

Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 14th, 2026**

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM - Karen Govert
(Req. by Charlene Torchia)
Rescheduled from 6-5-26

TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM - Dominic Lecci
(Req. by Jenno Lecci)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM - Shirley Machowski
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM - Sister John Marie, O.P.
(Req. by Ray and Sue Lombardi)

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

SATURDAY - Vigil of 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Paul Molchany
(Req. by Family)

SUNDAY - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM - Pro Populo

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of Richard Froelich Jr.
(Req. by Barbara Froelich)



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

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.

EUCARISTIC 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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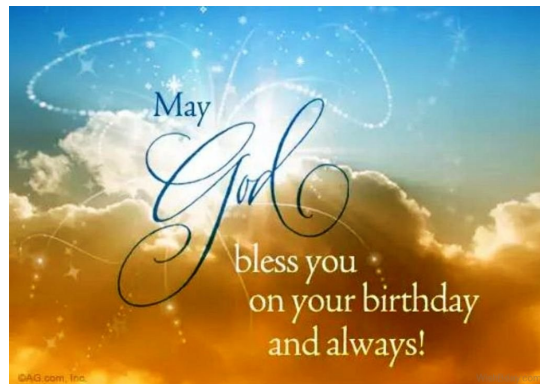
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TOTAL: \$4346.00

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 Leflie, 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 Rovin, 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 15th to June 21st:



James Sabella
 Joseph Martella, Jr.
 Paul Molchany
 Janet Lorditch
 William Williams

Shawn O'Donnell
 Mary Billotte
 Teresa Flynn
 Alice Stahr
 John Valinsky

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part

Congratulations - Celebration - Save the Date -NOTE THE SECOND CHANGE OF DATE

To ALL the members of Visitation Parish,

On Monday, May 11, 2026, Fr. John celebrated his 30-year anniversary of priestly ordination. What a tremendous life of service that he has offered to the Church, and for 12 of those years we have been privileged to have Fr. John serving as the pastor of our parish. Most priests have a huge celebration to mark their 25th anniversary; however, Fr. John did not because of the proximity to the Covid-19 outbreak and the need for him to stay healthy in light of an upcoming liver transplant (which actually did not occur until several years afterward). In any case, **we the parish would like to mark the celebration of his 30th anniversary with a party on Saturday, August 1st with a formal dinner here in the parish gymnasium, following the 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass. Please mark your calendar and save the date (this is a second and last change due to schedule conflicts).** We would love to see our entire parish family gather for this milestone event marking a life of dedicated service to God, the Church, and our parish family.

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!!!

CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD TO HOLD HAITI CELEBRATION - We invite you to join us as the Carmelite Community of the Word Hands and Hearts Haiti Ministry sponsors an "Afternoon Festival of Prayer and Fellowship." Spend an afternoon of prayer for the people of Haiti, creative reflection time, a shared meal, and including the celebration of Sunday Mass. This event will take place on Saturday, June 27, 2026, 2:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, PA 16641. For more information, or to register, email to CommunityofficeCCW@gmail.com or call 8145-886-4098. Registration is requested by June 19.

2026 FESTIVAL at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish - 608 Main Street Lilly, PA 15938: It will be on Sunday, July 19, 2026 from 11:00am to 5:30pm. There will be food vendors, beverages including beer, craft vendors, games for all ages, a bake sale, and a BASKET RAFFLE! Entertainment includes Charlene's School of Dance from 12:45pm to 1:30pm and Felix and the Hurricanes from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. All are welcome here!

From Pontiff to Pew:

This past Sunday, Pope Leo XIV embarked on an Apostolic Journey to Spain and will be traveling from June 6th to the 12th. In lieu of his **Sunday Angeles** message, he created a video message regarding The Occasion of the 6th World Apostolic Congress On Mercy on the theme "Let Us Build the City of Mercy, which is occurring in Vilnius, Lithuania from June 7th - 12th. Here it is in its entirety:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to greet all of you who are participating in the sixth edition of the World Apostolic Congress on Mercy which was so strongly desired by my Venerable Predecessor, Saint Pope John Paul II. On this occasion, I would like extend a special greeting to His Excellency Archbishop Gintaras Grušas of Vilnius, who is welcoming to his diocese so many pilgrims of mercy from all over the world, as well as to His Excellency Mr Gitanas Nausėda, the President of the Republic of Lithuania, and not least to His Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, who has graciously accepted to be present. Saint Augustine writes in the Confessions that his only hope is in God's exceeding great mercy (10, 40). Indeed, it is a source of great joy and true hope when we experience how merciful God is towards each one of us and how good it is for us to renew our trust in his mercy.

Today's world, with its many fears and anxieties, tensions and wars, presents an increasingly urgent need for peace in the hearts of both individuals and peoples. Amid the vortex of violence that poisons relationships and destroys lives, the mercy of God asks to be allowed into our hearts with its amazing power of renewal. It is this mercy that is capable of turning our lives around, opening the way to love and forgiveness as distinctive features of the face of God manifested through us.

Dear friends, God never tires of showing His mercy. His love, as the Psalmist says (cf. Psalm. 136), endures forever, and how much our world is crying out for mercy at every level! But the peace that we so deeply desire cannot be attained without mercy. Let us therefore join our trust in the infinite mercy of God with our own personal commitment to build a more welcoming and merciful society, beginning with our families. My hope is that you will live these days in Vilnius intensely, so that you may take back to your communities the richness of all that you have experienced in this international gathering. From the bottom of my heart, I impart the Apostolic Blessing of the most merciful God upon each one of you and on your families.

In lieu of his **Wednesday Audience**, Pope Leo XIV held a Holy Mass at the Basilica of the Sagrada Família in Barcelona, Spain. Here it is in its entirety:

"Senyor, sobirà nostre, que n'és, de gloriós, el vostre nom per tota la terra!" (Ps 8:1). With the praise of this psalm, so full of joy and wonder, I greet all of you, dear brothers and sisters. I express my gratitude to their Majesties. I thank Cardinal Juan José Omella, Archbishop of Barcelona, as well as my fellow bishops and all those who join us in prayer: priests, deacons and men and women religious. On this evening of celebration for the entire city of Barcelona, I extend grateful greetings to the public authorities, as well as to the members of other Christian communities and religions who are participating in our act of thanksgiving.

Today, the Basilica of the Sagrada Família welcomes us to this beautiful city, opening its doors as though they were its

arms, inviting each of us to this altar, to listen to the Word of God, which makes us a family loved by the Lord, nourished by his own life in the Eucharist. Thus, com la ciutat comtal and all Catalonia gather in this temple, as a sign of unity and harmony, and lift their gaze to encounter the face of God the Father, shining forth in his Son made man, Jesus Christ.

As we give thanks to the Lord for his love toward us, we praise him for his work in our lives. We thank him in particular for this extraordinary basilica, which Pope Benedict XVI consecrated in 2010, recalling that it is a visible sign of the invisible God, for whose glory its towers rise (cf. Homily for the Consecration, 7 November 2010). In continuity with the prayer of my Predecessor, in a few moments I will bless the highest tower, that of Jesus Christ.

This church is a single building made of many stones. A house that grows steadily over the years following a single plan. We are all the living stones of this edifice, which has Christ as its foundation and crowning glory, its beginning and end. Much more than a monument, the Basilica of the Sagrada Família remains a work in progress today, reminding us that the Christian life is always a journey, because it is a project that God is carrying out.

We do not, therefore, dwell in an unfinished work, but in a temple still under construction. The fact that it is incomplete is not a flaw, for it bears witness to a desire; it does not signify a shortcoming, but rather expresses a promise that we wish to honor with consistency. Our gratitude thus becomes a commitment as we cooperate in God's plan - that is, in the edification to which he himself calls us. Since we are the temple of the Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Cor 6:19), this work consists in our very lives, which God conceives as a masterpiece that we are to create together, and he calls us to collaborate with him (cf. 1 Cor 3:9).

In this regard, we hold dear in our hearts the words the Lord addressed to King David: "Are you the one to build me a house to live in?" (2 Sam 7:5). On the contrary, "the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house" (v. 11). With this passage, Scripture teaches us that it is not we who make a dwelling for God, as if he were simply one thing among others or part of a whole greater than himself. Rather, it is God who makes a place for us, and the place he gives us is his own heart: the place of the Son, for us who were strangers; the place of the Beloved, for us who are sinners.

This desire of his is fulfilled through Jesus; we can then understand the meaning of what we heard in the Gospel, when the Lord says to the Pharisees: "you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he" (Jn 8:24). These are strong words, which are by no means intended as threats or blackmail. They are an invitation to salvation - that is, a call to freedom extended by Christ, who desires for us the ultimate, eternal good. When faced with the threat of evil, the Lord is always with us, always on our side. "I am." this is the Most Holy Name that God shared with Moses from the burning bush, revealing his unshakable faithfulness. As God made man, he becomes for us Emmanuel, the source of grace and forgiveness, of salvation and new life. That is why, if we do not believe in Jesus

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