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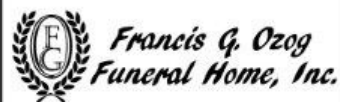
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**4th Sunday of Easter,
April 21st, 2024**



**1127 McKinley Avenue
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Rev. John J. Slovikovski, PhD, Pastor

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Mrs. Kathleen Bumbnick, DMM

Mr. David Kozak, Chairperson, PC

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Mr. Joseph Martella, Vice-

Chairperson, PC

Mr. Steve Myers, Chairperson, FC

Ms. Chris Houghton,

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter

12:05 PM - Msgr. Peter Tay

(Req. by Jeno Lecci and Family)

TUESDAY - Tuesday of fourth week of Easter

12:05 PM - Phyllis Urban

(Req. by Family)

Rescheduled from 4-18-24

WEDNESDAY - Wednesday of fourth week of Easter

12:05 PM - Sue Karmanocky

(Req. by Eileen Zibura)

Rescheduled from 4-19-24

***Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

After Mass until 1:00 PM*

THURSDAY - NO MASS

FRIDAY - Friday of fourth week of Easter

12:05 PM - Emma Frieko

(Req. by Helene & Pat Balagusz)

SATURDAY - Vigil of 5th Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - Richard F. Sukenik

(Req. by Family)

SUNDAY - 5th Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM - Pro Populo

SANCTUARY CANDLE

For the Spiritual & Temporal Welfare
of Father John

Req. by 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.

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 - April 14, 2024

Loose Money.....	\$394.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2522.00
Easter Offering.....	\$110.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$75.00
Holy Thursday.....	\$25.00
Votive Candles.....	\$110.00
Sanctuary Candle.....	\$20.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$105.00

TOTAL: \$3361.00

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 22nd to April 28th:



Lauren Schiffhauer
 John Meyers
 Jack George
 John Rosa

Mary Ann Borosky
 Kevin Michaels
 Kristine Michaels

ANNUAL VISITATION SPRING BASKET PARTY - The annual Visitation Parish basket party will be held on Sun., 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.



We will be selling entrance tickets for the basket party in the vestibule at \$10.00 a ticket. 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, however, personal intentions for the Rosary and adoration are your own.

Flowers, Flowers, Flowers - Coupons for flowers from Stuver's Nursery are currently on sale in the main vestibule of the church. There are two coupons. One is for a flat of flowers with the cost of \$14.00. The other for hanging baskets at a cost of \$18.00. Please consider supporting this fundraiser and think what a beautiful addition this would make for a Mother's Day gift, flowers to honor your beloved dead at the cemetery, or to bring beauty and joy into your homes.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: All are invited to a Community SPOTLIGHT on Habitat for Humanity on Sat., May 18 at 1:00 PM in the Resurrection Oratory Hall located at 721 Chestnut St. in Johnstown. Learn about this organization and their success, current projects and needs. While this event is free to attend, please consider monetary donations or a Lowe's Gift Card to help support their work in our local communities. Refreshments will be provided. Direct Donations can be sent to Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 785, Somerset, Pa. 15501.



From the Pastor's Desk: Dear friends of Visitation Parish, this week I had a final procedure to procure treatment for my future health needs. When information becomes more solid and finalized, I will share my team's plan of action with you. Until then I encourage you to continue to pray for me to Jesus and to ask the aid of the Blessed Mother and my saintly friends to give me strength and hope during this very important time. Things are doing well here at the parish and I am grateful to all of you for your ongoing liturgical and charitable involvement with our parish family.

During the Sunday Regina Caeli, Pope Francis focuses upon the gospel of the third Sunday of Easter, where we return to the Upper Room on the night of Passover and the two disciples on the road to Emmaus have shared their encounter with the Risen Christ when Jesus appears to them all. For Francis, this demonstrates the importance of sharing our faith in the Risen Christ. All too often we waste our conversation on gossip which is of little merit and often does harm. On the contrary, there is also good news, positive and constructive, and one knows how good it is for us to hear good things, and how much better one is when this happens. It is also good to share the realities that, for better or worse, have touched our lives, to help others. Francis notes that everyone of us has encountered the Lord and we struggle to speak about it. Each one of us could speak of seeing how the Lord has touched us, and sharing this, not by being a lecturer to others, but by sharing the unique moments in which we perceived the Lord alive and close, who kindled joy in our hearts or dried our tears, who transmitted confidence and consolation, strength and enthusiasm, or forgiveness, and tenderness. These encounters are ones we should share in all our relationships. Just as it does good to talk about the good inspirations, thoughts, and feelings that help us so much to go forward, and we should also reflect upon our efforts and labors to understand and to progress in the life of faith, perhaps even to repent. If we do this, Jesus will surprise us and make our encounters and our environments even more beautiful. We would do well to think of a decisive moment of liberating faith that we experienced the Risen to share it and help others to grow.

In his ongoing catechesis on the cardinal virtues, This Wednesday, at his general audience, Pope Francis turned to the fourth and final virtue of temperance which the Catechism describes as "the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods." Temperance is the virtue of self-mastery, of healthy discretion, guiding us to keep desires within the bounds of what is honorable. It helps one to act wisely in every situation, knowing when to speak, when to correct and when silence serves as the best response. In matters of pleasure, temperance prompts us to exercise sound judgment, choosing moderation over excess, enabling us to savor life's pleasures in measured doses. Therefore , strictly speaking, temperance is not about denial of pleasure. Rather, it is in harmony with the Gospel values of littleness, discretion and meekness. By cultivating the virtue of temperance, may we experience the profound joy of living balanced lives, delighting appropriately in the good things bestowed on us by God, the things that really matter. This cardinal virtue often seems to be among the most misinterpreted, for in taking pleasure in the various parts of God's creation, we take pleasure in God.

There will be an important meeting of the combined councils (Parish and Finance) on Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the rectory meeting room. It is essential that ALL MEMBERS attended this meeting. We will also be joined by the parish staff who are required to attend. As a result of this meeting, Mass will be celebrated at 12:05 PM this Wednesday and will be followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1:00 PM.

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 of Rome and the center of Franciscan Spirituality, Assisi.



Young Adult Group (18-39): March was our one-year anniversary. We have grown to almost 100 members averaging 40+/- per meeting including special needs young adults and members from as far as Cumberland, Md. Mid-April we hosted our first Benediction and Board Games which was a success. Upcoming events include Theology on Tap at the Boulevard Grill on April 24th at 6pm with Fr. Alan Thomas VG speaking on Vatican II; Bonfire and Rosary at Maura's house on May 10th at 6pm; Theology on Tap at the Boulevard Grill on May 29th at 6pm with Fr. Timothy Harris T.O.R. speaking on Moral Theology; and Benediction and Board Games at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on June 14th at 6pm. Young adults of all faiths aged 18-39 are welcome! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoff-stumpo@gmail.com.

Psalm 41:1-3 Happy are those who consider the weak; the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble. The Lord protects them and keeps them live; they are called happy in the land. You do not give them up to the will of their enemies. The Lord sustains them on their sickbed; in their illness you heal all their infirmities. You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.