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

2nd Sunday of Easter  
April 27th, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Easter Weekday  
NO MASS

TUESDAY - Easter Weekday  
12:05 PM - John Slovikovski Sr.  
(Req. by Christine & Rebecca Bumbernick)  
**\*Rescheduled from 4-1-25\***

WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday  
5:30 PM - Carol Houghton  
(Req. by Family)

THURSDAY - Easter Weekday  
12:05 PM - Nicholas & Mary Lou Sikirica  
(Req. by niece Nicolett)

FRIDAY - Easter Weekday  
12:05 PM - Elizabeth Worthington  
(Req. by Mary Ann & Amy Wissinger)

SATURDAY - Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Easter  
4:00 PM - Richard & Anita Sukenik  
(Req. by Maryann Korenoski)

SUNDAY - 3rd Sunday of Easter  
9:00 AM - Pro Populo

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of Richard F. & Anita Sukenik  
Req. by Maryann Korenoski

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

**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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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.



Loose Money.....	\$352.85
Easter Collection.....	\$5289.00
Apartment Rent - April.....	\$625.00

**Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of April 28th to May 4th:**



Ryan Daly                      Mickie Mills                      Joan Marhefka

## 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 on Friday following the 12:05 PM Mass



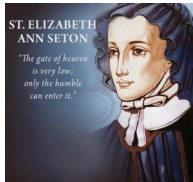
until 1:30 PM. We also pray the litany of St. Joseph since Wednesday is dedicated to him as the patron of the Universal Church. Remember the parish intention for the rosary is for Fr. John's health, however, personal intentions for the Rosary and adoration are your own. BOTH OF THESE PRACTICES WOULD 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.



**JUBILEE WORKS OF MERCY - VISTATION PARISH - ST. VINCENT DePAUL FAMILY KITCHEN** - This past Wednesday, April 23rd, 5 of our parishioners served the lunchtime meal at the St. Vincent DePaul Family Kitchen on Bedford Street in downtown, Johnstown from 11:00 AM until 1:30 PM as a Jubilee Year Work of Mercy. Led by Debbie Lehman, Gaile Krumenacker, Patti Price, Betty Ann Witkosky, and Charlie Tournay both served the meal and cleaned up afterward, interacting with patrons who came to eat. This was both an act of kindness and an opportunity to assure those who were less fortunate the dignity of having the food and fellowship that everyone deserves. Thank you to the team for participating in this essential act of justice!!!

**April Showers Bring May Flowers! -** We are currently selling coupons for hanging baskets and flats of flowers 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.**

**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. **Payments should be made out to Visitation Parish and are due by Friday, May 3rd!** If you have any questions, please call the rectory office.



**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.**

### *From Pope Francis to the Pew:*

The following Homily, for Easter Sunday, was written by Pope Francis and delivered by Cardinal Angelo Comastri during the Mass of the Day at Saint Peter's Square  
Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025:

Mary Magdalene, seeing that the stone of the tomb had been rolled away, ran to tell Peter and John. After receiving the shocking news, the two disciples also went out and – as the Gospel says – “the two were running together” (Jn 20:4). The main figures of the Easter narratives all ran! On the one hand, “running” could express the concern that the Lord’s body had been taken away; but, on the other hand, the haste of Mary Magdalene, Peter and John expresses the desire, the yearning of the heart, the inner attitude of those who set out to search for Jesus. He, in fact, has risen from the dead and therefore is no longer in the tomb. We must look for him elsewhere.

This is the message of Easter: we must look for him elsewhere. Christ is risen, he is alive! He is no longer a prisoner of death, he is no longer wrapped in the shroud, and therefore we cannot confine him to a fairy tale, we cannot make him a hero of the ancient world, or think of him as a statue in a museum! On the contrary, we must look for him and this is why we cannot remain stationary. We must take action, set out to look for him: look for him in life, look for him in the faces of our brothers and sisters, look for him in everyday business, look for him everywhere except in the tomb.

We must look for him without ceasing. Because if he has risen from the dead, then he is present everywhere, he dwells among us, he hides himself and reveals himself even today in the sisters and brothers we meet along the way, in the most ordinary and unpredictable situations of our lives. He is alive and is with us always, shedding the tears of those who suffer and adding to the beauty of life through the small acts of love carried out by each of us.

For this reason, our Easter faith, which opens us to the encounter with the risen Lord and prepares us to welcome him into our lives, is anything but a complacent settling into some sort of “religious reassurance.” On the contrary, Easter spurs us to action, to run like Mary Magdalene and the disciples; it invites us to have eyes that can “see beyond,” to perceive Jesus, the one who lives, as the God who reveals himself and makes himself present even today, who speaks to us, goes before us, surprises us. Like Mary Magdalene, every day we can experience losing the Lord, but every day we can also run to look for him again, with the certainty that he will allow himself to be found and will fill us with the light of his resurrection.

Brothers and sisters, this is the greatest hope of our life: we can live this poor, fragile and wounded existence clinging to Christ, because he has conquered death, he conquers our darkness and he will conquer the shadows of the world, to make us live with him in joy, forever. This is the goal towards which we press on, as the Apostle Paul says, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead (cf. Phil 3:12-14). Like Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, we hasten to meet Christ.

The Jubilee invites us to renew the gift of hope within us, to surrender our sufferings and our concerns to hope, to share it with those whom we meet along our journey and to

entrust to hope the future of our lives and the destiny of the human family. And so we cannot settle for the fleeting things of this world or give in to sadness; we must run, filled with joy. Let us run towards Jesus, let us rediscover the inestimable grace of being his friends. Let us allow his Word of life and truth to shine in our life. As the great theologian Henri de Lubac said, "It should be enough to understand this: Christianity is Christ. No, truly, there is nothing else but this. In Christ we have everything" (*Les responsabilités doctrinales des catholiques dans le monde d'aujourd'hui*, Paris 2010, 276). And this "everything" that is the risen Christ opens our life to hope. He is alive, he still wants to renew our life today. To him, conqueror of sin and death, we want to say:

“Lord, on this feast day we ask you for this gift: that we too may be made new, so as to experience this eternal newness. Cleanse us, O God, from the sad dust of habit, tiredness and indifference; give us the joy of waking every morning with wonder, with eyes ready to see the new colours of this morning, unique and unlike any other. [...] Everything is new, Lord, and nothing is the same, nothing is old” (A. Zarri, *Quasi una preghiera*).

Sisters, brothers, in the wonder of the Easter faith, carrying in our hearts every expectation of peace and liberation, we can say: with You, O Lord, everything is new. With you, everything begins again.

**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.

**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!

**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.