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

Pentecost Sunday  
June 8th, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

- MONDAY - The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church

12:05 PM - Albert Reynolds Jr.  
(Req. by Family)
- TUESDAY - Weekday - Ordinary Time

12:05 PM - Esperanza "Cha Cha" Bair  
(Req. by Ron Cleaver)
- WEDNESDAY - Saint Barnabas, Apostle

5:30 PM - Edward Stofko  
(Req. by Pauline Molchany)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass
- THURSDAY - Weekday - Ordinary Time

12:05 PM - Vic Rovanseck  
(Req. by wife, Stephanie)
- FRIDAY - Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor  
of the Church  
NO MASS
- SATURDAY - Vigil of the Solemnity of the Most Holy  
Trinity

4:00 PM - All Fathers Living & Deceased

5:30 PM - All Fathers Living & Deceased  
(VPM)
- SUNDAY - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

9:00 AM - All Fathers Living & Deceased

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Loving Memory of Mary Mihalik Subich  
Req. by daughter Karen



The daily readings may be found at  
either 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.



<b>\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$</b>	
<b><u>Collection - June 1, 2025</u></b>	
Loose Money.....	\$463.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2662.16
Ascension.....	\$632.00
Votive Candles.....	\$71.00
St. Peregrine.....	\$68.00

**TOTAL:        \$3896.16**

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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, 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*

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**Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of June 9th to June 15th:**



Gaile Krumenacker                      Janet Bulisok  
James Sabella

**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.**

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**Annual Fish Fry** - Our annual Fish Fry is now a happy memory and was once again a tremendous success due to the generosity of time, talent and treasure of our parishioners. We are grateful beyond words for the dedicated group of people who worked tirelessly for many hours each week at the Fish Frys. It was truly a team effort and Visitation Parish is greatly blessed to have so many dedicated parishioners who stepped up to the plate for the continued financial stability of our parish. Also, we are most grateful to those persons who means allowed them to provide monetary support through either the second collection or through private donations or both. Thank you also to the parishioners who support this fundraiser by purchasing fish dinners. May God bless all of you for your goodness to our parish.

**Fish Fry Summary - 2025**

**Income:**

<b>Weekly Fish Frys -</b>	\$20,076.00
<b>Second Collection -</b>	\$728.00
<b>Donation -</b>	\$100.00
<b>Gob Sale -</b>	\$1,440.00
<b>Rebate - High Liner Foods -</b>	\$410.00
<b>Total:</b>	\$22,754.00

**Expenses:**

<b>Sunseri’s -</b>	\$9,662.70
<b>BiLo -</b>	\$1,232.50
<b>Tribune Democrat -</b>	\$821.25
<b>Misc. Expenses -</b>	\$263.45
<b>Misc. Expenses – Gobs -</b>	\$489.66
<b>Total:</b>	\$12,469.56

**Final Profit -        \$10,284.44**



**From Pontiff to Pew:**

As part of his **Regina Caeli** messages Pope Leo XIV addressed a cordial greeting to all those participating in the Jubilee for Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly; who gathered in Vatican City from every part of the world, with delegations from 131 countries. He was also particularly happy to welcome so many children, who he said “restore our hope!” He also greeted all the families, which are small domestic churches where the message of the Gospel is received and passed on. He quoted Saint John Paul II who said, “The family has its origin in that same love with which the Creator embraces the created world” (Letter to Families *Gratissimam Sane*, 2). Pope Leo continued “May faith, hope and love always increase in our families. In a special way, I greet grandparents and the elderly, you are models of genuine faith and an inspiration for the younger generation.” He also recalled that last Sunday was World Communications Day, and thanked media professionals who, by ensuring the ethical quality of their messages, help families in their educational task. Finally he prayed for peace in various parts of the world, invoking the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

Pope Leo’s **Wednesday Audience** continued his catechesis on the Jubilee theme of “Christ our Hope,” **The life of Jesus. The parables 8. The laborers in the vineyard. “And he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard’” (Mt 20:4)** Pope Leo has a very unique narrative style when giving his audiences so, I would like to introduce you to it below:

I would like to look at one of Jesus’ parables again. Also in this case, it is a story that fosters our hope. Indeed, at times we have the impression that we cannot find meaning for our lives: we feel useless, inadequate, just like the laborers who wait in the marketplace, waiting for someone to hire them to work. But sometimes time passes, life goes by, and we do not feel acknowledged or appreciated. Perhaps we did not arrive in time, others appeared before us, or problems held us up elsewhere. The metaphor of the marketplace is very appropriate for our times too, because the market is the place of business, where unfortunately even affection and dignity are bought and sold, in the attempt to earn something. And when we do not feel appreciated, acknowledged, we risk selling ourselves to the first bidder. Instead, the Lord reminds us that our life is worthy, and his wish is to help us discover this.

Also in the parable we are commenting on today, there are laborers awaiting someone who will hire them for the day. We are at Chapter 20 of the Gospel of Matthew, and here too we find a character whose behavior is unusual, who surprises and challenges us. He is the owner of a vineyard, who comes out in person in search of his laborers. Evidently, he wants to establish a personal relationship with them.

As I was saying, it is a parable that gives hope, because it tells us that this landowner goes out several times to go and look for those who are waiting to give meaning to their lives. The landowner goes out immediately at dawn and then, every three hours, he returns in search of workers to send to his vineyard. Following this schedule, after going out at three o’clock in the afternoon, there would be no reason to go out again, because the working day ended at six. This tireless master, who wants at all costs to give value to the life of every one of us, instead goes out at five.

The laborers who had remained in the marketplace had probably given up all hope. That day had come to nothing. Nevertheless, someone still believed in them. What point is there to take on laborers only for the last hour of the working day? And yet, even when it seems we are able to do little in life, it is always worthwhile. There is always the possibility to find meaning, because God loves our life.

And the originality of this landowner is also seen at the end of the day, at pay time. The master had agreed to pay the first workers, who go into the vineyard at dawn, one denarius, which was a typical day’s wage. He tells the others he will give them what is fair. And it is right here that the parable provokes us: what is fair? For the owner of the vineyard, that is, for God, it is just that each person has what he needs to live. He called the laborers personally, he knows their dignity, and on the basis of this, he wants to pay them, and he gives all of them one denarius.

The story says that the laborers from the first hour are disappointed: they cannot see the beauty of the gesture of the landowner, who was not unjust, but simply generous; who looked not only at merit, but also at need. God wants to give his Kingdom, that is, full, eternal and happy life, to everyone. And this is what Jesus does with us: he does not establish rankings, he gives all of himself to those who open their hearts to him. In the light of this parable, today’s Christian might be tempted to think, “Why start work immediately? If the pay is the same, why work more?”. Saint Augustine responds to these doubts, saying: “Why dost thou put off him that calleth thee, certain as thou art of the reward, but uncertain of the day? Take heed then lest peradventure what he is to give thee by promise, thou take from thyself by delay”.

I would like to say, especially to the young, do not wait, but respond enthusiastically to the Lord who calls us to work in his vineyard. Do not delay, roll up your sleeves, because the Lord is generous and you will not be disappointed! Working in his vineyard, you will find an answer to that profound question you carry within you: what is the meaning of my life?

Dear brothers and sisters, let us not be discouraged! Even in the dark moments of life, when time passes without giving us the answers we seek, let us ask the Lord who will come out again and find us where we are waiting for him. He is generous, and he will come soon!

**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)**