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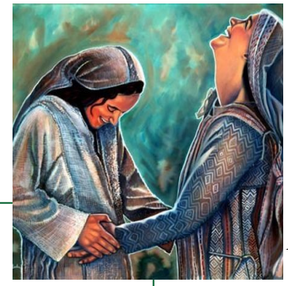
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25th, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
NO MASS

TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Tammy Winski
(Req. by Parents)

WEDNESDAY - Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
5:30 PM - Barry Mills
(Req. by Joyce Ziance)
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Joseph Martella Sr.
(Req. by Jackie Martella)

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Joseph Lecci
(Req. by Lecci Family)
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY - Vigil of All Saints Day
4:00 PM - Pro Populo

SUNDAY - All Saints Day
9:00 AM - Mary Mihalik Subich
(Req. by Daughter Karen Kohan)

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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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Loose Money……..…$255.00
Envelopes……..……$2203.00
World Mission Sunday…….....$23.00
Parking Lot Rent……$245.00

TOTAL: $2726.00

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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 26th to November 2nd:



Barbara Kinley
Rose Barger
Dolores Valinsky
Meghan Bolinger
Myla Minner
Duane Billotte
Donald Hornick
Daniel Kozak

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 THATWITH 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 fami- lies stay warm throughout the colder months. We will have do- nation 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 Communi- ty Coat Room for patients and their families to be able to choose a coat. The Winter Coat Drive will be until October 27th to en- sure 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 the school kitchen on Wednesday October 28th between 9 AM—11 AM. Those who are able and willing to help out are wel- come to come. 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!

The Gospel proclaimed in today's liturgy (Mt 22:15-21) presents us with one of Jesus' best-known sayings: "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's" (cf. v. 21). For this reason, it is important to consider these words in the context in which they were originally spoken.

The evangelist Matthew describes a situation of hostility towards Jesus: the Pharisees gather together to see how they might catch him in his words (cf. v. 15). They decide to send some people to question him on a controversial matter: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" (v. 17). The Teacher's response is astute, for it allows him to avoid the trap and exposes the hypocrisy of those who seek to put him to the test. He asks them to show him the coin used to pay the tax, that is, a denarius. They hand it to him, and Jesus asks: "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They reply: "The emperor's." He then declares: "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's" (vv. 17-21).

In Jesus, we contemplate a God who is not afraid of history but comes instead to dwell within it. His Kingdom does not abolish human roles and responsibilities. It does, however, call us to live without compromise, free from selfish ambitions and unjust motives, seeking above all the Kingdom of God and his righteousness (cf. Mt 6:33). In this regard, it is striking that those same people praise Jesus, even though their intentions are far from good: "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality" (v. 16).

Dear friends, this is precisely what it means to "give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's": to be truthful, free from servile fear or hypocrisy, free to do good. Let us pray to the Lord to help us live in this way. And let us entrust ourselves to the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

In his weekly Wednesday Audience, Pope Leo began his exploration of the Documents of the Second Vatican Council. IV. Pastoral Constitution Gaudium et spes. 6. Commitment to the family in today's society (GS, 47–52). Here it is in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

The first think I would like to say is thank you! Thank you for the support of your prayers. Thanks be to God for His generosity. Let us all renew our trust in God's goodness and mercy.

The pastoral Constitution Gaudium et Spes (GS) of the Second Vatican Council, having illustrated in the first part the dignity of the person and his or her vocation in the world, goes on to consider, in the second part, "in the light of the Gospel and of human experience", some of the most pressing contemporary issues (cf. GS, 46). It focuses primarily on marriage and the family, in the conviction that "the well-being of the individual and of human and Christian society is intimately linked with the healthy condition of that community produced by marriage and family" (GS, 47).

To this end, it does not merely reaffirm their values and aims, but proposes a renewed conception of marriage as an "intimate partnership of married life and love" (GS, 48). By incorporating the legal dimension of marriage as a contract, the foundation of this union is recognized in the "conjugal covenant", understood as the "human act whereby spouses mutually bestow and accept each another" (ibid.). The mutual self-giving of man and woman, such that 'they are no longer two but one flesh' (Mt 19:6), underlies the requirement for "total fidelity" and the "unbreakable oneness" of the spouses, finding vivid expression in the procreation and upbringing of children (cf. GS, 48). As a reflection of the Divine Trinity, conjugal and parental love, through the Sacrament of Marriage, is "governed and enriched by Christ's redeeming power", so that spouses may love one another "just as He loved the Church and handed Himself over on her behalf" (ibid.).

Having shed light on the reality of marriage in the light of Christ's love, which is the truth of both human and divine love, Gaudium et Spes turns its attention to conjugal love and marital fruitfulness. Not limited to erotic attraction, which it nonetheless encompasses, conjugal love involves the entire will of the spouses, enlivening the affections of their hearts and expressing itself through sentiments and gestures of tenderness (cf. GS, 49). Embracing the good of the whole person of both man and woman, who are equal in dignity, this love pervades the entire life of the spouses, finding expression in acts proper exclusively to marriage (cf. ibid.). Whilst signifying integral love from person to person, the unique intimacy between the spouses fosters their mutual self-giving and enriches their shared joy (cf. ibid.).

Furthermore, the fruitfulness of conjugal love is expressed in the procreation of children, "the supreme gift of marriage" (GS, 50). By transmitting and educating human life, which must never be rejected, spouses become "cooperators with the love of God the Creator, and are, so to speak, the interpreters of that love" (ibid.). Called to this human and Christian responsibility, they are bound to allow themselves to be guided by a sound judgement regarding their own good and that of their children, whether already born or yet to be born. Such a judgement, which, in the final analysis, the spouses themselves must form before God, requires that their conscience conform to divine law, as interpreted by the Magisterium of the Church in the light of the Gospel (cf. ibid.).

The emphasis on loving communion and procreative fruitfulness within marriage leads the Council to rule out the possibility of there being "a true contradiction … between the divine laws pertaining to the transmission of life, and those pertaining to authentic conjugal love" (GS, 51) and to affirm, instead, that "when there is question of harmonizing conjugal love with the responsible transmission of life", one must "preserve the

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