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## 4th Sunday of Easter April 26th, 2026

### 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**  
NO MASS

**SATURDAY - Vigil of 5th Sunday of Easter**  
4:00 PM - Melissa Lovette  
(Req. by The Wehrle Family)

**SUNDAY - 5th Sunday of Easter**  
9:00 AM - Pro Populo

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

Spiritual and Physical Health of Fr. John  
Req. by Anonymous



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

## 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. **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.

**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 - April 19, 2026**

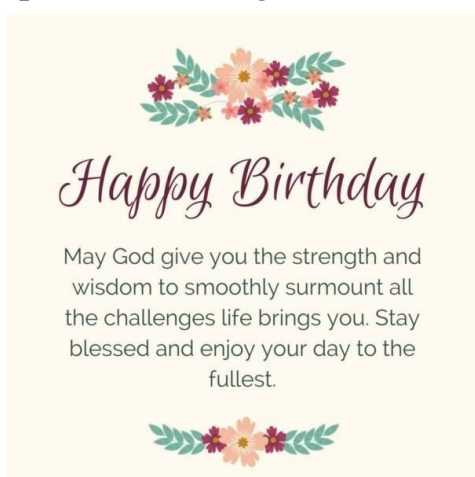
Loose Money.....	\$373.00
Envelopes.....	\$2664.00
Easter Offering.....	\$635.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$35.00
Holy Thursday.....	\$55.00
Good Friday.....	\$55.00

**TOTAL: \$3817.00**

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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, 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, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Jean Petrero, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rovon, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varnecky, Carrie Young*

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Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of April 27th to May 4th:



Jack George  
John Rosa

Mickie Mills

Kristine Michaels  
Ryan Daly

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

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**Theology on Tap - Young Adult Group (18-39):** Our next Theology on Tap is April 22nd at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm with Brother Francisco Whittaker OSB speaking on Divine Mercy. Over the last several months we have been averaging about 45 young adults per month with new members joining monthly. All young adults (18-39) are invited! There is no cost to attend. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.  
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**Visitation Parish and DJ Tom Hoover presents: Music Bingo Night -** Visitation Parish will be having our first ever music bingo night with DJ Tom Hoover. It's just like bingo but with song titles instead of numbers on the bingo cards. As he plays the music videos, guests will mark the song titles off their bingo cards. Guests won't have to guess the song titles as they will be displayed on the screen. This event will be held on Saturday, June 6th, with doors opening @ 5:15 PM and first round of bingo @ 6:30 PM. For more information, please be sure to check out the bulletin insert included in today's bulletin. If anyone is interested in buying a ticket, you may be able to purchase them at mass on the weekends or by calling Debbie Magro at (814) 536-3426 or (814) 243-9028.  
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**A second Music Bingo meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria.** We will have sign up sheet for volunteers will be in the vestibule of the church. All who are interested in helping are encouraged to sign up.  
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**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. 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!!!**  
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**ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!!**  
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Please continue to pray for Fr. John as he continues to recover from the many complications of his most recent hospital stay. He wants nothing more than to be able to celebrate the Eucharist with us during mass and we all pray that he makes a full recovery soon.

On Sunday, after the prayerful recitation of the **Regina Caeli**, Pope Leo XIV spoke briefly on his Apostolic Journey to Algeria, Cameroon, Angola and Equatorial Guinea. Here it is in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters,  
 We will now join in prayer to Mary, Regina Caeli, Queen of Heaven, sharing with her – our Mother and companion on our journey – the joy of the Resurrection.

With this joyful song, we do not wish to erase or stifle the cries of those who suffer, but instead to embrace and unite them with our own voices in a new harmony, so that even in pain the light of faith may remain alive, and with it, hope for a better world.

I am deeply saddened by the recent escalation of attacks against Ukraine, which continue to afflict civilians as well. I express my solidarity with those who are suffering and assure all the Ukrainian people of my prayers. I renew my call for weapons to fall silent and for the path of dialogue to be pursued. The ceasefire announced in Lebanon, however, offers cause for hope; it represents a glimmer of relief for the Lebanese people and for the Levant. I encourage those who are working toward a diplomatic solution to continue peace talks, so that the cessation of hostilities throughout the Middle East may become permanent.

Christ has conquered death, and it is with this certainty that all of us, united with him and in him as one Body, commit ourselves today and every day, despite obstacles and difficulties, to spreading around us the fruits of Easter that are love, true justice and peace.

May the Mother of Jesus, Mother of our hearts, help us always to feel the presence of her risen Son, alive and strong, close to us.

Pope Leo XIV did not have his **Wednesday Audience** since he is partaking on an eleven day Apostolic Journey across Africa, visiting the countries of Algeria, Cameroon, Angola, and Equatorial Guinea. His journey started on April 13th and concluded on April 23rd. On his apostolic journey, he has made many stops and had spoken to many people. Some of the places he has visited have been the Nursing Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Annaba, a city in Algeria, the Ngul Zamba Orphanage in Yaoundé, the capital of Cameroon, and spoke with the children there, giving them encouraging words and uplifting their spirits. He also visited another nursing home in Saurimo, a city in Angola, the staff and patients in the "Jean Pierre Olie" Psychiatric Hospital, and held a few holy masses in the different countries along the way. His last visit he made was to Bata Stadium in Equatorial Guinea, where he met with young people and families. Here is his message to them in its entirety:

Dear young people, dear families, peace be with you!  
 Who is afraid of the rain? Who wants God's blessing? Thank you for being here; we are going to continue celebrating! The Church needs your enthusiasm!

Dear brothers and sisters, with great joy I greet you today, and I thank the Bishop for his words. I thank all of you for your warm welcome and for your enthusiasm, which expresses the joy of your faith.

His Excellency described Equatorial Guinea as a country that is "young, full of energy, questions and a thirst for life," and at the same time eager to make Christ its light. These words

echo the motto of this journey: Christ, light of Equatorial Guinea, toward a future of hope. However, his words are confirmed by your very presence! The brightest light here is the one that shines in your eyes, on your faces, in your smiles and through your songs and dances. Everything bears witness that Christ is the joy, meaning, inspiration and beauty of our lives.

Your nation, Equatorial Guinea, is rich in history and traditions. We saw this just a moment ago in the dances, costumes and symbols that each group used to express its identity, making our time together even more touching and meaningful. You have brought simple, everyday objects – a stick, a net, the model of an island, a boat, a musical instrument – that speak of your lives and of the ancient and noble values that sustain them, such as service, unity, hospitality, trust and celebration. This is the radiant and arduous heritage that you, dear young people, are called to embrace in faith, as the foundation of your future and of this land. The future is yours!

Saint John Paul II recalled these values upon his arrival in this country when he encountered such a vibrant and dynamic Church. He said to the faithful who had gathered to welcome him: "Always set an example of harmony among yourselves, of mutual love, of the capacity for reconciliation, of genuine respect for the rights of every citizen, every family and every social group. Respect and promote the dignity of all people in your country, as human beings and as children of God" (Address upon Arrival in Equatorial Guinea, Malabo, 18 February 1982). These words continue to guide our hearts today and should illuminate your path as you prepare for the responsibilities that await you in the future.

In this regard, Alicia spoke to us about the importance of being faithful to one's duties and of contributing to the good of the family and society through daily work. She shared with us her dream of a land "where young people, men and women, do not seek easy success, but choose the culture of effort, discipline and hard work – a land where this is valued." She said that being Christian means not only participating in the Eucharistic celebration, but also working with dignity and treating everyone with respect. She also spoke about the challenges women face in the workplace. Her words invite us to reflect on the importance of productive, committed effort and on the need always to uphold the dignity of every human being.

Francisco Martin confirmed this, though from the perspective of a vocation to the priesthood. He has given us a glimpse into the beautiful reality of so many young people who give themselves totally to God for the salvation of their brothers and sisters. He did not hide how difficult it was for him to find the courage to say "yes," his fiat, "yes Lord;" yet through his words, we can all understand that entrusting oneself to God's will brings joy and profound serenity. A life given to God is one of happiness, but it must be renewed each day through prayer, the sacraments and time spent with the brothers and sisters whom the Lord places along our path. In the communion of

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