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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
January 21st, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
12:05 PM - Mass for Giving Thanks  
To God for the Gift of Human Life

5:30 PM - Same as Above

TUESDAY - No Mass

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
5:30 PM - Spiritual & Temporal Welfare  
of Catherine Bennett  
(Req. by Visitation Parish)  
\*NO ADORATION\*

THURSDAY - No Mass

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
12:05 PM - Esperanza (Cha Cha) Bair  
(Req. by husband, John Bair)

SATURDAY - Vigil of 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 PM - Jeanine Oberle  
(Req. by Lois & Robert Slivinsky)

5:30 PM - Gloria Rager  
(VPM) (Req. by Alexis & Dave Kozak)

SUNDAY - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00 AM - Pro Populo

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of Esperanza (Cha Cha) Bair  
Req. by husband, John Bair

The daily readings; may be found at either  
USCCB.ORG or under the headings of daily readings  
listed in the back of the missalette.

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IN LOVING MEMORY: The Sanctuary Lamp is available for your intentions by calling the parish office. Please attempt to request your intention as early as possible. A \$10 donation is suggested.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Confessions are heard regularly on the First Saturday of every month at 3:00—3:30 PM (suspended until Ft. John is well). **Confession may ALWAYS be arranged with Fr. John personally by calling the rectory office. Please avail yourselves to this life-giving sacrament!**

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Scheduled no less than **nine months** prior to the date of marriage. Four preparation sessions with the pastor, as well as all diocesan requirements, must be met. All Catholic candidates for Marriage must be registered, practicing members of a parish at least 6 months prior to scheduling the wedding.

INFANT BAPTISM: Baptisms are generally celebrated during one of the Sunday Liturgies. Pre-baptismal instructions must be completed by the parents at least 3 weeks prior to the celebration of the sacrament. Catholic godparents must obtain a letter of eligibility from their pastors four weeks in advance. Baptisms are never celebrated during the Season of Lent.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK: Celebrated after any Sunday Mass as requested and as a parish during the Easter Season.

MEMBERSHIP: Forms are located on the back page of the bulletin (or on the parish website) to be filled out and sent to the parish. Registrations are also welcome by phone.



\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$

Collection - January 14, 2024

Loose Money.....	\$240.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2424.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$52.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$25.00
Initial Offering.....	\$25.00
Votive Shrines.....	\$35.00
St. Peregrine.....	\$56.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$35.00

TOTAL:     \$2892.00

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Let us continue to pray for the members of our parish community who serve in the military, as well as for the sick, elderly and homebound members of our parish especially:

Anonymous Petitioners, Helene and Pat Balagusz, Ralph Blair, David Clark, Ronald Cleaver, Dolores Danner, Dorothy Fisher, Barbara Fox, Emma Frieke, Paul Harnish, Catherine Heinlein, Baby Gianna Kniss, Karen Kohan, Betsy Konar, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Gaile Krumenacker, Victoria Leflie, Michael Letzo, Patricia Mainhart, Marianne Mangiafico, Pat Meagher, Mary Mihalacki, Myla Minner, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Anna Marie Pfeil, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, James Rován, Sean Rován, Leonard Russell, Doctor Larry Rutledge, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Ernestine Schmidt, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovickovski, Shirley Slovickovski, Megan Varnecky, Coralie Williams, Christi and Nancy Vavrek, Carrie Young

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Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of January 22nd to January 28th:



Julie Nagle  
 Joseph Carrier  
 Nancy Ward

Joseph Czyrnik  
 Sue Karmanocky

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part of It:
   
 SAVE THE DATES - It is difficult to believe that Lent is less that a month away. With this in mind, I would like you to reserve the following dates: Saturday, February 10th, we will celebrate our Annual Mardi Gras party from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. In years gone by, we had almost 100 participants; the last time it was held there was just under 1/2 of that amount of attendees. Please consider joining us that day for good food and fun fraternizing. As always, this gathering is FREE for all who attend.

Second, I would ask you place on your schedule Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays in Lent (except Good Friday) as days that we will be holding our annual Fish Fry from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM. I ask you to place these dates in your calendar for two reasons: so that you may patronize our Fish Fry and/or serve as a volunteer. I have high expectations that many of you will come out to help us in 2024, as it is one of our major fundraisers of the year, and a significant way of helping our parish remain alive and stable. More information will follow next weekend. Thank you!



Young Adult Group (18-39) - Theology on Tap returns January 31st from 6-8pm at The Boulevard Grill (165 Southmont Boulevard). Our January guest speaker is Remil Teny - Education Director of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation. Young adults of all faiths aged 18-39 are welcome to join us for faith, fellowship, and free food with a cash bar! Thank you to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral for providing January's food. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

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As part of our commitment to growing in intimacy in our relationship with Christ, please consider taking part in the following devotions:
   
 Tuesday, 6:00 PM – Community Rosary
   
 Wednesday – 5:30 Mass followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:30 PM. We also pray the litany of St. Joseph since Wednesday is dedicated to him as the patron of the Universal Church. (You can come to either or both and if you want to make a 5/10 minute visit on Wednesdays please do so.so. Mary has always been such a powerful intercessor for the Church collectively and for us personally. It would be a blessing to carve out at least one Tuesday a month to pray with out brothers and sisters who gather to pray the Rosary. Also, God gave his son in Jesus Christ to be our salvation. Could you include him in your prayer by stepping forward to adore him for 30 minutes one night per week?



From the Pastor's Desk: This week I had some intensive testing which left me exhausted over the weekend; therefore I asked Fr. Code to celebrate weekend liturgies with you. I feel as if they are closer to determining exactly what is wrong with me so that they can develop a precise treatment plan for me. Despite the nature of my of my illness, I feel much better since I have a more definitive understanding of what is going on which is helpful in and of itself. Please continue to pray for me, especially through the intercession of Prince Demetrius Gallitzin. I do view him as a powerful intercessor for me even through I am well aware that the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Lord Jesus Christ hear my prayers directly.

The inclemency of the weather has not been good for us here at Visitation Parish. With the amount of money that we have taken in over the last two weekends we have need to be creative with our monthly budget in order to meet our financial obligations, especially some unexpected expensive repairs to our school building: therefore, I am NOT asking you to increase your contributions. I am merely asking that if you were unable to make it to Mass that you please continue to make your contribution for those days. We really need to maintain our normal weekly collection (which is approximately \$4000 per week) to be financially stable.

Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children: You may not know that The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children":

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day will be the "Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (no. 48/1 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with white vestments. Pease consider joining us for 12:05 Mass or 5:30 Mass that day. For all those who make the claim that they are truly "pro-life" should make every attempt to attend that liturgy. There will be a free will offering that day to fund the Church's Pro-Life ministry. If you cannot come that day and you wish to donate, you may place an offering in an envelope an place it in the Sunday Collection.

During his weekly audience on (January 17th) the pope continued his series of talks on the virtues and vices. Pope Francis spoke on the vice of lust. He was clear that in Christianity, there is no condemnation of the sexual instinct; however, he was equally clear that "Sexual pleasure, which is a gift from God, is undermined by pornography: satisfaction without relationship that can generate forms of addiction " Simply stated pornography is a considerable problem for many which focuses upon unhealthy self-love which in turn objectifies people as a means to pleasure rather than as a loving partner in a loving human relationship with another that is completely self-giving.

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JUBILEE CORNER: Stage I, Part IV -WEEKLY UPDATE

Having made definitive arrangements with regard to the Visitation Pilgrimage to Italy in Celebration of the Great Jubilee year 2025., the official flyer for the pilgrimage will be verified this Monday and they will become available in approximately two weeks. You may pick up the flyers either after masses or by the calling the rectory during the week. All of the places we will visit will be contained in the flyer including dates, locations to be visited, arrangement of meals and much more pertinent information. Hotels are asking tour companies for a down payment in order to secure hotels and restaurants. They in turn are asking that all individuals make a \$500 deposit by March 15th of this year. The flyers that will be distributed will provide the necessary information to make the down payment. Things are getting very exciting as everything is starting to take a formal shape. REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE FOUR MONTHS LEFT TO SIGN UP FOR THE PILGRIMAGE. If you are on the fence or do want to join us, you may have a brochure by calling the parish office. Thank you for your incredible patience and cooperation with the planning and execution of our pilgrimage.



Slovak Class - Queen of Angels Parish in Central City (Somerset County) will host a lecture by Joseph Bielecki who will offer a presentation on Slovak culture on Monday, January 22nd in their activity center (738 Sunshine Ave.). The presentation will focus on three topics - regional differences in Slovakia, why Slovaks came to Western Pennsylvania, and cherished Slovak Easter customs. The talk will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and will include refreshments. To register, please call the Queen of Angels Parish office at (814) 754-5224.



Professional Parish Cookbook - Sign up sheets remain in the main vestibule of the Church. When considering possible recipes, note that I need to see a representation from every category; however, I will be filling in all of the areas not covered. Unfortunately I will not be able to begin this project until the beginning of March. Remember, all the profit that we make will be placed in our general account.