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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11th, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

- MONDAY** - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 5:30 PM - Kate Mikesic
 (Req. by husband George)
- TUESDAY** - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 12:05 PM - Mary Reynolds
 (Req. by Jackie Martella)
- WEDNESDAY** - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 5:30 PM - George Mikesic II
 (Req. by father George)
 Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- THURSDAY** - St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 12:05 PM - Ann Tay Lecci
 (Req. by Jeno Lecci and Family)
- FRIDAY** - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 12:05 PM - Ray Handzus
 (Req. by Mick and Joyce Muto)
 Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- SATURDAY** - Vigil of 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 PM - Irene Kordell
 (Req. by Family)
- SUNDAY** - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 AM - Pro Populo

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Fr. John
 Req. by Anonymous



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.

Eucharistic 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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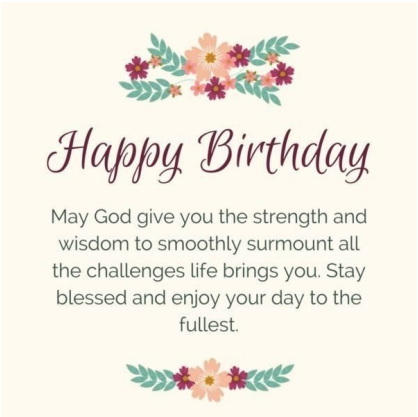
Collection - October 4, 2026

Loose Money.....	\$297.00
Envelopes.....	\$3370.00
Assumption.....	\$15.00
Retired Priests Medical.....	\$20.00
Votive Candles.....	\$80.00
St. Peregrine.....	\$58.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$175.00
TOTAL:	\$4015.00

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, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Dick Krumenacker, Gaile Krumenacker, Victoria Leflie, Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, Patricia Mainhart, Eric Mangiafico, Marianne Mangiafico, Pat Meagher, Deb McCaffrey, Myla Minner, Pauline Molchany, Jake Morisi, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Jean Petroro, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rován, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikooski, Shirley Slovikooski, Ken Turner, Megan Varnecky, Carrie Young

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of October 12th to October 18th:



Merikay Moore

Scarlett Bolinger

Tara Kralik

Anita Albert

Evelyn Haggerty

Jane Stanko

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part

TURKEY RAFFLE 2026 - Our annual Turkey Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, November 14th, 2026 at the Visitation school gymnasium. Once again, we are calling upon your generosity for various items that are required to make our event a success:



1. **Lottery tickets,**

2. **Gift cards for the Neighborhood Gift collage, and**

3. **Spirits** for our Basket of Cheer (State store gift cards are also welcome). Thank you in advance for your generosity. Additional details will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

FOSTER YOUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE: 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 the foster father of Jesus as the patron of the Universal Church. Remember the perpetual parish intention for the rosary is for Fr. John's health, however, all 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 IT CAN MOVE YOU TO BELIEVE THAT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!!**



Fatima Devotions - The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loreto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Wednesday October 13th at 6:30pm at Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. Fr. Brian Norris will be the homilist, and the Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R. from Toronto, Ohio, will lead the singing. We encourage you to Bring a Friend!

Winter Coat Drive - Visitation Parish is coming together with Johnstown Crossroads, a local clinic that helps individuals seeking opioid addiction treatment, with a winter coat drive. This winter coat drive will help ensure their patients and families stay warm throughout the colder months. We will have donation boxes in the vestibule of the church for any donations. They are looking for any new or gently used coats and jackets for children and adults which will be placed in their Community Coat Room for patients and their families to be able to choose a coat. The Winter Coat Drive will be until October 27th to ensure that Johnstown Crossroads has time to pick the donations up and get them ready for their patients and families. Let us help those less fortunate or in need by providing them with a warm coat for these upcoming colder months.

From Pontiff to Pew:

During this past **Sunday's Angelus**, Pope Leo XIV offered the following reflection in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

The Gospel parable proclaimed in this Sunday's Liturgy speaks of Jesus' life and sheds light on the meaning of his mission (cf. Mt 21:33-43). He is the Son of God sent into the world, yet he is rejected by the very people who should have welcomed him with open arms. The One who came to bring salvation is condemned; the One who wishes to give life is put to death. While this leads us to reflect on the many cruelties that plague the world and the history of peoples, Christ's teaching reveals the ever-greater mercy of his Father.

Indeed, the violent rejection does not thwart God's will; in his infinite justice, he transforms evil into redemption: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone" (Mt 21:42; cf. Ps 118:22). Jesus himself recalls these words from the Psalm, which celebrates the marvelous work done by the Lord: it is precisely what was cast aside that becomes the foundation that sustains everything. This is how the Almighty guides history, coming to our aid in all our falls: God never discards our lives!

According to the image used in the parable, the vineyard to be cultivated with justice is the Church, which we build up or damage through our choices. In this regard, today – on the eighth centenary of his death – I wish to recall a laborer who worked with great fruitfulness in the Lord's vineyard: Saint Francis of Assisi, whom Jesus himself asked to repair his Church. Inspired by the Crucified One, Francis first and foremost built his own life upon the foundation of Christ, sharing in his poverty, joy and sufferings, even to the point of receiving the mystical sign of the stigmata. A man of fervent prayer, full of charity toward all, he was an example to the first friars who shared his asceticism as an authentic condition for the reform of the Church. Saint Francis repaired the Church by virtue of his faith in the Lord Jesus, healing the rifts of discord through the witness of fraternal love.

Dear friends, the charism of Saint Francis continues to bear fruit even today, after eight centuries. This is attested to, not only by the great and vibrant Franciscan family but also by the many gifts that his spiritual legacy bestows upon the People of God. As we celebrate the Franciscan Jubilee Year, therefore, let us perseveringly ask for the gift of peace and sincerely commit ourselves to building harmony among peoples.

May the intercession of Mary Most Holy, our Mother, always accompany us in this work. To her we now turn, spiritually united with the faithful gathered at the Shrine of Pompeii to offer the Supplication to the Virgin of the Holy Rosary.

In his weekly **Wednesday Audience**, Pope Leo began his exploration of the Documents of the Second Vatican Council. IV. Pastoral Constitution Gaudium et spes (GS, 40-45). 5. The mission of the Church in the contemporary world . Here it is in its entirety:

Brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

Resuming our reflection on the Conciliar Constitution Gaudium et Spes (GS), today we will consider the fourth chapter of the first part, dedicated to the Church's mission in the contemporary world.

First of all, the Council recalls that the Church is not

"above" or "beside" the world, but is, as it were, grafted into it. "Mundus reconciliatus Ecclesia", wrote Saint Augustine (Sermon 96): the Church is the world already reconciled with God; we are pilgrims on earth and share in this world's fragility and beauty (cf. GS, 40).

Just as the Son of God was incarnated to give life to the world and to reconcile it with the Father, so the Church dwells in the world as a sign of the incarnation of God, in order to manifest His plan to make us all His children in one great human family. Therefore, the Church journeys through history in the midst of peoples and cultures, and "this involvement in people's lives helps the Church understand ever more clearly that her mission has a historical scope and entails a responsibility for the way in which social relations are built" (Encyclical Letter Magnifica Humanitas, 19).

The first mission of the Church is to help people be attentive to the profound questions of life: those concerning our origin and our destiny, as well as those concerning the meaning of love and suffering (cf. GS, 41). The logic of profit at all costs and the manipulation of information risk exerting undue pressure on people to conform to a lifestyle centred on the consumption of material goods, but our hearts are made to look upwards.

The Council Fathers remind us that the Church's mission is fulfilled also in contributing to the construction of the earthly city. However, her methods and aims are not primarily of a political order; rather, they consist in bearing witness to faith and charity, together with commitment for justice, peace, and fraternity. By worshipping Christ, the Righteous One who died for the unrighteous, the believer cannot accept the oppression of the weak and the poor, nor the unjust structures that perpetuate conditions of dependence and injustice. The social doctrine of the Church guides the actions of Christians, who collaborate with all people of good will in promoting the common good. The Church, therefore, "has no fiercer desire than that in pursuit of the welfare of all she may be able to develop herself freely under any kind of government which grants recognition to the basic rights of person and family, to the demands of the common good" (GS, 42).

To fulfil the Gospel mission effectively, it is necessary for every baptized person to commit to cooperating with the grace of the Holy Spirit, so that their faith may be living and expressed in consistent behaviour. Indeed, as the Council Fathers reiterate, the discrepancy between professed faith and daily life "deserves to be counted among the more serious errors of our age" (GS, 43).

Gaudium et Spes reserves special mention (cf. ibid.) for the mission of the lay faithful who, by virtue of their Baptism, are called to enliven the world with the Christian spirit and the vision of the Gospel. The principal settings for this activity, which may well be described as priestly, are undoubtedly the family and the workplace, but it extends to every sphere of life.

Finally, the Church is always attentive to what is taking place and developing in society (cf. GS, 44). It is the task of the whole People of God, especially pastors and

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