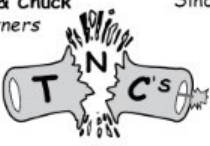


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IN LOVING MEMORY: The Sanctuary Lamp is available for your intentions by calling the parish office. Please attempt to request your intentions as early as possible. A \$10 donation is suggested.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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

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

Collection - October 12, 2025

Loose Money.....	\$343.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2767.00
All Soul's Day.....	\$65.00
Votive Candles.....	\$20.00
Sanctuary Candle.....	\$20.00
Apartment Rental - Oct.....	\$625.00

TOTAL: \$3840.00

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 Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varnecky, Carrie Young

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of October 20th to October 26th:



John Straczek

Monica Christian

Richard Albert

Stephanie Mical

Todd Rastall

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

I CONTINUE TO BE EXTREMELY PLEASED TO SEE THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN THE WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS AND ADORATION INCREASE NOTABLY! And so I continue to implore you to ~~SERIOUSLY~~ CONSIDER SOME EXTRA TIME WITH THE LORD THIS WEEK. We always pray the rosary 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 HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE !! A VISITATION WITH OUR LORD PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS NEARLY A PERFECT FORM OF PRAYER AND CAN HELP YOU TO BELIEVE THAT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!!**



TURKEY RAFFLE 2025 - Our annual Turkey Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, November 15th, 2025 at the Visitation school gymnasium. Once again, we are calling upon your generosity for various items that are required to make our event a success:

1. Readymade baskets or new items that can be arranged into baskets
2. Door prizes,
3. Lottery tickets,
4. Gift cards for the Neighborhood Gift collage, and
5. Spirits for our Basket of Cheer (State store gift cards are also welcome).

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Additional details will be provided in upcoming bulletins.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: Our requests for Sunday Masses have been growing to the point that we have been unable to satisfy all of them. As a result, the following change in policy will become effective as of the Weekend of November 29/30 (the First Sunday of Advent). Individuals may only request **three (3)** Sunday Masses per year, whatever the intention – with NO exceptions. Also, I would kindly ask that if you are able to schedule a Mass on a weekday that you are able to attend, please consider doing so in consideration of those who cannot attend weekday Mass. It actually is a privilege to attend Mass during the week in addition to Sunday. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

We are in desperate need of additional Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. These are essential ministries needed for our Church to function Sunday after Sunday. I ask parishioners to please prayerfully to consider being more active in the life of our Church community.

From Pontiff to Pew:

In last Sunday’s **Angelus Message**, Pope Leo XIV revealed even more about his commitment to working for global peace and prosperity. Below are some of his remarks:

In recent days, the agreement to begin the peace process has given a spark of hope in the Holy Land. I encourage the parties involved to continue courageously on the path they have chosen, towards a just and lasting peace that respects the legitimate aspirations of the Israeli and Palestinian peoples. Two years of conflict have caused death and destruction throughout the land, especially in the hearts of those who have brutally lost their children, parents, friends and possessions. With the entire Church, I am close to your immense pain. The gentle touch of the Lord is directed especially toward you today, in the certainty that even amidst the deepest darkness, he always remains with us: “Dilexite, I have loved you.” We ask God, who is the true Peace of humanity, to heal all wounds and to help us with his grace to accomplish what now seems humanly impossible: to remember that the other is not an enemy, but a brother or sister to be seen, forgiven and offered the hope of reconciliation. With sorrow, I have followed the news of the recent violent attacks that struck several cities and civilian infrastructure in Ukraine, causing the death of innocent people, including children, and leaving many families without electricity and heating. My heart goes out to those who suffer, who have been living in anguish and deprivation for years. I renew my appeal to put an end to violence, to stop destruction, to open up to dialogue and peace!

I am close to the dear people of Peru at this time of political transition. I pray that Peru may continue on the path of reconciliation, dialogue and national unity.

And now let us turn to Mary with filial trust.

In his **Wednesday Audience**, Pope Leo remarked that In the Jubilee Year catecheses, until now, we have retraced the life of Jesus, following the Gospels, from his birth to his death and resurrection. In so doing, our pilgrimage of hope has found is solid foundation, its sure way. Now, in the last part of the journey, we will allow the mystery of Christ, which culminates in the Resurrection, to radiate its light of salvation in contact with the current human and historical reality, with its questions and challenges. Our lives are marked by countless events, full of different nuances and experiences. At times we feel joyful, other times sad, other times fulfilled or stressed, gratified or demotivated. We live busy lives, we concentrate on achieving results, and we even attain lofty, prestigious goals. Conversely, we remain suspended, precarious, awaiting success and recognition that are delayed or do not arrive at all. In short, we find ourselves experiencing a paradoxical situation: we would like to be happy, and yet it is very difficult to be happy in a continuous way, without any shadows. We come to terms with our limitations and, at the same time, with the irrepressible urge to try to overcome them. We feel deep down that we are always missing something. In truth, we were not created for lack, but for fullness, to rejoice in life, and life in abundance. This deep desire in our hearts can find its ultimate answer in the certainty that coincides with hope. This does not mean thinking in an optimistic way: often optimism lets us down, causing our expectations to implode, whereas hope promises and fulfils. The Risen Jesus is the guarantee of this deliverance!

He is the wellspring that satisfies our thirst, the infinite thirst for fullness that the Holy Spirit imbues into our hearts. Indeed, the Resurrection of Christ is not a simple event of human history, but the event that transformed it from within.

The Risen One is the living wellspring that does not dry up and does not change. It always stays pure and ready for anyone who is thirsty. And the more we taste the mystery of God, the more we are attracted to it, without ever becoming completely satiated. Saint Augustine, in the tenth Book of the Confessions, captures exactly this inexhaustible longing of our hearts and expresses it in his famous Hymn to Beauty: “You exhaled odours, and I drew in my breath and do pant after you. I tasted and do hunger and thirst. You touched me, and I burned for your peace” (X, 27, 38). Jesus, with his Resurrection, has guaranteed for us a permanent source of life: he is the living one (cf. Rev 1:18), the lover of life, the victor over all death. Therefore, he is able to offer us refreshment in our earthly journey and assure us of perfect peace in eternity. Only Jesus, who died and rose again, responds to the deepest questions of our heart: is there really a destination for us? Does our existence have any meaning? And the suffering of so many innocents, how can it be redeemed? The Risen Jesus does not bestow upon us an answer “from above”, but becomes our companion on this often arduous, painful and mysterious journey. Only He can fill our empty flask when our thirst becomes unbearable.

And he is also the destination of our journey. Without his love, the voyage of life would become wandering without a goal, a tragic mistake with a missed destination. We are fragile creatures. Mistakes are part of our humanity; it is the wound of sin that makes us fall, give up, despair. To rise again instead means to get up and stand on our feet. The Risen One guarantees our arrival, leading us home, where we are awaited, loved, saved. To journey with him means to experience being sustained despite everything, to have our thirst quenched and to be refreshed in the hardships and struggles that, like heavy stones, threaten to block or divert our history. From Christ’s Resurrection springs the hope that gives us a foretaste, despite the fatigue of living, of a deep and joyful calm: that peace the only he can give us in the end, without end.

ST. JUDE TRIDUUM – St. Clement’s Church will have their Annual Triduum to Saint Jude, patron of those in despair or in hopeless situations, which will be held on Tuesday, October 28th, Wednesday, October 29th and Thursday, October 30th, with Masses being celebrated at 6:30 PM each evening. In addition to the Triduum Mass on Wednesday, October 29th at 6:30 PM, we will celebrate: THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK.

Tuesday, October 28th

6:30 PM - Mass

Celebrant & Homilist: Rev. Charlie Amershek

Wednesday, October 29th

6:30 PM – Mass, Anointing of the Sick

Celebrant & Homilist: Very Rev. James Crookston

Thursday, October 30th

6:30 PM – Mass

Celebrant & Homilist: Rev. Sean Code