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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 suggested.

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 SATURDAY 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 Catholic candidates for Marriage must be registered, practicing members of a parish at least 6 months prior to scheduling the wedding. There are NO EXCEPTIONS.**

INFANT BAPTISM: Baptisms are generally celebrated 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.

6th Sunday of Easter
May 25th, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Easter Weekday
9:00 AM - James Rován
(Req. by Shirley Pastorek)

TUESDAY - Easter Weekday
12:05 PM - Francis John Beaujon
(Req. by Family)

WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday
5:30 PM - Paul Schmidt
(Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Tomera)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass

THURSDAY - The Ascension of the Lord
12:05 PM - John Slovikovski Sr.
(Req. by Karen & Reggie Kohan)

FRIDAY - Easter Weekday
12:05 PM - Dr. Larry Rutledge
(Req. by wife Barbara)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass

SATURDAY - Vigil of 7th Sunday of Easter
4:00 PM - Pro Populo

SUNDAY - 7th Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM - George & Elizabeth Cleaver
(Req. by grandson Ron Cleaver)

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of Zlata Prohaska and Parents
Req. by Nada Prohaska

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

\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$

Collection - May 18, 2025

Loose Money.....	\$337.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2982.00
Easter Offering.....	\$30.00
Mother's Day.....	\$20.00
Catholic Communications Campaign.....	\$23.00
Votive Candles.....	\$128.00
St. Peregrine.....	\$74.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$105.00

TOTAL:	\$3699.00
Second Collection - Basket Party	\$538.00

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, 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 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 May 26th to June 1st:



- Michael Clark

Karen Kohan

Kristyn Amendola

Karen Haggerty

John Bulisok

Kathleen Ott
- Chris Lecci

Dr. John Walker

Edward Kohan

Claire Kessler

Kathryn Carney

Deborah Kohan

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part of it

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.

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.

Memorial Day is a day to honor members of the military who were killed in service, both during deployments overseas or in training and service in the U.S. Across the country, Americans spend the day visiting cemeteries, attending Memorial Day events and otherwise honoring those who lost their lives in service to the country. This day truly has Christian significance, for it remembers those who followed the love command of Jesus for the good of our fellow Americans. *Why not mark your day's observance by coming to Mass to pray for those who loved YOU without cost. Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 27th at 9:00 AM.*

Picnic Bingo - Resurrection Parish will hold a Picnic Bingo on Sunday, May 25 (during the Cambria City Sunday Market Day) in Resurrection Church Hall on 4th Ave. from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Three cards for 50 cents and specials for \$1.00. Come out and join us!



Remember - our fallen heros. They are the reason that we are free.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Late Sunday, after the prayerful recitation of the **Regina Caeli**, Pope Leo XIV greeted all of those assembled in Saint Peter's Square and welcomed the thousands of pilgrims who have come from every continent for the Jubilee of Confraternities, thanking them for keeping the great heritage of popular piety alive! He noted that during Mass, he strongly felt the spiritual presence of Pope Francis accompanying the assembly from heaven. Reflecting on our participation in the communion of saints, he recalled that on the past Saturday in Chambéry, France, the priest Camille Costa de Beauregard, was beatified. He lived from the end of the 1800s to the beginning of the 1900s, and was a witness of great pastoral charity. He also exhorted the faithful that in the joy of faith and communion that we cannot forget our brothers and sisters who are suffering because of war. In Gaza, the surviving children, families and elderly are reduced to starvation. In Myanmar, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace. He ended with the following: *"Therefore, as we entrust to Mary the service of the Bishop of Rome, Pastor of the universal Church, let us, from the "Barque of Peter," look to her, Star of the Sea, Our Lady of Good Counsel, as a sign of hope. We implore her intercession for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer, and for the grace for all of us to be witnesses to the Risen Lord."*

During his first **General Wednesday Audience**, Pope Leo XIV resumed the cycle of Jubilee catecheses, on the theme "Jesus Christ Our Hope", initiated by Pope Francis. He took a different track; however, by meditating on the parables of Jesus, which help us to regain hope, because they show us how God works in history. His focus was on the parable of the sower (cf. Mt 13:1-17), which he considered to be an introduction of sorts to all of the parables. The parable of the sower talks precisely about the dynamic of the word of God and the effects it produces. Indeed, every word of the Gospel is like a seed that is thrown on the ground of our life. Jesus uses the image of the seed many times, with different meanings. In chapter 13 of the Gospel of Matthew, the parable of the sower introduces a series of other short parables, some of which talk precisely about what is happening on the terrain: the wheat and the weeds, the mustard seed, the treasure hidden in the field. Leo sees the soil as our heart, but it is also the world, the community, the Church. The word of God, in fact, makes fruitful and provokes every reality.

What can strike us is the generosity, even recklessness, with which the sower casts the seed on all kinds of soil, even the rocky terrain that seems most unpromising. Jesus explains that the seed is God's word, which is meant to take root in the hearts of all, none excluded. We who hear this parable, and apply it to our own lives, may well feel challenged to become a better and more receptive terrain for the working of his grace. Yet the parable of the Sower can also make us think of Jesus himself, who, in his death and resurrection, became the seed that fell to the ground and died in order to bear rich fruit. In telling the way in which the seed bears fruit, Jesus is talking about his life. Jesus is the Word, he is the Seed. And the seed, to bear fruit, must die. Thus, this parable tells us that God is ready to "waste away" for us and that Jesus is willing to die in order to transform our life.

The pope called to mind the beautiful painting by Van Gogh, The Sower at Sunset. That image of the sower in the blazing sun speaks the farmer's toil. Behind the sower, Van Gogh depicted the grain already ripe. It is an image of hope: one way or another, the seed has borne fruit. We are not sure how, but it has. At the centre of the scene, however, is not the sower, who stands to the side; instead, the whole painting is dominated by the image of the sun, perhaps to remind us that it is God who moves history, even if he sometimes seems absent or distant. It is the sun that warms the clods of earth and makes the seed ripen.

The Hoy Father concluded by asking: in what situation of life today is the Word of God reaching us? Let us ask the Lord for the grace always to welcome this seed that is his Word. And if we realize we are not a fruitful soil, let us not be discouraged, but let us ask him to work on us more to make us become a better terrain.

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.

(Please note that only a limited number of buses will be departing from the Johnstown area for this tour, so it is imperative that you sign up once the announcement is formally posted)

Women's Help Center Thank You -

Dear Friends of the Help Center, Thank you so much for the donation of household goods, cleaning supplies, Ziploc baggies and other items that you made recently to the Help Center. These are items we desperately need and sincerely appreciate. We are very thankful for members of the community such as you, who support our mission to meet the needs of the clients - the men, women and children - that we serve. Thank you for thinking of us.

Sincerely, Roxann Tyger, MPA, Executive Director

Visitation Parish 1st Annual Ice Cream Crawl - Visitation Parish will have its first annual ice cream crawl/social. This will be happening every Saturday or Sunday through August 2025 at 7:00 PM. The next date and place will be on Sunday, June 8th at O'Shea's in Geistown. All are welcome to join. Please contact Kristyn Amendola at (814) 248-2942 for more information or to arrange transportation.



Church Ice Cream Social

