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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 - March 9, 2025

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| Loose Money..... | \$232.00 |
| Sunday Collection..... | \$3785.00 |
| Christmas Offering..... | \$10.00 |
| Initial Offering..... | \$25.00 |
| Black & Indian Missions..... | \$58.00 |
| Ash Wednesday..... | \$840.00 |
| Votive Candles..... | \$73.00 |
| St. Peregrine..... | \$40.00 |
| Sanctuary Candle..... | \$10.00 |
| Learning Lamp Rent - March..... | \$3800.00 |
| Parking Lot Rent..... | \$230.00 |

TOTAL: \$9103.00

Second Collection - Fish Fry \$728.00

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, Gianna Kniss, Karen Kohan, Betsy Konar, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Dick Krumenacker, 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 Petro-ro, Anna Marie Pfeil, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rován, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovickovski, Shirley Slovickovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varnecky, Christi Vavrek, Carrie Young

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of March 17th to March 23rd:



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| Ronald Conahan | Valerie Gjurich |
| Andrea Nosko | Carrie Young |
| David Doepken | Delaney Leis |
| Thomas Oberhaus | Maureen Clark |

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part



The invitations to participate in all of the devotions associated with the spiritual life and vigor of our parish continue to be extended to all parishioners. We pray the rosary every Saturday evening at approximately 3:30 PM prior to mass as well as every Tuesday at 6:00 PM. On Wednesdays, Mass is celebrated at 5:30 PM followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:30 PM. Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament also occurs following the 12:05 PM Mass until 1:30 PM. 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 for the rosary is for Fr. John's health, however, personal intentions for the Rosary and adoration are your own. BOTH OF THESE DEVOTIONS WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT ADDITION TO ANY LENTEN REGIMINE THAT ONE MIGHT CHOOSE TO ENTER MORE DEEPLY INTO THE PROCESS OF CONVERSION DURING THE LENTEN SEASON.

Trivia Night - Mom's House, Inc. of Johnstown Invites you to Trivia Night, Tuesday, March 25th @ the Boulevard Grill. Doors open @ 5:00 PM – First question is @ 6:00 PM. Admission includes food, drinks, & dessert. Teams of up to 8 people - \$25/person. Prizes for the top 3 teams. Call Allegra or Rose 814-535-4848 for team registration or information.



St. Andrew Novena to the Infant of Prague - From March 16th to March 24th, 2025, St. Andrew Church will be having their Novena to the Infant of Prague Monday through Friday at 6:30 PM and Saturday and Sunday at 4:00 PM. Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be one hour prior each night.



VISITATION PARISH PILGRIMAGE: We are currently planning a jubilee year pilgrimage to The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg Maryland for Friday, May 18, 2025. The Pilgrimage will include luxury bus transportation to and from the Shrine, a tour of the basilica and the grounds, Mass and dinner. The cost of the trip is \$65 per person. If you are interested, please sign up in the main vestibule of the Church by March 30th. We look forward to sharing the day with you.

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Lord, I pray that You create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Let Your Holy Spirit guide me as I seek to live a life that glorifies You. Amen. " - Psalm 51:10

From Pope Francis to the Pew:

Below you will find the unabridged text of the Holy Father's Angelus Message this past Sunday. I am providing it in its entirety to show you how well the Pope's recovery is proceeding despite the continuing media reports which are replete with unhelpful speculations. As of this writing, the pope is very much in stable condition.

"Last Wednesday, with the rite of the Ashes, we began Lent, the forty-day-long penitential itinerary that calls us to the conversion of the heart and leads us to the joy of Easter. Let us commit ourselves to making it a time of purification and spiritual renewal, a path of growth in faith, hope and charity. This morning, in Saint Peter's Square, holy Mass was celebrated for the world of volunteering, which is experiencing its own Jubilee. In our societies, too enslaved to market logic, where everything risks being subject to the criterion of interest and the quest for profit, volunteering is prophecy and a sign of hope, because it bears witness to the primacy of gratuitousness, solidarity and service to those most in need. I express my gratitude to those who are engaged in this field: thank you for offering your time and abilities; thank you for the closeness and tenderness with which you care for others, reawakening hope in them!. During my prolonged hospitalization here, I too experience the thoughtfulness of service and the tenderness of care, in particular from the doctors and healthcare workers, whom I thank from the bottom of my heart. And while I am here, I think of the many people who in various ways are close to the sick, and who are for them a sign of the Lord's presence. We need this, the "miracle of tenderness" which accompanies those who are in adversity, bringing a little light into the night of pain. I would like to thank all those who are showing their closeness to me in prayer: heartfelt thanks to you all! I pray for you too. And I join spiritually with those who in the coming days will participate in the spiritual Exercises of the Roman Curia. Together let us continue to invoke the gift of peace, in particular in tormented Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In particular, I have learned with concern of the resumption of violence in some areas of Syria: I hope that they cease definitively, with full respect for all ethnic and religious components of society, especially civilians. I entrust you all to the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary."

Pope Francis was unable to prepare his weekly Wednesday catechesis. Therefore, I am providing you with the following article concerning the anniversary of his election to the papacy and his current state of health as of Thursday afternoon.

Pope Francis' Anniversary and Health Update

Pope Francis marked his 12th anniversary as pontiff on Thursday with positive medical updates nearly a month after he was hospitalized with double pneumonia. In the Vatican's latest medical bulletin on Tuesday, it said a chest X-ray had confirmed improvements just two days after doctors declared that the pope was no longer at imminent risk of death. However, the "general picture remains complex", the bulletin read. The Holy See has not said how the anniversary of Pope Francis' election as the 266th pontiff might be commemorated. It is a public holiday at the Vatican and masses are planned in his honor at churches in Rome. No medical bulletins will be issued. Pope Francis on Wednesday remotely followed a Lenten spiritual retreat that has been a mainstay of his papacy. He continues to receive high

flows of oxygen through nasal tubes during the day and a non-invasive mechanical mask to aid his rest at night.

Pope Francis' leading papal and political figures in Italy have praised the pontiff this week to mark the anniversary. "I would like to address a thought of gratitude to the Holy Father for his tireless commitment to peace, dialogue and human dignity," Italian Senate speaker Ignazio La Russa wrote on Facebook. "His magisterium is a point of reference for millions of people," he added.

Cardinal Michael Czerny, a senior Vatican official, said the pope's anniversary was a "reason for gratitude". "This year, his illness makes us especially aware (of the anniversary), especially grateful to God, and redoubling our prayers for his full recovery," he said. Pope Francis has been carrying out some of his duties while in hospital, continuing with ecclesiastical appointments and delivering messages of gratitude to his well-wishers.

The former Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected on the fifth ballot of the 2013 conclave, which was called after Pope Benedict XVI resigned. While Pope Francis has praised his predecessor's humility in stepping down and said he might follow in his footsteps, more recently he has said the papacy is a job for life.

Please continue to pray for our Holy Father. One of his dreams is to see the Jubilee Year to his fulfilment. Despite his issues with his health, he is in full command of his mental faculties as well as his ability to be an authentic spiritual leader for the global Catholic family. It is my humble request that all members of our Catholic family here at Visitation Parish offer one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and One Glory Be for Pope Francis throughout the season of Lent until we celebrate the fullness of the Paschal Mystery at Easter.

Incarnation Center Enrichment Program: Untold Blessings - Our ultimate goal is to be a saint. It is our greatest calling and what is desired for us by our Creator. Bishop Robert Barron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of, 'the One who is, Jesus Christ.' He lays out three intriguing paths to holiness: Finding the Center; Knowing You're A Sinner; and Realizing Your Life is Not About You.

You are invited to join in this program offered April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2025. It will take place at Incarnation Center each day from 10-12N and at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel from 6 – 8 PM.

Pre-registration is requested by calling 814-886-4098 or by email: CommunityofficeCCW@gmail.com by March 28.

St. Andrew/St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry

The St. Andrew/St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of the month from 2:30 PM - 6 PM.

MUST QUALIFY UNDER INCOME GUIDELINES

| Household Size | Annual Income |
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| 1 person | \$26,973.00 |
| 2 people | \$36,482.00 |
| 3 people | \$45,991.00 |
| For each ADDITIONAL member add | \$9509.00 |