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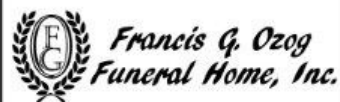
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**2nd Sunday of Easter,
April 7th, 2024**

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - The Annunciation of the Lord

12:05 PM - Spiritual and Temporal Welfare
of Father John
(Req. by Family)

TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM - Joseph Lecci
(Req. by Jenö Lecci)

Rescheduled from 4-2-24

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM - Frank Karmanocky
(Req. by Rose Marie Naugle)

***Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
After Mass until 6:30 PM***

THURSDAY - **NO MASS**

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM - John Friecko Sr.
(Req. by Paul & Sandy Beiter)

SATURDAY - Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - Michael Kozak
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)

SUNDAY - **3rd Sunday of Easter**

9:00 AM - Pro Populo, in particular
Members making First Communion

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Spiritual and Temporal Welfare
of Visitation Parish family

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

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Rev. John J. Slovickovski, PhD, Pastor

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Mrs. Kathleen Bumbernick, DMM

Mr. David Kozak, Chairperson, PC

Ms. Catherine Bennett,

Mr. Joseph Martella, Vice-

Chairperson, PC

Mr. Steve Myers, Chairperson, FC

Ms. Chris Houghton,

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 Fr.
John is well). **Confession may ALWAYS be ar-
ranged 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 mar-
riage. Four preparation sessions with the pas-
tor, 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 cele-
brated during one of the Sunday Liturgies. Pre-
baptismal instructions must be completed by
the parents at least 3 weeks prior to the cele-
bration of the sacrament. Catholic godpar-
ents must obtain a letter of eligibility from their
pastors four weeks in advance. Baptisms are
never celebrated during the Season of Lent.

ANointing 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. Regis-
trations are also welcome by phone.

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

Collection - March 31, 2024

Loose Money.....	\$482.00
Holy Thursday.....	\$714.00
Good Friday.....	\$581.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$135.00
Votive Candles.....	\$219.00
Learning Lamp Rent - April.....	\$3800.00
Apartment Rent - April.....	\$625.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$155.00

TOTAL: \$6711.00

Easter Collection.....\$6769.00

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, Francis Dietz, Dorothy Fisher, Barbara Fox, Paul Harnish, Catherine Heinlein, Mary Carol Hill and children, Donna Johnson, Baby Gianna Kniss, Karen Kohan, Betsy Konar, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Gaile Krumenacker, Victoria Leflie, Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, 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, Sean Rován, Leonard Russell, Doctor Larry Rutledge, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Ernestine Schmidt, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Megan Varnecky, Coralie Williams, Christi and Nancy Vavrek, Carrie Young

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of April 8th to April 14th:



Walter Marano
John George
Joann Daly
Donna Rzasz
Sydney Podrebarac

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part of It:

ANNUAL VISITATION SPRING BASKET PARTY - The annual Visitation Parish basket party will be held on Sunday May 5th. The doors will open at 11:30 AM and food will be available at noon. The baskets will be called at 1:00 PM. If anyone has any already made baskets, please bring them to church or call Gaile at (814) 255-5697 to have them picked up.



On Monday April 8th at 6:00 PM, there will be a basket party meeting in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to come. If anyone has any new or gently used items that could be used to make baskets, we would greatly appreciate it. Also we are in need of lottery tickets and wine and spirits for a basket.

The invitations to the rosary every Tuesday at 6:00 PM and on Wednesdays to attend the 5:30 Mass followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:30 PM continue to be extended to all parishioners. We also pray the litany of St. Joseph since Wednesday is dedicated to him as the

patron of the Universal Church. Remember the parish intention is for Fr. John's health. But your personal intentions for the Rosary and adoration are your own.

Public Rosary - There will be a public rosary to pray for peace in our country and our world on Thursday April 11th at 6:30 PM at St. Clement Church in Upper Yoder.

Broadway & Beyond - Bishop McCort Catholic High School will present Broadway & Beyond, April 11, 12 and 13. All shows begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Guzzi Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling (814) 536-8991 or at the door on the night of the show.



Drive By Spaghetti Dinner - The Church of the Transfiguration will be holding a drive by spaghetti dinner on Sunday April 14th. Orders will be taken from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Drive into the parking lot at 219 Third Street in Conemaugh and follow the directions and pay for your dinner. The dinner costs \$8.00 per meal and includes hot spaghetti, two meatballs, a bun, salad and dessert. Drive down to the kitchen and someone will bring the meals to your car.

From the Pastor's Desk: This spring has come into season with a great deal of rain. Many people complain about the rain, and rightly so. The flooding waters have caused damage to persons homes and have even left some persons stranded. Even our rectory basement was flooded with 100's of gallons of water. For all the persons whose lives have been effected execrably by the rain, we offer our prayers and any other support that we can give them. However, we can tend to forget the goodness of water. It is a source of life for all animate creature, humans, animals and plants alike. It is also a source of new sacramental existence when used in Christian Baptism. Therefore, we should never be horrified by a bit of water hitting you during the sprinkling rite. If you have fear of melting, please sit in the middle of the pew, bring an umbrella or wear a heavy raincoat.



In Pope Francis' celebration of the Angelus last Monday, (due to Easter), he noted that today, Monday of the Octave of Easter, the Gospel (cf. Mt 28:8.15) shows us the joy of the women at the Resurrection of Jesus: the text says they abandoned the tomb with "great joy", and "ran to tell His disciples" (v. 8). This joy, which is born precisely from the living encounter with the Risen One, is a powerful emotion, which impels them to spread and to tell what they have seen. So, the women, on Easter morning, live this experience, but in a much greater way. Why? Because the resurrection of Jesus is not just wonderful news or the happy ending of a story, but something that changes our lives completely, and changes it forever! It is the victory of life over death, this is the Resurrection of Jesus. It is the victory of hope over despondency. How can we nurture this joy? Like the women did: by encountering the Risen One, because He is the source of a joy that never ceases. So, we must hasten to seek Him in the Eucharist, in His forgiveness, in prayer and in lived charity! Joy, when it is shared, grows. We must share the joy of the Risen One.

In his weekly audience on Wednesday, Francis, continues his catechesis on the virtues, turning to the second cardinal virtue, **justice**, which the Catechism describes as "the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbour" (No. 1807). Justice is not only a virtue to be practiced by individuals; it is above all a social virtue, for it is directed to the creation of communities in which each person is treated in accordance with his or her innate dignity. Justice is thus the basis of peace. The practice of justice demands the practice of other virtues, such as honesty, integrity, respect for law and commitment to the common good. Jesus calls blessed those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (cf. Mt 5:6). How greatly our world, riven by war and manifest inequality, needs men and women firmly committed to the pursuit of justice, so that the human family can live and flourish in unity, solidarity and peace. {In a very simple way, Justice is the responsible and equitable distributions of rights and responsibilities - FJ} May the practice of Justice be part of our celebration of resurrection!

JUBILEE CORNER: - WEEKLY UPDATE
Even though the March 15th date has passed, you may still join our pilgrimage to Rome. The last day to sign up will be JUNE 30, 2024. If you haven't given much thought to this trip, please consider coming with us. Your life will be forever changed by visiting the eternal city (Rome) and Assisi.



Non Mortem Timemus, quia credimus in vitam aeternam (We do not fear death because we believe in eternal life.). We own this phrase because it is at the heart of our belief in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so, we remember two of our beloved parishioners who have passed from time to eternity.

James Vizzini made his way home on March 18th to be one with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Father of five and many grandchildren, he had ample opportunities to follow the love command of Jesus with them in mind. He was an active member of our parish, and his demeanor made many people feel very welcome in our community. Jim was a lover of dogs, seeing them as a special part of God's creation. He was a very devout man, who wanted to be free from all stain of sin into order to be with God. Jim's last confession, about one week before he died was very beautiful for me and comforting for him. We live in the firm hope that Jim is in the presence of God and we will be one again with him. Jim, rest in peace.

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Emma Frieko had the special grace dying on March 29th, **Good Friday**. She was one with the Lord in a unique way, her suffering joined with the passion of the Lord, transforming her in a beautiful and unique way that would make her one with her Savior and Lord. Being the mother of eight children, she knew many joys and some sorrows in her long life of 91 years, for she loved them as Jesus loved her. On the outside, she may have seemed demure and shy to some, but she was very accomplish in both the personal and spiritual realms of life. She was a very devout Catholic, not only in word but also in deed. She volunteered at her parish, Visitation, in numerous ways. She was also a member of many religious groups and much to my surprise she was a third Order Carmelite. She also was a woman of prayer, the stuff that saints are made of. She was also a business woman, a nurse at Lee Hospital and a lover of God's creation. **Emma**, the choirs of angels have come to meet you to lead you to paradise. **Now rest in peace.**

