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## Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
June 30th, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY** - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
12:05 PM - Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Pauline Molchany  
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)

**TUESDAY** - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
12:05 PM - John Slovikovski Sr.  
(Req. by Charlie Tournery)

**WEDNESDAY** - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
5:30 PM - Nancy Vavrek  
(Req. by Anonymous)  
**\*Adoration of Blessed Sacrament After Mass until 6:30 PM\***

**THURSDAY** - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
9:00 AM - Clay Harshberger  
(Req. by wife Barbara)

**FRIDAY** - **NO MASS**

**SATURDAY** - Vigil of 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 PM - Pro Populo

5:30 PM - Gloria Fenik  
(VPM) (Req. by Family)

**SUNDAY** - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00 AM - Msgr. Peter Tay  
(Req. Jeno Lecci & Family)

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

For the Colbert & Casavant Families  
Req. by Nada Prohaska

The daily readings; may be found at either  
[USCCB.ORG](http://USCCB.ORG) or under the headings of daily readings  
listed in back of the missalette.



1127 McKinley Avenue  
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**Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM**

**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 will not be heard regularly until Fr. John has recovered from his liver transplant. **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.

**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. Registrations are also welcome by phone.



\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$  
Collection - June 23, 2024

Loose Money.....\$283.00

Sunday Collection.....\$2154.00

Votive Candles.....\$75.00

St. Peregrine.....\$24.00

Sanctuary Candle.....\$10.00

Parking Lot Rent.....\$365.00

TOTAL:   \$2911.00

(on average we make almost enough to meet our yearly budgetary needs due to inflationary costs that affect us as much as ordinary families).

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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, 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, Myla Minner, Pauline Molchany, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Anna Marie Pfeil, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rovon, 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 Vavrek, Carrie Young

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Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of July 1st to July 7th:

Happy Birthday

God bless you always.

Yvonne Krise

Eugene Dudash

Amy Wissinger



Donna Straczek

Enzo Moore

James Litvin

Shirley Colbert

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.



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This October, the Church will continue her three year synodal process during which She has asked herself to study groups and will explore the theological, pastoral and canonical aspects of some of the thorniest questions raised during the synod listening sessions and discussed at the first synod assembly last October in the hope that the Spirit will inspire openness on the part of the hierarchy, religious, and laity about the way that the Church lives out the mission of the Gospel in the Spirit of Vatican II. There are 9 working committees for which I will be asking you to pray during the next 5 months. This month we will pray for two of them. In July, we will pray for the following:

3. The mission in the digital environment.

4. The revision of the Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis in a missionary synodal perspective. This is the document that regulates the process of the formation of seminarians for the priesthood.

The Church wide participation in the Synodal Process has the potential of opening her to much needed restoration and revision.

Please see the insert this weekend on the work of study group 3 FOR WHICH WE ARE PRAYING.

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Bus Trip to the Basilica National Shrine - The St. Therese Knights of Columbus #10409 Council is planning a bus trip to the National Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. It is the largest Roman Catholic church in North America and is home to more than 80 chapels and oratories that honor the Mother of God. The trip is being planned for either Saturday September 21st or 28th, 2024. The bus will leave St. Therese parking lot at 8:00 AM and return approximately at 8:00 PM. The approximate cost of the trip is \$49 per person. (The final price is to be determined by the amount of participants) Payment will be required upon finalization of the trip, which will be determined at a later date. If you would like to join us, please reply by calling either Dennis Pingatore at kspingatore@gmail.com or Kevin Houghton at kth.57@verizon.net or the St. Therese office between Monday - Friday at 9 AM to 2 PM at (814) 539-7633.

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Public Rosary - There will be a public rosary honoring the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday, July 6th at noon in Central Park in downtown Johnstown.

From the Pastor's Desk:

I want to thank you for your ongoing prayerful support for my anticipated liver transplant. After much thought and prayer I decided to accept an offer from Cathy Fuska to set up a “Go Fund Me” account in her name to assist with the many thousands of dollars in expenses that will occur during the year following my surgery. I am humbled by her offer to assist me with this project. You can see how I am doing by logging onto at [gofundme.com](https://gofundme.com). Thank you for your support. I pray that God blesses you with full human flourishing in this life and peace and rest in the next.

In his Sunday Angelus Message this part week, Pope Francis reflected upon the Gospel with Jesus on the boat with the disciples, on Lake Tiberias, when a strong storm arrives unexpectedly, and the boat is in danger of sinking. Jesus stays with them on the boat, calm; indeed, He even sleeps. And when the storm breaks, He reassures them with His presence, He encourages them, He incites them to have more faith and accompanies them beyond the danger. The pope asks question: why does Jesus act in this way? To strengthen the faith of the disciples and to make them more courageous and more aware of the power of Jesus and His presence in their midst, and therefore stronger and readier to face obstacles, difficulties, including the fear of venturing out to proclaim the Gospel. And Jesus does likewise with us too, in particular in the Eucharist: He gathers us around Him, He gives us His Word, He nourishes with His Body and His Blood and then He invites us to set sail, to transmit everything we have heard and to share what we have received with everyone, in everyday life, even when it is difficult, helping us to go far beyond our capacities, to overcome uncertainties and hesitations, closures and preconceptions. It is here the pope declares that with Jesus at our side we can grow together and not be hindered by any barriers.

In his Wednesday Audience, Pope departed from his usual catechesis to celebrate the World Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, which this year concentrates on the need to “Invest in Prevention”. Drug addiction is a social scourge, devastating not only to the human dignity of the persons involved, but also to the welfare of society as a whole. Along with combating the illegal drug trade and the evils it spawns, greater efforts are needed to prevent drug abuse and to offer support and assistance to its victims. Today we pay tribute to the efforts of all those individuals and groups who, often inspired by the Gospel, bring healing to those enslaved by substance abuse, establish networks and programs of recovery, and promote legislative initiatives to check the spread of drug use, especially among the young. As individuals and as a Church, let us offer them the support of our prayers and encourage them in their work. Indifference is not acceptable by any means. Pope Francis rigorously maintained that we must pray both for the freedom of victims and the conversion of the murderers and criminals who allow such illicit behavior which destroys both individuals and our world.

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Good leadership is essential in any community, especially for the Church. We must continue to pray that God will call forth men who are devoted to our live tradition, sacramental existence and genuine compassion to become holy and creatively faithful pastors of both parishes and dioceses. We must call upon the Holy Spirit to help us to choose leaders who care about their people as the Good Shepherd cares for us. **We are very much in need holy priests and compassionate bishops.**

Fr. John, Meggie, and Environmental Ethics: The Benedictine Tradition: By the third century, some Christians began to seek a life more fully focused on God by removing themselves from society to pray and work together in communal groups. This kind of monasticism swept across Western Europe during the medieval period, specifically around the fourth century C.E. The most influential of these monastic orders were the Benedictines, who balanced their lives between daily prayer services and work – which often involved agriculture and care of the surrounding environment. Each monk or nun pledged to remain at the same monastery for life, unless its abbot or abbess – the monk or nun in charge – ordered them to move to another. Because of this, Benedictines became known as “lovers of place.” Today, one Benedictine saint has become especially connected with environmental concerns: St. Hildegard of Bingen, who died in A.D. 1179. This German abbess was one of the most accomplished women of the Middle Ages. An expert on herbal medicines and botany, she also wrote religious plays, composed liturgical chants and hymns, and authored theological works and poems based on her mystical experiences. She insisted that God loved the Earth as a husband loves a wife, and espoused a kind of “green” theology, called *viriditas*, condemning the harm that human activity could do to nature. Hildegard has been acclaimed as an unofficial patron saint of environmentalists. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI declared her a “Doctor of the Church,” like Irenaeus.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE NOT AWARE, WE USED PRODUCTS THAT WERE FULLY COMPOSTABLE AND RECYCLABLE AT OUR PARISH CELEBRATION ON JUNE 1, 2024. ONCE WE UTILIZATE ALL OF OUR STYROFOAM AND PAPER PRODUCTS, WE WILL USED MATERIALS THAT ARE COMPLETELY RECYCLABLE.

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Every Tuesday evening from 6:15 until 7:15 PM, from Mid- August through the end of September, Fr. John will have instructional sessions on the great Synod that is to be conveyed in October of this year. This is one of the greatest moments in the life of the modern Church and Fr. John feels that all of the members of Visitation Parish have a right to information that has not otherwise available to them. After addressing Synodal issues, the last 15 minutes of every gathering will be devoted to a question and answer period about **any questions you have regarding our Catholic Faith**. Please consider participation in one, some, or all of these sessions.