

WEEKEND MASSES

WALTERSTOWN: 6:00PM (SAT VIGIL)
 JOHNSTOWN: 7:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
 WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)
 JOHNSNTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)
 PARISH PRIEST: FR. KEVIN HEERY PP



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

29TH DECEMBER 2024



PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

WEEKDAY MASSES: JOHNSTOWN 9:30 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY EXCEPT WEDNESDAY
ON OCCASION OF A FUNERAL, 9:30AM MASS IS SUSPENDED

SYRO-MALABRAR MASSES: JOHNSTOWN 1ST & 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

TRAD. LATIN MASS: JOHNSTOWN 1PM EVERY SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

BAPTISMS: SUNDAY FOLLOWING 11:00AM MASS – *ENQUIRIES TO PARISH OFFICE*

CONFESSION: CELEBRATED IN THE CONFESSIONAL IN JOHNSTOWN, SATURDAY, 7:10PM

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Saturday, 28th December

6:00pm: - Christmas Intention

7:30pm: - Tommy Lynch;
Anthony O'Grady

Sunday, 29th December

9:30am: - Pro Populo

11:00am: - Christmas Intention

2nd Sunday of Christmas Saturday, 4th January

6:00pm: - ProPopulo

7:30pm: - Michael Meegan

Sunday, 5th January

9:30am: -

11:00am: - Thomas & Mary Nugent

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am

Tues. 9:30am

Thurs. 9:30am

Fri. 9:30am

Christmas Card Intention

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List of the Dead

● **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Marie Farrelly**, Kilcarn Court, and **Paul McGuinness**, formerly of Johnstown. May they rest in peace.

● **Parish Office:** Will reopen on 2nd Jan. 2025 after the Christmas Break.

● **Parish Envelopes 2025:** The new Parish Envelopes are now available for collection, from the porch at both churches. The parish envelopes are of vital support to the parish and go towards the maintenance of the parish buildings, offsetting the running costs of the parish and allows us to plan towards future projects. A big thank you to all who contribute through their box of Parish Envelopes. If you are new to the parish, and would like to register for the parish, Please contact the parish office or fill in the New Parishioner Registration Form at the back of the church and drop into Office or Sacristy. A Standing Order, Direct Debit or Donating online are also available through the Parish Website.



Happy New Year!

Anno Domini 2025! The Year of the Lord 2025: As we end this year of 2024, let us thank God for the blessings which He has bestowed on us, and seek his blessing for the new year about to begin. A notable tradition of our faith, and one richly blessed by the church, by offering a Plenary Indulgence to all who offer the **“Te Deum”** Prayer on 31st December (A great prayer of thanksgiving to God) and invoking the Holy Spirit with the prayer **“Veni Creator Spiritus/Come O Creator Spirit”** on 1st January, placing this new year under His guidance and providence. Both prayers can be found on the Parish Website under “Prayer” section. Let this year be truly lived as the Year of the Lord by ordering all things to His service.



New Year's Day Holy Mass

will be offered at **11am** on **Wednesday, 1st January** in Johnstown. This Mass is the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God and more recently has been asked to have an intention to pray for peace. All welcome to pray for the gift of peace in our homes, families and community, and above all the end of warfare in the troubled and suffering parts of the world..



Spiritual New Year's Resolutions:

- An extra Mass during the week.
- Make a Weekly Holy Hour
- Read the Gospel of Luke entirely – it will be the gospel for most of the Sunday's of this coming year.
- Become a Reader, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, join the Choir, Altar society, help with stewarding or collecting or parish hospitality committee.
- Take time to read some of the great spiritual classics, especially with friends in a book club.
- Host a prayer evening.
- Commit to listening to some of Catholic Podcasts on your phone.
- Pray the Rosary daily for the intentions of the parish.
- For the men of the parish as a fraternity., think of doing Exodus90 beginning 20th January (*Exodus90.com for info*)

SILENT NIGHT!

Holy night!

All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and child!

Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace!

(x2)

Silent night! Holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight!

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!

Christ the Saviour is born! (x2)

Silent night! Holy night!

Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from thy holy face

With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

(x2)

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL,

Joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him

Born the King of Angels:

O come, let us adore Him (x3)

Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light,

Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;

Very God, Begotten, not created:

Sing, choirs of angels,

Sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!

Glory to God In the highest.

AWAY IN A MANGER, no crib for a bed,

the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;

the stars in the bright sky

looked down where he lay,

the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes; but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;

I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,

and stay by my bedside till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray:

bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Parish Sunday Collection

- **Mobile Donation:** Simply scan the QR Code with your Phone camera (or google app) to connect to the Parish Account and choose the amount to donate. You can also click the link on the Parish Website above. Providing an email or contact information will allow us to acknowledge the donation. It can also be used to pay for shrine candles. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office.



Collections amounts presented next week:
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