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34th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
November 24th, 2024

1127 McKinley Avenue
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Rev. John J. Slovickovski, PhD, Pastor
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Mrs. Kathleen Bumbnick, DMM
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Rectory Office Hours: Monday through
Friday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM Kevin Cyburt
(Req. by Marian & George)

THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00 AM Peter Janiga
(Req. by Maxine Mikula)

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Private Mass
John & Emma Frieko
(Req. by Anonymous)

SATURDAY - Vigil of 35th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM Lissy Lovette
(Req. by Sharon Lovette & Sons)

SUNDAY - 35th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Pro Populo

MASSSES ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY WILL BE CELEBRATED IN CHURCH!!!

SANCTUARY CANDLE
In Memory of Basil Balagusz
Req. by 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 intentions as early as possible. A \$10 donation is suggested.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Beginning in Advent, Confessions will be heard from 6:30 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday Evenings. DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR, CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FROM 3:00 PM until 3:40 PM THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH. 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. **ANoint-ING 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.

VISITATION PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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Sunday Collection.....	\$2207.00
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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 Rovin, Leonard Russell, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovickowski, Shirley Slovickowski, Megan Varnecky, Christi Vavrek, Carrie Young

A vibrant 3D birthday greeting. The words "Happy Birthday" are rendered in large, bold, multi-colored letters (purple, blue, green, yellow, pink) with a slight shadow. Below them, "God bless you always." is written in smaller, similar multi-colored letters. The background is white with several small, colorful, swirling decorative elements scattered around the text.

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



Advent
HOPE

A cartoon illustration of a Christmas tree character. The character has blonde, wavy hair and large, light blue eyes. It has a green star on its head and large, feathered wings. It is wearing a green dress with a white collar and a yellow star on the chest. The dress is decorated with colorful ornaments (red, yellow, and blue) and a white garland. The character is standing on a red base.

From Pope Francis to the Pew:



In his *Wednesday Audience*, Continuing his catechesis on the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church turns from the Spirit's work of sanctification through the sacraments and prayer to his building up the Body of Christ through the outpouring of charismatic gifts. Two elements contribute to defining what charism is. A somewhat difficult word, I will explain it. First, a charism is a gift given "for the common good" to be useful for the community. Secondly, the charism is the gift given an individual/(s) in particular, not to everyone in the same way, and this is what distinguishes it from sanctifying grace, from the theological virtues and from the sacraments, which instead are the same and common to all. Charisms are given; therefore, in all their rich variety, as special graces bestowed on individuals for the upbuilding of the Church in unity and holiness. Francis continues that we must rediscover the charisms, because this ensures that the promotion of the laity, and of women in particular, is understood not only as an institutional and sociological fact, but also in its biblical, theological and spiritual dimension. Indeed, the laity are not the least, no, they are not a form of external collaborator or auxiliary troops of the clergy, no! They have their own charisms and gifts

Jubilee 2025 – News and Notes: Ministers of Hospitality are being recruited currently. Remember, have been designated a HOLY SITE or the Jubilee YEAR and we need to make potential pilgrims feel welcome at our weekend liturgies. If you are interested, please contact Fr. John .

PLEASE SEE THE REVISED RECONCILIATION/
CONFESSION SCHEDULE LOCATED ON THE
FRONT OF THE BULLETIN!!!