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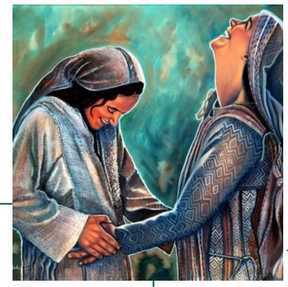
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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18th, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Saints John de Brebeuf and Issac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs
12:05 PM - Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Fr. John
(Req. by Ron Cleaver)

TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Paul Molchany
(Req. by Pauline Springer & Frank Costa)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM - Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Patty Bender
(Req. by Charlie Tourney)
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Helene Balagusz
(Req. by Kathy O' Donnell)

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Connie Pribozie
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY - Vigil of 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - Pro Populo

SUNDAY - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM - Marcel and Helen Hostensky
(Req . By Marian Cyburt)

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 11, 2026

Loose Money……..$271.00
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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, Patty Bender, 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 Rovan, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varmecky, Carrie Young

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Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of October 19th to October 25th:



John Straczek
Monica Christian
Richard Albert
Stephanie Mical
Todd Rastall

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.

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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!!!***



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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.

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Church Clean Up - In view of the fact that we still have been unable to procure some temporary maintenance help, We are looking for volunteers to help clean our church on Saturday, October 24th. We are meeting at the church at 9 AM. The church needs to be dusted, vacuumed, and the bathrooms cleaned. Those who are able and willing to help out are welcome to come. We are also looking for volunteers to help clean the school kitchen on Wednesday October 21st and October 28th between 9 AM—11 AM. Thanks to all for helping!

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!

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks of the wedding feast prepared by a king for his son (cf. Mt 22:1–14).

A son's wedding is a special occasion for any family, and this happy father wants to share his joy with everyone. He prepares a banquet and invites many people. Saint Thomas Aquinas says that goodness, by its very nature, tends to spread: "Bonum dicitur diffusivum sui" (Summa Theologiae, I, q. 5, a. 4, ad 2). The image in the narrative expresses this idea in the context of our lived experience. When something good happens, it kindles a light that leads us to share our happiness with others.

In response to such a gracious invitation, however, instead of coming to the feast, the guests turn away and prefer to continue going about their business. Some are annoyed, insult the king's messengers and even kill them. Unfortunately, this can happen to us, too, for the good we offer to do is not always understood, recognized or appreciated. Indeed, at times, it is willfully misinterpreted and rejected. Yet this must not discourage us. When faced with rejection, the king does not call off the wedding or cancel the celebrations. On the contrary, he extends his invitation to an even greater number of people, sending his servants out into the streets to call them so that the bride and groom's joy may be a gift for all.

At this point, we can ask ourselves whom the main characters in this story represent. Saint Jerome identifies the king as the Heavenly Father, the bridegroom as Jesus, and the bride as the Church (cf. Commentary on Matthew, Book III, ch. 22). We are among the main characters as well, chosen by the Lord to share our lives with him and to be bearers of life with him. The wedding feast is ours, and the banquet hall is our churches and homes, the places where we live and where the King's Son, Jesus Christ, continues to declare his love for us and await our "yes." We encounter him there, and are clothed like a bride in the white garment of Baptism and adorned with the jewels of good works, which draw us closer to God and to one another.

The joy we proclaim, therefore, is not artificial; it is profound, concrete and real. It is as beautiful as the faces of the people we meet. It is as genuine as the work, the smiles, the tears, the handshakes, and the acts of kindness that fill our days. It is a gift of God for the salvation of the world.

Therefore, let us ask Mary, the Mother of the Lord, to help us grow in this joy. Even when it is not understood, let us proclaim this joy always and everywhere, with generosity, courage and faith.

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Papal Update (adapted from the Associated Press, Oct. 16) -

ROME (AP) — Pope Leo XIV's recovery from lung surgery has progressed so normally that the Vatican on Friday stopped providing morning updates confirming he had woken up and had breakfast, even as questions continued about what his cancer means for the future of his young pontificate.

In the near term, Vatican officials were gaming out possible scenarios for Leo to recite the traditional Sunday noontime Angelus prayer. Vatican media personnel were seen at the Gemelli hospital laying cables for a possible live broadcast, as past popes have done when hospitalized.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican secretary of state, said a recitation of the noontime prayer on Sunday from the hospital was a possibility, but would depend on how Leo's post-operative recovery progresses. Such appearances have often served as a welcome confirmation of a hospitalized pope's well-being for the 1.4-billion strong Catholic faithful and others.

The 71-year-old Leo had the lower lobe of his right lung removed on Tuesday after doctors identified a suspected cancerous nodule. The surgery confirmed he had adenocarcinoma, the most common type of lung cancer.

On Thursday, the American pope resumed working from his hospital room and met with his chief of staff, while continuing with respiratory exercises. His doctors said overall his recovery was proceeding as expected.

Doctors are still awaiting the results of tests to understand the precise molecular and genetic makeup of the cancer, whether it has spread beyond the lobe and whether any further treatment is necessary.

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Oktoberfest

Please join us for an Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 31st following the 4;00 PM Mass in the school cafeteria. There will be plenty of food and drink on hand (some in the tradition of the German celebration of Oktoberfest) for all to enjoy. It is a time for all to gather as we enter into the colder autumn months and to celebrate our community here at Visitation Parish. Admission is free and open to all. If you would like to bring a dessert you may do so; however, it is not required. There is a sign-up sheet in the main vestibule of the Church. We hope to see you then.

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WE CONTINUE TO NEED SOME PART-TIME TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE HELP AT THE CHURCH. This would include regular cleaning, and other day to day tasks required to upkeep the physical plant. If you are interested, please contact Fr. John by calling the church line. Thank you.

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There has been some difficulty with Fr. John's private line, therefore some messages have not been retrieved. Until further notice, if you are trying to reach Fr. John, please leave a message on the main line of the parish. Thank you.

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St. Jude Annual Triduum - St. Clement Church will be having their annual Triduum to Saint Jude, patron of those in despair or in hopeless situations, will be on Tuesday, October 27th, Wednesday, October 28th, and Thursday, October 29th, with masses being celebrated at 6:30 PM each evening. In addition to the Triduum Mass on Wednesday, October 28th, at 6:30 PM, we will celebrate: "The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick". Those not being anointed are encouraged to attend the liturgy in solidarity and prayerful support of those receiving the sacrament.