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Pentecost Sunday May 24th, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY - The Blessed Virgin Mary
Mother of the Church**
9:00 AM - **Angeline Lecci**
(Req. by Lecci Family)

TUESDAY - Saint Philip Neri, Priest
12:05 PM - **Barry Mills**
(Req. by Alan Sidwar)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM - **Paul Schmidt**
(Req. by Helen Boyle)
Rescheduled from 3-25-26

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
John Slovikovski Sr.
(Req. by Golias Family)
Private Mass in Rectory

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - **Richard Froelich Sr.**
(Req. by Barbara Froelich)
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY - Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity
4:00 PM - **Pro Populo**

SUNDAY - The Most Holy Trinity
9:00 AM - **Msgr. Peter Tay**
(Req. by Jenno Lecci)

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of Charlene Tarnowsky
Req. by father - John Bair



The daily readings may be found at either 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

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Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to Rectory. 814-536-6110

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TOTAL: \$4058.00

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, 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

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of May 25th to May 31st:



James Winski, Jr.
 Chris Lecci
 Dr. John Walker
 Ed Kohan
 Claire Kessler

Michael Clark
 Karen Kohan
 Kristyn Amendola
 Karen Haggerty
 Kathy Carney

Kathleen Ott

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part

Visitation Parish and DJ Tom Hoover presents: Music Bingo Night - Visitation Parish will be hosting a music bingo night with DJ Tom Hoover on Saturday, June 6th, with doors opening at 5:15 PM and the first round of bingo beginning at 6:30 PM. There will be a dinner consisting of Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mashed Potatoes with gravy, Green Beans, Salad with dinner roll and cake with a non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, please be sure to see the bulletin insert included in today's bulletin. If anyone is interested in buying a ticket, you may purchase them at Mass over the weekend or by calling Debbie Magro at (814) 536-3426 or (814) 243-9028. If you have a large group attending, you can reserve a table of 8 for an additional \$10.00 per table. You do **NOT** need to have 8 people in order to attend. You may also call the rectory from Monday to Friday between 9 AM - 2:30 PM if you are interested in purchasing a ticket. If you are planning to attend, please purchase your ticket **ASAP** which will help tremendously in knowing how many will be in attendance (so that we may plan accordingly). We want to be certain that we can let DJ Tom Hoover know the total amount of people attending as well.

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!!!

Diaconate Ordination et alia...

By the Grace of God, the Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.L. has called our own **John Fontana** to be ordained to the Order of Deacons on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, at 10:00 AM. As so many of you have played a role in John's formation, all are invited and encouraged to participate in this Ordination Liturgy, (which is a celebration of Eucharist). If you are interested in a carpool, please sign up in the main vestibule of the Church and we will see if we can get a carpool together. Unfortunately, we cannot celebrate this glorious event immediately; however, there will be a **reception in John's honor the following Saturday, June 13 immediately following the 4:00 PM Mass.** Please consider being part of the many festivities surrounding this sacramental milestone in John's life. There will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule for the reception for all who wish to attend.

Please note that the Parish office will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day. The office will be open on Tuesday, June 1st at 9:00 AM.

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:

In many countries throughout the world, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated today. The image of Jesus -- lifted up from the earth and ascending toward heaven, as the Bible states (cf. Acts 1:1-11) -- may cause us to think about this Mystery as a distant event from long ago. Yet this is not so, for we are united to Jesus as the members of one body united to the head. By ascending into heaven, then, he draws us with him toward full communion with the Father. In this regard, Saint Augustine said, "the head's advance is the hope of the members" (Sermon 265, 1.2).

Indeed, Christ's entire life is a movement of ascent. Through his humanity, he embraces and involves the whole world, elevating and redeeming human beings from their sinful condition. He thus brings light, forgiveness and hope where previously there was darkness, injustice and desperation, in order that men and women may attain the definitive Easter victory, in which the Son of God, by dying "has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life" (Preface I of Easter).

The Ascension, therefore, does not speak to us of a distant promise, but of a living bond, which draws us also toward heavenly glory, already elevating and expanding our horizon in this life and directing our way of thinking, feeling and acting more closely to the measure of God's heart.

Moreover, in this path of ascent, we recognize the way (cf. Jn 14:1-6). Indeed, we find it in Jesus -- in the gift of his life, his example and his teachings. We also see it marked out for us by the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints: those whom the Church offers as universal role models. Pope Francis also liked to speak of the saints "next door" (cf. Apostolic Exhortation *Guadete et Exultate*, 7), with whom we live in our daily lives: fathers, mothers, grandparents, people of every age and condition, who, with joy and commitment, make the effort to live sincerely according to the Gospel.

With them, with their support and thanks to their prayer, we too can learn to ascend day by day toward heaven. As Saint Paul says, we must focus on whatever is true, just and loveable (cf. Phil 4:8), and put into practice, with God's help, all that we have "heard and seen" (v. 9). In this way, the divine life, which we received in Baptism and which constantly draws us to the heights, toward the Father, can grow in and around us and spread the precious fruits of communion and peace in the world.

May Mary, the Queen of Heaven, who illuminates and guides us in every moment, support us on our path.

In his weekly **Wednesday Audience**, Pope Leo began his exploration of the Documents of the Second Vatican Council. III. Constitution *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. 1. The liturgy in the mystery of the Church. Here it is in its entirety:

Today we are beginning a new series of catecheses on the first Document issued by the Second Vatican Council: the Constitution on the sacred liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (SC).

In drafting this Constitution, the Council Fathers sought not only to undertake a reform of the rites, but to lead the Church to contemplate and deepen that living bond which constitutes and unites her: the mystery of Christ. Indeed, the liturgy

touches the very heart of this mystery: it is at once the space, the time and the context in which the Church receives her very life from Christ. For in the liturgy, "the work of our redemption is accomplished" (SC, 2), which makes us a chosen lineage, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people whom God has acquired for Himself (cf. 1 Pet 2:9).

As manifested by the threefold renewal – biblical, patristic and liturgical – that the Church underwent through the course of the twentieth century, the Mystery in question does not designate an obscure reality, but God's salvific plan, hidden from all eternity and revealed in Christ, according to Saint Paul's affirmation (cf. Eph 3:2-6). Here, then, is the Christian Mystery: the Paschal event, that is to say, the passion, death, resurrection and glorification of Christ, which is made sacramentally present to us precisely in the liturgy, so that every time we take part in the assembly gathered "in his name" (cf. Mt 18:20) we are immersed in this Mystery.

Christ Himself is the inner source of the mystery of the Church, the holy people of God, born from His side pierced on the cross. In the holy liturgy, through the power of His Spirit, He continues to act. He sanctifies and unites the Church, His bride, to His offering to the Father. He exercises His utterly unique priesthood, He who is present in the proclaimed Word, in the sacraments, in the ministers who celebrate, in the gathered community and, in the highest degree, in the Eucharist (cf. SC, 7). Thus, according to Saint Augustine (cf. Sermon, 277), in celebrating the Eucharist the Church "receives the Body of the Lord and becomes what she receives": she becomes the Body of Christ, "a dwelling place of God in the Spirit" (Eph 2:22). This is the "work of our redemption", which conforms us to Christ and builds us up in communion.

In the holy liturgy, this communion is achieved through "rites and prayers" (SC, 48). The rituality of the Church expresses her faith – in accordance with the familiar saying *lex orandi, lex credendi* – and at the same time shapes ecclesial identity: the proclaimed Word, the celebration of the Sacrament, the gestures, the silences, the space – all this represents and gives form to the people gathered by the Father, the Body of Christ, the Temple of the Holy Spirit. Every celebration thus becomes a true epiphany of the Church in prayer, as Saint John Paul II recalled (*Apostolic Letter Vicesimus quintus annus*, 9).

If the liturgy is at the service of the mystery of Christ, one understands why it has been defined as "the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed ... the font from which all her power flows" (SC, 10). It is true that the action of the Church is not limited to the liturgy alone; however, all her activity (preaching, service to the poor, the accompaniment of human realities) converges towards this "summit". Conversely, the liturgy sustains the faithful by immersing them ever and anew in the Pasch of the Lord and, thus, through the proclamation of the Word, the celebration of the sacraments and communal prayer, they are refreshed, encouraged and renewed in their commitment to faith and in their mission. In other words, the participation of the faithful in the liturgical **(Continued on insert)**

