

# Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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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. **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.

## 6th Sunday of Easter May 10th, 2026

### MASS SCHEDULE

- MONDAY - Easter Weekday**  
12:05 PM - John & Cha Cha Bair  
Wedding Anniversary  
(Req. by John Bair)
- TUESDAY - Easter Weekday**  
5:30 PM - Katie Mikesic  
(Req. by husband George)
- WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday**  
5:30 PM - Francis Dietz  
(Req. by Vince & Donna Rzasz)
- THURSDAY - The Ascension of the Lord**  
12:05 PM - In Memory of Jean Pierre Oberle  
& Raymond Robinet  
(Req. by Pat Balagusz)
- FRIDAY - Easter Weekday**  
12:05 PM - Paul Molchany  
(Req. by Pauline Springer & Frank Costa)  
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- SATURDAY - Vigil of 7th Sunday of Easter**  
4:00 PM - Pro Populo
- SUNDAY - 7th Sunday of Easter**  
9:00 AM - Evelyn A. Haggerty  
(Req. by Marian Cyburt)

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

To A Wonderful Mother, Elizabeth Mateljan  
Req. by daughter Barbara Vedock



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**\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$**  
**Collection - May 3, 2026**

Loose Money.....	\$297.00
Envelopes.....	\$2637.00
Catholic Communications Campaign.....	\$10.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$20.00
Votive Candles.....	\$89.00
St. Peregrine.....	\$70.00
Mother's Day.....	\$135.00
Donation - Winner on Calendar.....	\$25.00
Apartment Rent - May.....	\$625.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$175.00

**TOTAL: \$4083.00**

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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 Leflie, Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, Patricia Mainhart, Marianne Mangiafico, Pat Meagher, Myla Minner, Pauline Molchany, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Jean Petro, 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 May 11th to May 17th:



Charles Cowan  
Justin Bulas  
Jim Haggerty  
Vincent Rzasas  
Debi Riek  
Coralie Williams

Tara Rosa  
Ruthann Palm  
Nancy Myers  
Ronald Cooney  
James Soto  
Debra Lehman

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part

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**Ascension Thursday - Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, is Ascension Thursday, a holy day of obligation** when ALL Catholics are **REQUIRED** to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist. Masses are celebrated at 5:30 PM on Wednesday and 12:05 PM on Thursday. Please note that the obligation to attend Mass on Ascension Thursday carries the same moral weight as that of Sunday!! We look forward to seeing you at Mass.

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**Basket Party Thank You** - We do not have the words to express how grateful we are for everyone who gave their precious time to make our 2nd Annual Walk Through Basket party a success. A big thank you to our sponsors and parishioners who donated baskets and items to make baskets such as gift cards, lottery tickets, spirits and more. We could not have done this without any of your help and support. We hope that next year's basket party will be just as big of a success like this year's.

- The Basket Party Committee

**Basket Party Income**

Ticket Sales	\$4614.00
Second Collection	\$517.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5131.00</b>

**Basket Party Expenses**

Firehouse Subs	\$450.00
Tribune Democrat	\$151.25
Keystone Candy	\$20.58
Misc.	\$24.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$645.83</b>
<b>Final Profit</b>	<b>\$4485.17</b>

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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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**Visitation Parish and DJ Tom Hoover presents: Music Bingo Night** - Visitation Parish will be having a music bingo night with DJ Tom Hoover. 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. You may also call the rectory from Monday to Friday between 9AM - 2:30 PM if you are interested in purchasing a ticket.

From Pontiff to Pew:

On Sunday, after the prayerful recitation of the **Regina Caeli**, Pope Leo XIV greeted all of those assembled in Saint Peter's Square. Here it is in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!  
During the Easter season, like the early Church, we return to the words of Jesus, which reveal their full meaning in the light of his passion, death and resurrection. What once eluded the disciples or caused them distress now comes back to their minds, warms their hearts and fills them with hope.

The Gospel proclaimed this Sunday presents the Master's dialogue with his disciples during the Last Supper. In particular, we hear a promise that involves us from this moment onwards in the mystery of his Resurrection. Jesus says: "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also" (Jn 14:3). The Apostles thus discover that God has a place for everyone. Two of them had already experienced this during their first encounter with Jesus by the river Jordan. Jesus noticed them following him and invited them that afternoon to visit where he was staying (cf. Jn 1:39). Even now, faced with death, Jesus speaks of a home, but this time a very large one. It is the house of his Father and our Father, where there is room for all. The Son describes himself as the servant who prepares the rooms, so that every brother or sister, upon arriving, may find their own room ready and feel as though they have always been longed for and are at last found.

Dear friends, in the old world in which we are still journeying, what attracts attention are exclusive places, experiences accessible only to a few and the privilege of entering where others cannot. In the new world into which the risen One leads us, however, what is most valuable is within everyone's reach. Yet this does not make it any less attractive. On the contrary, what is open to all now brings joy. Gratitude takes the place of competition; welcome overcomes exclusion; and abundance no longer entails inequality. Above all, no one is mistaken for someone else, and no one is lost. Death threatens to erase one's name and memory, but in God everyone is fully themselves. Truly, this is what we spend our whole lives searching for, sometimes willing to do anything just to get a little attention and recognition.

"Have faith," Jesus tells us. That is the secret! "Have faith in God; have faith also in me" (Jn 14:1). It is precisely this faith that frees our hearts from the anxiety of possessing and acquiring, and from the illusion that we must pursue a position of prestige to have worth. Each person already has infinite worth in the mystery of God, which is the true reality. By loving one another as Jesus has loved us, we impart this awareness to one another. This is the new commandment; in this way, we anticipate heaven on earth and reveal to all that fraternity and peace are our calling. Indeed, through love, amidst a multitude of brothers and sisters, each one discovers that they are uniquely made.

Let us pray, then, to Mary Most Holy, Mother of the Church, that every Christian community may be a home open to all and attentive to each person.

In his weekly **Wednesday Audience**, Pope Leo continued his exploration of the Conciliar Constitution **Lumen gentium**, the dogmatic Constitution on the Church, The Documents of Vatican Council II, Dogmatic Constitution Lumen gentium. 8. The Church, pilgrim in history towards the heavenly homeland.

Here is the Wednesday Audience in its entirety:

Brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!  
As we focus today on a section of Chapter VII of the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Church, let us reflect on one of its defining characteristics: its eschatological dimension. The Church, in fact, journeys through this earthly history always looking towards her final destination, which is the heavenly homeland. This is an essential dimension which, however, we often overlook or downplay, because we are too focused on what is immediately visible and on the more concrete dynamics of the life of the Christian community.

The Church is God's people journeying through history, which has the Kingdom of God as the purpose of all her action (cf. LG, 9). Jesus initiated the Church precisely by proclaiming this Kingdom of love, justice and peace (cf. LG, 5). We are therefore called to consider the community and cosmic dimension of salvation in Christ and to turn our eyes to this final horizon, to measure and evaluate everything from this perspective.

The Church lives in history in the service of the coming of the Kingdom of God in the world. She proclaims the words of this promise to all and always; she receives a pledge of it in the celebration of the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist; she puts its logic into practice and experiences it in relationships of love and service. Furthermore, she knows that she is the place and the means where union with Christ is realized "more closely" (LG, 48), whilst at the same time recognizing that salvation can be bestowed by God in the Holy Spirit even beyond her visible boundaries.

In this regard, the Constitution **Lumen gentium** makes an important statement: the Church is the "universal sacrament of salvation" (LG, 48), that is, the sign and instrument of that fullness of life and peace promoted by God. This means that she does not identify perfectly with the Kingdom of God, but is its seed and beginning, for its fulfilment will be granted to humanity and the cosmos only at the end. Believers in Christ, therefore, walk through this earthly history, marked by the maturation of good but also by injustices and sufferings, without being either deluded or despairing; they live guided by the promise received from the One who will "make all things new" (Rev 21:5). Therefore, the Church realizes her mission between the "already" of the beginning of the Kingdom of God in Jesus, and the "not yet" of the promised and anticipated fulfilment. As the guardian of a hope that enlightens the path, she is also invested with the mission of speaking clearly to reject everything that mortifies life and prevents its development, and to take a position in favour of the poor, the exploited, the victims of violence and war, and all those who suffer in body and in spirit (cf. Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 159).

As the sign and sacrament of the Kingdom, the Church is the pilgrim people of God on earth who, drawing precisely on the final promise, reads and interprets the dynamics of history through the Gospel, denouncing evil in all its forms and proclaiming, in word and deed, the

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