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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
October 20th, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Michael & Ethel Fuska - **Private Mass**
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)

TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Vickie Schmidt - **Private Mass**
(Req. by Suzanne & James Yelenick)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Francis Karmanocky - **Private Mass**
(Req. by Mary Keifer)

THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Ann Lecci - **Private Mass**
(Req. by Amy Pernelli)

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Loretta Meyers - **Private Mass**
(Req. by Family & Friends)

SATURDAY - Vigil of 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - Ace Stofko
(Req. by Aunt Nikki)

SUNDAY - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM - Pro Populo

***NB: Fr. John will be beginning to have private
masses in the Rectory.***

SANCTUARY CANDLE

For the Spiritual and Temporal Welfare
of Father John

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

1127 McKinley Avenue
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Rev. John J. Slovikovski, PhD, Pastor
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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 AL-
WAYS be arranged with Fr. John personally by
calling the rectory office. Please avail your-
selves 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.

VISITATION PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

Check One: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Moving Out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to Rectory. 814-536-6110

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

Collection - October 13, 2024

Loose Money.....	\$201.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2426.00
Votive Candles.....	\$25.00
Perquisites - Kelly Funeral.....	\$150.00
Apartment Rental - Oct.....	\$625.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$245.00
TOTAL:	\$3675.00
Second Collection - Flood Relief	\$952.00

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, 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, Jean Petrero, Anna Marie Pfeil, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rován, Leonard Russell, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovickovski, Shirley Slovickovski, Megan Varnecky, Coralie Williams, Christi Vavrek, Carrie Young

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of October 21st to October 27th:

John Straczek

Monica Christian

Todd Rastall

Richard Albert

Stephanie Mical

Barbara Kinley

Myla Minner

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part

MORE INFORMATION: VISITATION PARISH WILL BE HOLDING A GAME NIGHT FUNDRAISER *THIS WEEKEND* SUNDAY, OCTOBER, 20, 2024 FROM 4:00 PM UNTIL 7:00 PM to assist Fr. John with his post surgical care. The cost will be \$5.00 per person and will include participation in the games, pizza, popcorn, soda, and beer. There will be two seatings, one at 4:00 PM and the other at 5:30 PM to allow individuals to participate in more than one game at the same \$5.00 cost. **Participants are invited either to come as individuals to join teams or to form teams of their own.** There will be more than 25 possible games to choose from and **a full list of games available for review (and their descriptions) is located in the main vestibule of the Church.** Games may be reserved for play on the sign up sheets found in the main vestibule of the Church. **Participants are also welcome to bring their own games if they are not available on the list. There will also be a lottery tree and a 50/50. Sign-up sheets are located in the back of the Church for both those who want to participate at the event and/or those who are willing to volunteer to help. ALSO, if your means allow, we are in need of donations of lottery tickets to fill our tree. All in all we would love to see you there.**

Further information you may contact either Kristyn Amendola at (814) 248-2942 ; ka-mendola528@gmail.com, or Debbie Magro at 814-243-9028; ddmagro1958@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!

Four Weeks from now gables and rafters of turkeys will descend upon Visitation Parish: Yes, it is only 4 more weeks until the Annual Visitation Turkey Raffle to be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the School Gymnasium with doors opening at 6:00 PM. This week once again raffle tickets will be available in the main vestibule of the Church. Please pick them up, and, if your means allow purchase them to support your parish’s financial stability. Once again, we are calling upon your generosity for various items that are required to make our event as success:

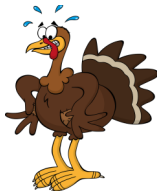
1. Readymade baskets or items that can be arranged into baskets
2. Door Prizes; 3. Lottery Tickets, 4. Gift Cards for the Neighborhood Gift Collage, and 5. Spirits for our Basket of Cheer (State Store Gift Cards are also welcome).

RECEIPT OF THESE ITEMS WILL MAKE OR BREAK US.

We are also in need of volunteers for the Turkey Raffle. New faces are always welcome and appreciated. There is an expectation that those families who presume to benefit from the parish’s generosity toward their children’s Catholic education will come forward to volunteer.

Many amazing prizes include an Apple iPad, \$300, Baskets of Cheer, and much, much more.!

Only you can keep your parish alive by helping out in some way with this important event.



From the Pastor's Desk:

This week, was especially frustrating for me in terms of many things: health, parish related issues, family matters, etc. To he honest, I didn’t have an attitude of appreciation for all that I have and all that is good in the world (something which I preach about frequently – ergo, an attitude by which I should live). Strangely enough, having prayed about this unhandsome and wintry space, I think that God allows us to undergo days like this to remember some simple truths. I find those simple truths in the words of St. Theresa of Avila , who we celebrated on Tuesday, October 15th, this past week: *“Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things . Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.”* We would all do well to remember these words when we think that that things are hyperbolically horrible.

In his weekly **Angelus** message, Pope Francis reflects on upon the consequences of the question of the rich man who encounters Jesus and asks Him: “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” if you recall, Jesus invites him to leave everything and follow Him, but the man, sorrowful, goes away because, as the text says, “he had great possessions” It costs to leave everything. The pope notes two movements of this man: at the beginning he runs, toward Jesus; at the end, though, he goes away sorrowful. First of all something in the rich man’s heart is dissatisfied, he feels restlessness inside, he is searching for a fuller life. He throws himself at the Master's feet; even though he is rich, he is in need of healing. Jesus looks at him with love and then, He proposes a “therapy”: to sell everything he has, give it to the poor and follow Him. But, at this point, comes an unexpected conclusion: this man’s face falls and he goes away. Why? We need only look to ourselves, We, too, carry in our hearts an irrepressible need for happiness and for a life full of meaning; however, we can fall into the illusion of thinking that the answer is found in the possession of material things and earthly securities. Instead, Jesus wants to bring us back to the truth of our desires and to make us discover that, in reality, the goodness we yearn for is God Himself, His love for us and the eternal life that He and He only can give us. The true wealth is to be looked upon with love by the Lord – this is a great wealth – and, as Jesus does with that man, to love each other by making our life a gift for others. Jesus invites us to risk, to “risk love”: to sell everything to give it to the poor, which means divesting ourselves of the self and our false securities, making ourselves attentive to those who are in need and sharing our possessions, not just things, but what we are: our talents, our friendship, our time, and so on. So, what does Jesus want us to risk that rich man did not want to risk? He did not want to risk love, and he went away with a sad face. And us? What is our heart attached to? How do we satiate our hunger for life and happiness? Do we know how to share with those who are poor, with those who are in difficulty or in need of listening, of a smile, of a word to help them regain hope? Remember this the Pope concludes: the true wealth is not the goods of this world, the true wealth is being loved by God, and learning to love like Him. In his **Wednesday Audience**, Pope Francis continues his catechesis on the Holy Spirit and the Church, by moving on from what the Holy Spirit revealed to us in the Holy Scripture to how He is present and active in the life of the Church, in our Christian life. In the first three centuries, the Church did not feel the need to give an explicit formulation of her faith in the Holy Spirit. But it was heresy that drove the Church to define this faith. When this process began in the fourth century, it was precisely the experience she had of the sanctifying and divinizing

action of the Holy Spirit that led the Church to the certainty of the full divinity of the Holy Spirit. This occurred during the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople in 381, which defined the divinity of the Holy Spirit with the well-known words we still repeat today in the Creed: “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets”. To say that the Holy Spirit “is the Lord” was like saying that He shares the “Lordship” of God, that He belongs to the world of the Creator, not to that of creatures. The strongest affirmation is that He is due the same glory and adoration as the Father and the Son. Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, in the aftermath of the Council, stated without hesitation: “Is the Holy Spirit then God? Certainly! Is He consubstantial? Yes, if He is true God”

What does the article of faith we proclaim every Sunday at Mass say to us, believers of today: “I believe in the Holy Spirit”? In the past, it was mainly concerned with the statement that the Holy Spirit “proceeds from the Father”. The Latin Church soon supplemented this statement by adding, in the Creed of the Mass, that the Holy Spirit proceeds “also from the Son”. Since in Latin the expression “and from the Son” is called ‘Filioque’, this gave rise to the dispute known by this name, which has been the reason (or pretext) for so many disputes and divisions between the Church of the East and the Church of the West. Having overcome this obstacle, today we can value the most important prerogative for us that is proclaimed in the article of the Creed, namely that the Holy Spirit is “life-giving”, the “giver of life”. Let us ask ourselves: what life does the Holy Spirit give? At the beginning, in creation, the breath of God gives Adam natural life; the statue of mud is made “a living being” (cf. Gen 2:7). Now, in the new creation, the Holy Spirit is He who gives believers new life, the life of Christ, supernatural life, as children of God. Paul can exclaim: “The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death” (Rom 8:2). In all of this, where is the great and consoling news for us? It is that the life given to us by the Holy Spirit is eternal life! Faith frees us from the horror of having to admit that everything ends here, that there is no redemption for the suffering and injustice that reign sovereign on earth. Another of the Apostle’s words assures us of this: “If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit who dwells in you” (Rom 8:11). The Spirit dwells in us, He is within us.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE- Fr. Sean Code will hear confessions on Monday, October 28th, 2024 from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM or until all confessions have been heard. Please avail yourself to this life-giving sacrament.

Pancake Breakfast - St. Clement Church will be having an all you can eat pancake breakfast and bake sale on Saturday, November 2nd from 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Adults are \$7 and children 12 and under are \$5.