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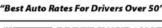
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3rd Sunday of Easter May 4th, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Easter Weekday NO MASS

TUESDAY - Easter Weekday NO MASS

WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday NO MASS

THURSDAY - Easter Weekday **NO MASS**

FRIDAY -**Easter Weekday** 12:05 PM -Elizabeth Worthington

(Reg. by Mary Ann & Amy Wissinger)

Rescheduled from 5-2-25

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass

SATURDAY - Vigil of 4th Sunday of Easter 4:00 PM -All Mothers Living and

Deceased

SUNDAY -Mother's Day

9:00 AM -All Mothers Living and **Deceased**

SANCTUARY CANDLE

All Mothers Living and Deceased



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

Fr. John will be away for a conference from May 5th -9th in Minneapolis, MN for his diocesan position as the Director of Ongoing Formation of Priests and Clergy services. Please pray for him.



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Rev. John J. Slovikovski, PhD, Pastor Mrs. Maureen Clark, DRE Mrs. Kathleen Bumbernick, DMM Mr. David Kozak, Chairperson, PC Ms. Catherine Bennett, Secretary Mr. Joseph Martella, Vice-Chairperson, PC Mr. Steve Myers, Chairperson, FC Ms. Chris Houghton, Maintenance

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 intentions as early as possible. A \$10 donation is sugaested.

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 lifegiving 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. There are NO EX-CEPTIONS.

INFANT BAPTISM: Baptisms are generally celebrated during one of the Sunday Liturgies. Prebaptismal 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 Faster 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.

\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$ Collection - April 27, 2025

Loose Money	\$422.00
Sunday Collection	\$2625.00
Easter Offering	\$785.00
Easter Flowers	\$350.00
Holy Thursday	\$609.00
Good Friday	\$604.00
Ascension	\$5.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$37.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$10.00
Parking Lot Rent	
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TOTAL: \$5652.00

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, 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, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rovan, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varmecky, Christi Vavrek, Carrie Young ***********************

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of May 5th to May 11th:



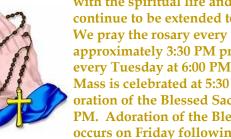
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For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part

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. every Tuesday at 6:00 PM. On Wednesdays,



We pray the rosary every Saturday evening at approximately 3:30 PM prior to Mass as well as 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 PRE-SENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT COULD PROVIDE YOU WITH THE "TRUE" GRATITUDE FOR THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE WE HAVE ALL RECEIVED.

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-abingo-extravaganza-with-birthright-of-johnstown to purchase your tickets. Space is limited, so please call or go online to reserve your seat today!

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 one more week.



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.

Fatima Devotions - The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:30pm at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. The presider will be Fr. William Shee, T.O.R. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

From the Pastor's Desk:

devastated at the news of the Pope's death and this is the first time that I have to reflect publicly about it. When I was away, I could do nothing but send some factual information to be shared you with my parish family, for I had not yet embraced my own grief. The Church has not only lost a Pope, but also at prophet...and I mean that in the purest sense of the term. A prophet, in the tradition of Israel, was one who spoke with the Lord's own voice, and if anyone spoke with the word of Jesus, it was Pope Francis. One word that was second nature to him was mercy. He knew, lived, and believed that divine compassion was the heart of faith. He knew that mercy, "compassion" was to suffer with, which is the greatest form of love because it bears another's hardships, taking them on as one's own. This is the greatest form of divine intimacy, the most fecund communion with God and the other. And that is how Francis lived....that is how Francis died. He cherished humanity, the good, the bad, and the ugly; the sick and the sinner; the elite and the marginalized; he gave his life over for the oppressed. In him there was no guile. And he suffered greatly: physically and emotionally and spiritually because of his steadfast to the truth. To be honest, there are two men in my life who ever demonstrated qualities of heroism for me: my father and Pope Francis; that is why I mourn his passing so greatly. There is so much that is to be said; however, you know me I am never at a loss for words and there is limited space here. Therefore, I will leave you with two things. The first concerns the "cartoon" illustrations below:

I think that it is a surprise to no one that I was completely



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It has been said a "picture is worth a thousand words" and I have scrutinized that statement greatly given the context in which a picture is displayed. Often "cartoons" such as the ones displayed here are satirical and promote a certain agenda that is biased and often hurtful toward one group or another because of political, religious, social, or other particular points of view. Here the message is unbiased and respectful. The depictions are emblematic of a "Man of God" who lived completely for "the other" whoever that person might be. They are in a way unique portraits that were as a mirror of who we want to become, and are indeed becoming if we are willing to open ourselves to the Spirit as Pope Francis did. How captivating they are for those who truly look within them.

Second, there is a time to look beyond our grief, as valid as it is. While we must keep the memory of Pope Francis active and alive in our minds and in our hearts, we must also look forward to a new era in the life of the Church. A new pope will be chosen in a matter of days seeing that the Conclave will begin on May 7th. We must be fervent in prayer that the Holy Spirit will guide the College of Cardinals to choose the man who the Church needs now to continue the Good news of proclamation of the gospel in a spirit of steadfast and vulnerable love, who lifts up the poor and the marginalized, proclaiming Christ once crucified now risen! This man must be a centrist, one who loves and teaches the truth in creative fidelity, a man who is in love with humanity as displayed by his love for the sacramental life of the Church exemplified by the Eucharist. He must be a man of humility and virtue, a special combination that allows him to teach with authority, standing up against frequent denials of truth, dignity and justice. He must be a bearer of peace, a peace that surpasses the mere absence of violence to achieve the reality of life that knows only present joy and seeks eternal happiness. He must be a leader of pilgrims of hope in a world wrought by anxiety. Therefore my friends of Visitation Parish, we must indeed pray, pray, pray that the Lord will send us the good and faithful shepherd who would lead the Church as Christ himself would!!!

Visitation Walk Through Basket Party Update - On Monday, May 5th, there will be a meeting held in the school cafeteria at 5:30 PM. All who are involved or any-

one who is interested in helping are welcome to attend. We are still in need of completed baskets, new or unused items, lottery tickets and gift cards. Baskets need to be turned in no later than May 25th.

Visitation Grounds Clean Up - There will be a clean up day for the Visitation Church grounds on Saturday, May

10th. We will be cleaning and raking the grounds, picking up garbage, twigs, etc. If anyone would be interested in helping, please arrive at the church at 9:00



AM with your rake and gloves. We will provide trash