

Jonathan James Dickson

to the Sacred Order of Presbyter

*through the imposition of hands
and the invocation of the Holy Spirit*

by

*The Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D.
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown*

*at ten o'clock in the morning
on Saturday, the Twenty-Seventh of May
in the Year Two Thousand and Seventeen*

*at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
One Cathedral Square
Altoona, Pennsylvania*



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May 1, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year's **PRINCE GALLITZIN CROSS** award ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Calvin House in Duncansville. It will be preceded by a social at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. The awardees are:

Edgar and Nancy Anna of Saint Bernard Parish in Hastings

Nathaniel Barbera of Saint Peter Parish in Somerset

Reverend Clarence Bridges of Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown

Mary Knisel of Saint Bartholomew Parish in Wilmore

Peter and Denise Kreckel of Saint Matthew Parish in Tyrone

Monica Ludwig of Saint Nicholas Parish in Nicktown

Carmela Magistro of Saint Therese Parish in Johnstown

Irene Matse of Holy Family Parish in Hooversville

Donna Stoy of Saint Thomas Parish in Ashville

It would add to the significance of the event if a number of clergy were able to attend. I do understand that such is impossible for most of you, due to the fact that it is a Saturday. Pastors are encouraged to use this occasion to treat those involved in service to the parish. This is especially appropriate for those parishes of which this year's recipients are members. Tickets may be obtained from the Diocesan Chancery Office by contacting Mrs. Jeanne Duffy by mail, by phone (814-695-5579), or email (jduffy@dioceseaj.org). Tickets can be purchased for \$35.00 per person. Reservations need to be made by May 19.

I look forward to this annual event of recognizing those who, like yourself, carry on the spirit of the Servant of God.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown



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To: Pastors/Parish Secretaries/Bulletin Editors
From: Tony DeGol
Re: Outdoor Masses
Date: May 2, 2017

On behalf of Father John Byrnes, Rector of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto, outdoor Masses will once again be celebrated every Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. during the summer months at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine. Please include the following announcement in your bulletins.

OUTDOOR MASSES

Father John D. Byrnes, Rector, and the Parish Family of St. Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join us each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Sunday, May 28, 2017 and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 3, 2017. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be held in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Also on behalf of Father Brynes, please see the following invitation to priests and their parish faith community:

Dear Father/Monsignor,

You are invited to preside at Mass and offer a visit for your parish to the outdoor 7:00 p.m. Sunday Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies, Loretto on a Sunday night this summer. Bishop Mark will preside on Sundays July 23 and August 6, 2017.

The other Sundays of the summer are OPEN. Your choir and liturgical ministers are welcome to join in the celebration. An organist is provided. Presiders and parishes are now being scheduled. For scheduling, please contact Very Rev. John D. Byrnes, Rector at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto at 814-472-8551 or at jbyrnes@dioceseaj.org.



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May 2, 2017

To: Clergy/Bulletin Editors

RE: Natural Family Planning Introduction Session

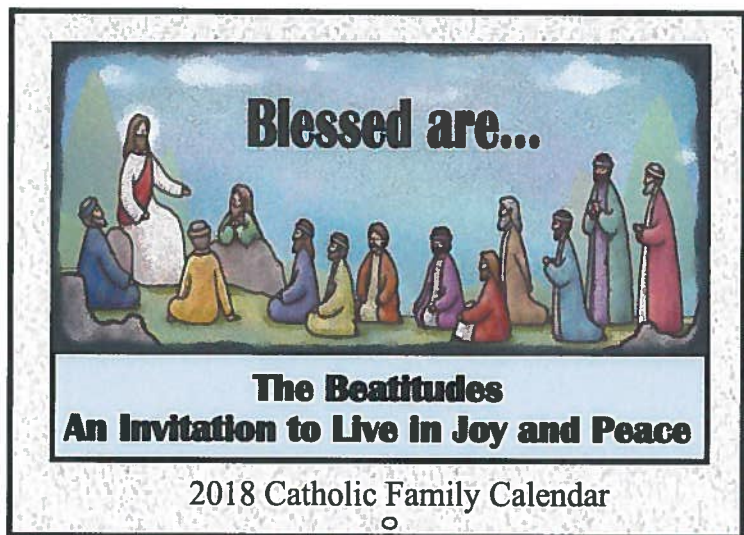
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Please publish the weekends of May 7, 14, 21

Natural Family Planning Information Session

An information session on Natural Family Planning (NFP), a scientific method of regulating conception approved by the Catholic Church, will be held on Tuesday, May 23 at St. John Rectory Meeting Room, 134 E. Bishop St., Bellefonte at 7:00 p.m. An NFP teacher will present information on learning the method. NFP is based on the awareness of a couple's fertility. It can be used to achieve or postpone pregnancy and is a helpful tool for infertile couples. No reservations necessary. If you would like more information on the session, contact 814-355-3134.

2018 Catholic Family Calendar



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 Oct. 2017 or pay
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Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied. *✠ 26*



April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 White Resurrection of the Lord EASTER SUNDAY <i>Adult:</i> Why do you believe that you will love with Christ for all eternity?	2 White Easter Season <i>Child:</i> Who has helped you believe that you will live with Jesus forever?	3 White Easter Season Say a "different" meal prayer.	4 White Easter Season Plant, pick or buy flowers for you home.	5 White Easter Season How do you celebrate the 50 days of Easter?	6 White Easter Season Study scripture—be a river, not a swamp.	7 White Easter Season <i>Sunday Readings</i> Acts 4:32-35/1Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31
8 White 2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)	9 White Annunciation of the Lord Easter Season	10 White Easter Season	11 Red St. Stanislaus Easter Season	12 White Easter Season	13 White St. Martin I Easter Season	14 White Easter Season <i>Sunday Readings</i> Acts 3:13-15, 17-18 1Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
15 White 3rd Sunday of Easter	16 White Easter Season	17 White Easter Season	18 White Easter Season	19 White Easter Season	20 White Easter Season	21 White St. Anselm Easter Season <i>Sunday Readings</i> Acts 4:8-12/1Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18
22 White 4th Sunday of Easter	23 White St. George St. Adalbert Easter Season	24 White St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen Easter Season	25 Red St. Mark Easter Season	26 White Easter Season	27 White Easter Season	28 White St. Peter Chanel St. Louis Mary de Montfort Easter Season <i>Sunday Readings</i> Acts 9:26-31/1Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8
29 White 5th Sunday of Easter	30 White St. Pius V Easter Season	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #d3d3d3;"> <p>Am I Experiencing Satisfaction? If not, maybe I am truly longing for the spiritual food only Christ can give.</p> </div>				

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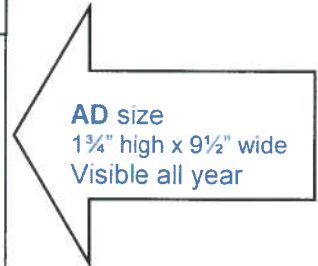
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