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

4th Sunday of Easter  
May 11, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY - Easter Weekday**  
NO MASS

**TUESDAY - Easter Weekday**  
NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday**  
5:30 PM - Joseph Latch Jr.  
(Req. by Jen0 Lecci)  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass

**THURSDAY - Easter Weekday**  
12:05 PM - Nicholas & Mary Lou Sikirica  
(Req. by niece Nicolett)  
**\*Rescheduled from 5-1-25\***

**FRIDAY - Easter Weekday**  
NO MASS  
Pilgrimage to Mother Seton Shrine

**SATURDAY - Vigil of 5th Sunday of Easter**  
4:00 PM - Pro Populo

**SUNDAY - 5th Sunday of Easter**  
9:00 AM - Bernadine Brennsteiner  
(Req. by loving grandchildren)

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
Fr. John's 29th Anniversary  
Special Intentions

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

**NB: Fr. John will be away from Sunday Evening  
until Wednesday Afternoon in Pittsburgh for Medi-  
cal Reasons.**

**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.

VISITATION PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$  
 Collection - May 4, 2025

Loose Money.....	\$394.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$3513.00
Easter Offering.....	\$280.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$20.00
Holy Thursday.....	\$85.00
Good Friday.....	\$75.00
Catholic Communications.....	\$10.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$10.00
Votive Candles.....	\$96.00
Learning Lamp Rent - May.....	\$3800.00
Perquisites - Pfeil Funeral.....	\$100.00
St Peregrine Triduum.....	\$707.00
Mother's Day.....	\$150.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$275.00

TOTAL:        \$9515.00

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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 Leftie, Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, Patricia Mainhart, Marianne Mangiafico, Pat Meagher, Myla Minner, Pauline Molchany, Lori Nixon, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Jean Petroro, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rován, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varnecky, 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 May 12th to May 18th:



Ruthann Palm  
 Nancy Myers  
 Ronald Cooney  
 James Soto  
 Debbie Lehman

James Haggerty  
 Vincent Rzasz  
 Debi Riek  
 Coralie Williams  
 Christi Vavrek

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.

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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.

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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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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.

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Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised - Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 25, 2025 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on the Breezeline channel 9. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is Wednesday, May 21, 2025. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive. Please be advised, a special broadcast of a sporting event on WATM ABC 23 may delay this broadcast. All names of loved ones will be seen during Communion.



From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends of Visitation Parish, I am sitting in the parish office at 12:55 AM on Friday morning, having just returned from my conference Ongoing Formation of Clergy and I had to do this very quick rewrite for the weekly bulletin. We were sitting in our last meeting this afternoon in St. Paul, MN and on my iPhone came the announcement: THE SMOKE IS WHITE. We immediately interrupted the meeting and patiently waited for the announcement. And then it came: At 7:14 PM Rome time, about an hour after the smoke, the Cardinal Proto-Deacon came to the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica to announce the name of the new pope. He made the announcement in Latin: "Annuntia vobis gaudium magnum: Habemus papam!" "I announce to you a great joy: We have a pope!" Then to the surprise of the entire world, he announced the name of the Cardinal who would be pope: Robert Cardinal Francis Provost, O.S.A. The first American-born pope, Leo XIV came onto the balcony at 7:23 PM Rome time to roars from the crowd of 10's of thousands: His first words as Holy Father were in Italian: Peace be with all of you!

There is much you will have read in the papers, or on the internet, or watched on the news about his biography; however, I would like to share something else with you. As he referenced his background in his initial address to those gathered in Saint Peter's Square he said: "I am a son of Saint Augustine, an Augustinian." With you I am a Christian, for you a bishop, so we may all walk together toward the homeland that God has prepared for us." I think that is important to note that the new pope is grounding his ministry in the Risen Christ." Peace be with you were the first words of the Risen Christ to the Apostles in the upper room that first Easter night when he appeared to them. They were meant to free them from fear. These words were meant for courage. These words were meant for inspiration for evangelization. Pope Leo XIV's adoption of these words are meant to be the same for us as the Church embarks on a new era – one where the continuity of concern for peace, care for the poor in all their manifestations, bridge building, creative fidelity, and unwavering hope are all pillars of the ecclesial community we are proud to call home.

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Mothers and "Father" - This Sunday is a beautiful day for both the mothers of our Parish and our Pastor. This Sunday is Mother's Day, a day when the Church and the world honors women who embraced the vocation of Motherhood. It is a difficult yet completely fulfilling vocation that requires unconditional love, not unlike the love that God has for each one of us. The beautiful thing is that for most mothers this comes naturally, but this doesn't mean that it does not involve sacrifice and even at times suffering. Moms, you can never know how we appreciate this and how much we love you for it. Like God's love, we could never earn it, but it is difficult to imagine life without it. This Sunday also happens to be the 29th anniversary of priesthood of our pastor, Fr. John. In fact, in August, he will have been our pastor for 10 years. Fr. John loves us very much as his own family, his own people, his own flock who he attempts to shepherd gently, creatively and faithfully to the fullness of God's Kingdom. If you have a moment, remember him in you conversations with our Lord, along with your mothers, today.

Pilgrimage to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine Info - For those persons attending the pilgrimage bus trip to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine on Friday, May 16th, there will be an official itinerary to pick up in the vestibule in the back of the church. We will be meeting up in the lower half of the parking lot of Home Depot in Johnstown by 7:30 AM. The bus will depart from there at 8:00 AM and we will return to Johnstown around 8:30 PM. Please be sure to provide your cell phone number to the rectory office before that Thursday, May 15th so that way we have a way of contacting you while on the trip. We will not be stopping for breakfast, so be sure to eat prior to arriving at Home Depot or bring something with you. You will be on your own for lunch and we will stop for dinner on the way home, which is included with your payment. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY ASAP WITH YOUR CHOICE OF ENTRÉE, WHICH WILL BE EITHER SMOTHERED CHICKEN OR HOMEMADE LASAGNA! The secretary needs to know in order to tell the restaurant ahead of time. You can leave a message on her line if she has not already talked to you regarding this. The number is (814) 536-6110 extension 1.

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Young Adult Group (18-39): The Theology on Tap's next Benediction & Board Games is May 16th at Saint John Gualbert at 6pm. All young adults aged 18-39 are invited to join us for faith and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoff-stumpo@gmail.com.

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Visitation Walk Through Basket Party (May 31st/June 1st) Update - 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. Please note there will be a second collection next weekend to help with costs for the basket party. Thank you.

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Food Pantry Distribution Dates for 2025 - The distribution dates and times for the St. Andrew/St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry are every second Monday of the month. You can go to the St. Vincent DePaul building at 927 Franklin Street for pick up. The pickup time is from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM and the dates for 2025 are as followed:

May 12	September 8
June 9	October 13
July 14	November 10
August 11	December 8

\*Please be sure to return your boxes!\*

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"We must be a synodal church. A church that walks. A church that always seeks peace. Always seeks charity. Always tries to be close especially to those who suffer " Address to the people of the world, St. Peter's Basilica, Rome. Pope Leo XIV

