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The Most Holy Trinity Sunday May 31st, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

- MONDAY - Saint Justin, Martyr**
12:05 PM - Emma Dietz
(Req. by Barbara Dietz DeSantis)
- TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Eleanor Thomas
(Req. by Shirley Machowski)
Private Mass in Rectory
- WEDNESDAY - Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**
5:30 PM - Paul Schmidt
(Req. by Helen Boyle)
Rescheduled from 5-27-26
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time**
12:05 PM - Richard Froelich Jr.
(Req. by Barbara Froelich)
- FRIDAY - Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**
12:05 PM - Karen Gouvert
(Req. by Charlene Torchia)
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- SATURDAY - Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity**
4:00 PM - Helen Balagusz
(Two Year Remembrance)
(Req. by Family)
- SUNDAY - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**
9:00 AM - Pro Populo
(Req. by Jenno Lecci)

SANCTUARY CANDLE
In Memory of Richard Froelich Sr.
(Req. by Barbara Froelich)

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.

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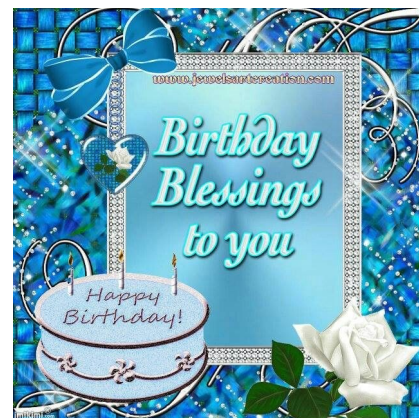
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Let us continue to pray for the members of our parish community who serve in the military, as well as for the sick, elderly and homebound members of our parish especially:

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

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of June 1st to June 7th:



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| Deborah Kohan | Patricia McMonagle |
| Nancy Koontz | Michelle Leonard |
| Amy Schmidt | Vincent O'Donnell |
| James Werner | |

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. If anyone is interested in buying a ticket, you may purchase them 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. Tickets are still available for purchase and will be sold at the door. The final bingo will be worth at least \$500.



Music Bingo Meeting - There will be **one** final Music Bingo meeting on June 1st at 6:00 PM in school cafeteria for anyone interested in volunteering. We will be discussing the set up process for the event.

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.

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:

On this Solemnity of Pentecost, we are called to contemplate the gift of the Holy Spirit, which was poured out in abundance upon the early Church and is bestowed anew upon its members today, granting us light and strength throughout our everyday circumstances.

Let us reflect on an image of the Spirit that today's liturgy sets before us: the Spirit opens doors. The Gospel, in fact, tells us that "the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews" (Jn 20:19). At the same time, the book of the Acts of the Apostles tells us that the Spirit came like a mighty wind (cf. Acts 2:2), which opened those doors, impelling the disciples to go out and proclaim the Good News of the risen Christ.

We can ask ourselves: what doors does the Holy Spirit open today?

The first door is that of God himself, for the Spirit gives us access to the mystery of God, as revealed in Jesus Christ. Through the gift of his Spirit, God grants us true faith, helps us understand the meaning of Scripture, reveals himself as our neighbor and allows us to share in his very life. The Holy Spirit helps us to have a personal experience of God, to encounter him in Jesus and not merely in the observance of a law, to recognize him within us, and to discover the signs of his presence in daily life.

The second door is that of the Upper Room, that is, of the Church. Without the fire of the Spirit, the Church remains a prisoner of fear, timid in the face of the world's challenges, closed in on itself, and thus also incapable of entering into dialogue with changing times. The Spirit opens the doors of the Church so that it can be welcoming and hospitable to all, even to those who have closed their doors on God and neighbour, on hope and the joy of living. As Pope Francis recalled, we are called to be "a Church that blesses and encourages... The doors of the Church are open to everyone" (Homily at the Opening of the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, October 4, 2023).

Finally, the Holy Spirit opens the door of our heart, helping us to overcome resistance, selfishness, mistrust and prejudice, while enabling us to live as children of God and brothers and sisters to one another. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, fraternity is born among individuals, groups and peoples of the Earth, and all speak the same language of love, which unites and brings harmony despite our differences.

Brothers and sisters, even in our own day, especially on this day of Pentecost, we must invoke the Holy Spirit and ask him to open all the doors that are still closed. We need to rediscover God as the Father who loves us, so that we can form a Church where everyone feels at home, and build a fraternal world where peace reigns among all peoples.

Like the first disciples, we entrust ourselves to the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Dwelling of the Holy Spirit and Mother of the Church.

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: In the

Encyclical Mediator Dei, the Venerable Pius XII writes that "the Church is without question a living organism, and as an organism, in respect of the sacred liturgy also, she grows, matures, develops, adapts and accommodates herself to temporal needs and circumstances, provided only that the integrity of her doctrine be safeguarded" (no. 59).

In full accordance with this principle, the Second Vatican Council, in the Introduction to the Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium (SC), recognizes "particularly cogent reasons for undertaking the reform and promotion of the liturgy" (no. 1). The Council assembly was gathered, in fact, with the desire to "impart an ever increasing vigour to the Christian life of the faithful; to adapt more suitably to the needs of our own times those institutions which are subject to change; to foster whatever can promote union among all who believe in Christ; to strengthen whatever can help to call the whole of mankind into the household of the Church" (ibid.).

At that moment in history, there was a strong sense of the need for a renewal of the ritual forms through which, for centuries, the Church had glorified God and sanctified the Christian people. Thanks to the Liturgical Movement, the conviction had matured – later expressed by Saint John Paul II – that "a very close and organic bond exists between the renewal of the liturgy and the renewal of the whole life of the Church. The Church not only acts but also expresses herself in the liturgy, lives by the liturgy and draws from the liturgy the strength for her life" (Letter Dominicae Cenaee, 13).

To encourage the access of the faithful to the richness of the gifts of grace dispensed by the sacred liturgy, the Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium thus indicates, with a very effective phrase, the direction to take: "That sound tradition may be retained, and yet the way remain open to legitimate progress" (SC, 23).

Pope Benedict XVI grasped in this declaration of intent the "reform programme" of the Council Fathers, "a balance between the great liturgical tradition of the past and that of the future", noting that "tradition and progress are often clumsily opposed", whereas "actually, the two concepts merge: tradition is a living reality, which therefore includes in itself the principle of development, of progress. It is as if to say that the river of tradition also carries its source in itself and flows towards the outlet" (Address to participants in the Congress promoted by the Pontifical Athenaeum of Saint Anselm on the 50th anniversary of foundation, 6 May 2011).

The Council affirms the legitimacy of this progress, rooted in authentic Tradition, distinguishing within the liturgy "immutable elements, divinely instituted" from "elements subject to change [which] not only may but ought to be changed with the passage of time if they have suffered from the intrusion of anything out of harmony with the inner nature of the liturgy or have become unsuited to it" (SC, 21). Changes of this type have taken place constantly over the centuries in order to enable the faithful to participate fruitfully, through ritual actions, in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, the foundation of the Christian faith. The Church's worship has thus been "embodied" in

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