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

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday through  
Friday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Easter Sunday  
April 20th, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Monday within the Octave of Easter  
NO MASS

TUESDAY - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter  
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter  
NO MASS

THURSDAY - Thursday within the Octave of Easter  
NO MASS

FRIDAY - Friday within the Octave of Easter  
NO MASS

SATURDAY - Vigil Mass—Second Sunday of the  
Octave of Easter

4:00 PM - Pro Populo

SUNDAY - Second Sunday of the Octave of Easter  
(Alternatively—Divine Mercy Sunday)

9:00 AM - Vic Rovasek - Birthday Remembrance  
(Req. by wife Stephanie)

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Easter Blessings for Frank & Elizabeth Mateljan  
Req. by daughter Barbara Vedock

IN LOVING MEMORY: The Sanctuary Lamp is avail-  
able for your intentions by calling the  
parish office. Please attempt to request your inten-  
tions as early as possible. A \$10 donation is sug-  
gested.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Confessions are 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 SATUR-  
DAY 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 Cath-  
olic candidates for Marriage must be registered,  
practicing members of a parish at least 6 months  
prior to scheduling the wedding. There are NO EX-  
CEPTIONS.

INFANT BAPTISM: Baptisms are generally celebrat-  
ed 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Wednesday and  
Friday following Mass.

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 - April 13, 2025

Loose Money.....	\$378.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2683.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$927.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$10.00
Votive Candles.....	\$20.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$70.00

TOTAL:        \$4088.00

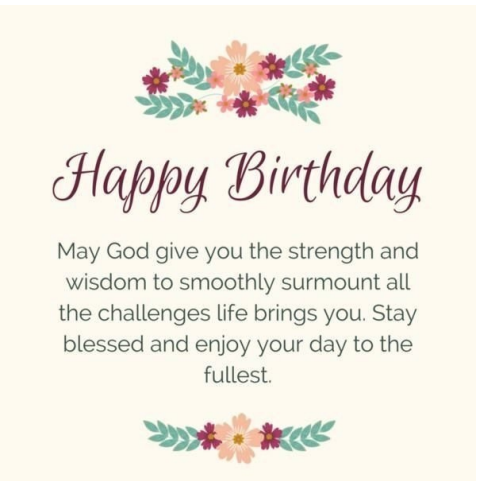
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Let us continue to pray for the members of our parish community who serve in the military, as well as for the sick, elderly and homebound members of our parish especially:

*Anonymous Petitioners, Pat Balagusz, John Bair, 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 Petroro, 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 Var-mecky, 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 April 21st to April 27th:**



Lauren Schiffhauer  
 John Meyers  
 Jack George

Mary Ann Borosky  
 Kevin Michaels  
 Kristine Michaels  
 John Rosa

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part
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**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 PRACTICES WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT EASTER DEVOTION. A VISITATION TO THE RISEN LORD PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT COULD PROVIDE YOU WITH THE “TRUE” GRATITUDE FOR THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE WE HAVE ALL RECEIVED.**

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**JUBILEE YEAR 2025: LENTEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY** - As part of our Jubilee Year Works of Mercy, Visitation Parish is committed to working to assist those individuals who are in need in a tangible way. **Until Easter Sunday Morning**, we will be collecting items for the Emergency Shelter Services of the Women’s Help Center, Inc. of Cambria County. The services of this agency provide a safe haven for survivors fleeing violence in their homes and individuals experiencing a housing crisis. Emergency shelter services are temporary and free of charge. Beginning next weekend and every weekend until and including Palm Sunday, we will be collecting the following (new) items: Bath, Hand, and Face Towels, Pillows & Sheet Sets (Full and Queen), Cleaning Supplies, Laundry Supplies, Personal Hygiene Supplies (adult and children), Paper Products, Food Wrap and Food Storage Bags. We are confident in your generosity in this Jubilee Project that promotes hope for those in our community who are in need. Please give as your means allow. Items will be collected in the main vestibule of the Church. Thank you for reaching out to your neighbors in need.

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**April Showers Bring May Flowers!** - Starting on Saturday, April 26th, we will begin selling coupons for hanging baskets and flats of flowers and vegetable plants from Stuver’s Riverside Nursery. Your support with this fundraiser is greatly appreciated. **Please note that these coupons will only be available for three weeks.**

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**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 16, 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 call the rectory office ASAP!** There are only **2** seats left for this pilgrimage! We look forward to sharing the day with you.

**From Pope Francis to the Pew:**

In his **Sunday Angelus** message, Pope Francis noted that having celebrated Palm Sunday last Sunday, we listened to the account of the Lord's Passion according to Luke (cf. Lk 22:14-23:56) in the Gospel. We heard Jesus addressing the Father several times: “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done.” (22:42); Father, forgive them, they know not what they do ‘ (23:34); Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (23:46). We saw him walk towards the cross defenseless and humiliated, with the feelings and the heart of a child clinging to his father's neck, fragile in the flesh, but strong in trusting abandonment, until he fell asleep, in death, in the Father’s arms. These are feelings that the liturgy calls us to contemplate and make our own. We all have sorrows, physical or moral, and faith helps us not to give in to despair, not to close ourselves off in bitterness, but to face them, feeling enveloped, like Jesus, by the providential and merciful embrace of the Father.

As always, the pope showed his gratitude for all the prayers of the Catholic Faithful. He noted that at this time of physical weakness, they help him to feel God's closeness, compassion and tenderness even more. He assured all of us of his prayers, and asked us to entrust all those who suffer to the Lord together with him, especially those affected by war, poverty or natural disasters. In particular, may God receive in His peace the victims of the collapse of a building in Santo Domingo, and comfort their families. He noted that The 15th of April marked the second sad anniversary of the beginning of the conflict in Sudan, in which thousands have been killed and millions of families have been forced to flee their homes. The suffering of children, women and vulnerable people cries out to heaven and begs us to act. He renewed my appeal to the parties involved, that they may end the violence and embark on paths of dialogue, and to the international community, so that the help needed may be provided to the populations. He also asked us to remember Lebanon, where the tragic civil war began fifty years ago: with God's help, may it live in peace and prosperity. Finally, the pope prayed that peace come at last to martyred Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, the Democratic Republic of Congo, to Myanmar, and to South Sudan asking especially that Mary, the Mother of Sorrows, obtain this grace for us and help us to live this Holy Week with faith.

Unfortunately, this week the bulletin needed to be completed before Pope Francis delivered his Weekly Wednesday Audience. If you wish to read the unedited version you can go the Vatican Website (www.vatican.va) and go to Pope Francis page. Under the section regarding the Vatican Press Office, you will go to Wednesday’s date, April 16, 2025, and look for the Catechetical presentation by Pope Francis. This will bring up his message unabridged, in its entirety. Next week, although I will be away, I will return to giving a summarized version of his message.

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**Although I have canceled my trip to Europe due to medical reasons, I will be away from the parish for some medically required rest and recuperation. I will be returning On Monday, April 28th. Please keep me in your prayers.**

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**SAVE THE DATE:** The Visitation Annual Summer Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 22nd. There will be lots of food and fun (more details to follow). The entertainment will be provided by the Irish Band, FULL KILT (free of charge). Please continue consider making this afternoon and evening part of your summer festivities.

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**Walk-Thru Spring Basket Party - Mom’s House** will be holding a walk-through basket party on Saturday, May 3rd from 10 AM - 4 PM and Sunday, May 4th from 11 AM - 3 PM. Admission is \$5 for a slab of 25 and \$5 for additional slabs. Big prize tickets are \$5 for 10 tickets and 50/50 will be \$1 for 2 tickets or \$5 for 20 tickets. For more information, please call (814) 535-4848.



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**Purses & Prizes:** A Bingo Extravaganza with Birthright of Johnstown - Join Birthright for a night of fun and a little luck at the Purses and Prizes Bingo Night. 15 rounds of the classic game, high end raffle prizes, new special games and a Plinko board. There are plenty of opportunities to win! It will be held on May 8th, 2025 at the Willow. Doors will open at 4:30 PM and dinner will be at 6:00 PM. Games start at 6:30 PM and the ticket price is \$50.00. You can call Birthright at 814-535-8231 or go online at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/purses-and-prizes-a-bingo-extravaganza-with-birthright-of-johnstown> to purchase your tickets. Space is limited, so please call or go online to reserve your seat today!

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**Visitation Walk Through Basket Party Update:** A reminder that we will be holding our Walk Through Basket Party the weekend of May 31st/June 1st. We continue to be very much in need of donations of already made baskets, new or never used items to be placed in baskets, gift cards, lottery tickets, and spirits for our basket of cheer. Thank you.

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SAVE THE JUBILEE DATES:

**June 29th: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**  
**Mass, St. Michael’s Basilica, Loretto, PA**

**October 17th: Pilgrimage – Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**  
**Washington, D.C.**

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**St. Vincent de Paul Family Kitchen** - On Wednesday, April 23rd, Visitation Parish will have a few volunteers help out at the St. Vincent de Paul Family Kitchen. They will be there from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM to help serve a delicious buffet-style breakfast/lunch and help clean up afterwards. **Those who are scheduled to help are to meet at the St. Vincent de Paul Family Kitchen prior to volunteering.**

