

April 21, 2024



VISITATION

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH

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“I AM
THE GOOD
SHEPHERD”

Jesus

MASS TIMES:

Daily: Monday - Saturday - 8:15 AM

Weekend: Vigil, Saturday 4:00 PM Lower Church
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: At 8:45 AM and 3:00 to 3:45 PM, or
by appointment, please call 610-539-5572

Mission Statement of Visitation B.V.M. Roman Catholic Parish

We, the Parish Family of Visitation Blessed Virgin Mary, as Catholic Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, are dedicated to the joyful proclamation of the Good News and loving services to others. We look to our Patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary, as our model of love and devotion to Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

VISITATION B.V.M. • TROOPER, PENNSYLVANIA



SATURDAY, April 20, 2024

4:00PM Msgr. Nicolo Living & Deceased Members of Visitation BVM Parish

SUNDAY, April 21, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30AM Fr. Bob Larry DeLuca
9:00AM Fr. Mulranen Guisepppe & Angelica Santoro
11:00AM Fr. Bob Frances Greco & Family

MONDAY, April 22, 2024

8:15AM Anthony & Nora Casinelli

TUESDAY, April 23, 2024 - St. George Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

8:15AM Paul Usavage

WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2024 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

8:15AM Gilda Costanzo

THURSDAY, April 25, 2024 - St. Mark, Evangelist

8:15AM Verna Gravinese

FRIDAY, April 26, 2024

8:15AM Clive Walton - Evans

SATURDAY, April 27, 2024

8:15AM Charles Tornetta
4:00PM Fr. Mulranen Living & Deceased Members of Visitation BVM Parish

SUNDAY, April 28, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30AM Fr. Rich David Birch
9:00AM Fr. Bob First Holy Communicants
11:00AM Fr. Mulranen First Holy Communicants

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR RECENTLY DECEASED,



Eileen Eagens, Anna Jane Fusco, Fred W. Interrante, John Leonard Josten, Jr., the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and all those who have lost their lives in service to our country. Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Welcome to our New Parishioners

Michael, Danielle & Emily Heidler
 Frank, Ashley D'Andrea & Carmela Ganther
 Felix, Priscilla (Velez-Roman) & Paula Ortiz-Velez

George & Mary Becker
 Brianna Marie Dugan
 Christine Fugo



We congratulate Samantha Rose Maria Frazier who makes her Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church and celebrates the reception of Confirmation and First Communion at the 11:00 A.M. Mass.



La Salle College High School students have extended a thank you to you for your prayers and generous support of their Junior Summer Service Program! The young men will keep us in prayer throughout their journeys and provide updates on La Salle's social media pages and website: www.lschs.org/summerservice.

Troop 369 Spring Plant Sale!

This year we are selling several varieties of locally grown hanging baskets, annuals, veggies & geraniums.



Please see our flyer or go to:

<https://www.bsatroop369.com/node/9050> for details.

We are taking orders until Tuesday April 30th and will be available for pick up on May 14-15 at Visitation BVM Church.



Thank you for your continued support!

Welcome new parishioners!

Please call the Parish Office at 610-539-5572 to make an appointment to register. Parishioners moving within or out of the parish, please notify the Rectory at 610-539-5572 or rectory@visitationbvm.org.

In order to receive a **Letter of Eligibility** for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, you must be a registered parishioner. Anyone who is 26 years of age should become an individually registered parishioner.

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9AM—4PM

If these hours are not convenient, please call the rectory office to set-up an evening appointment. (610-539-5572).

Receptionists: Pat Gavanus
 Rose Marie Munro
 Dorothy Swedkowski
Business Manager: Mary Ann Smallberger
Parish Manager: Mary Pat Reuther

SCHOOL

Mr. Matt Joram, Principal 610-539-6080
 Sr. Diane Marie, Dir. of Rel. Education 610-539-6080 opt. 6
 Mrs. Ellen Giammarco, C.A.R.E.S. 610-539-6080 opt. 9
CONVENT Sr. Diane Marie 610-539-5558

APRIL 21, 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



from the Deacon

Before I begin speaking about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program, I want to thank everyone in our parish community for all their prayers, thoughts and concerns at this time of convalescence for me. I'm sure as some of you may already know it is very hard for me to sit on the sidelines. We, Patty and I, appreciate all the prayers (she needs them more than me since she has to deal with me), the gifts, the little presents especially my comic books from one of the altar servers and the meals.

But the one person I need to give a shout out to is my wife, Patty, she has been an angel through all of this. Selflessly giving to whatever I need. I am blessed to have found her so many years ago. However my thoughts and prayers go out to all of the other people who are going through similar problems and have no one there for them. God bless them all.

In our Gospel Jesus fulfills the Old Testament promises from several of the prophets that God himself will come to shepherd His people. For Jesus to use the example of being a good shepherd makes sense, because that was one of the major occupations throughout Palestine in his day. His listeners knew about them. People that cared for flocks of sheep were of the lowest socioeconomic level, with little to no education. They had an important responsibility, however, of providing for and protecting sheep, sometimes sacrificially.

"The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" implies that this kind of shepherd stands ready to sacrifice his total self if need be. How willing are we to intentionally shepherd others toward a life of loving God and our neighbors, thereby helping to bring them into the fold so they can "listen to Jesus' voice"? This is the voice of the one Good Shepherd, who "knows his own and his own know him."

RCIA is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. Participants in the RCIA are known as Catechumens. They undergo a process of conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The RCIA process follows the ancient practice of the church started by the Apostles.

As I was thinking about how Patty was there for me every step of the way of my surgery and it made me realize how special our RCIA team really is. From Sr Diane Marie to Mike, Leslie, Barry and all the sponsors who support the Catechumens and give of their time every Wednesday from September until Easter walking each step of the way with them. They are tireless warriors for faith. May God continue to bless them.

If you know of anyone who has shown an interest in our Catholic Faith have them reach out to one of the team or contact me or one of the priests. If you wish to be part of this beautiful team contact Sr. Diane at sister.diane@visitationbvmschool.org or call her at 610-539-6080 opt. 6.



Parish Giving

Please continue your financial support

Please know that your weekly contribution is most appreciated and essential to keeping the parish running.

VISITATION OFFERS ELECTRONIC PARISH GIVING: Log on at: <http://www.visitationbvm.org/> then click on the Parish Giving Logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

Week of	April 14, 2024	April 16, 2023
Collection	\$12,190.00	\$11,433.00
Electronic	<u>\$ 9,715.60</u>	<u>\$ 8,024.60</u>
Total	\$21,905.60	\$19,457.60

Please include your envelope number.

Donations for outreach!

Our canned food drive is on-going. Donation suggestions include: **jelly, cereal, canned soups, tomato products, macaroni & cheese & personal hygiene items.** **Thank you for your continued support of our families in need.** Please bring donations to Mass.



Matching Gifts/"Twice as Nice"

Does your employer offer a Matching Gifts Program? This painless way of doubling your gift to a charitable or non-profit cause can be of great assistance to your parish and/or your favorite charity. Check with the HR Officer or Payroll Department to see if your donations qualify.



ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament

The 2024 US Eucharistic Revival Congress in Indianapolis, IN

Preparing for the Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Most likely, the majority of us in the Philadelphia Archdiocese will not be attending the Eucharistic Conference in Indianapolis this summer. But many thousands of devout Catholics who believe in Jesus' True Presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament will converge there, from 4 distinct Pilgrimage routes to prove it. That's right: Jesus in the Monstrance will process across our Nation, so desperately in need of faith revival.

For our part, we are encouraged to be part of the Procession in the Elizabeth Ann Seton District (Northeastern US) which is currently expected to pass through the Archdiocese between May 30th and June 3rd. In addition to St. John Neumann's Shrine in Philadelphia proper, stops at Churches in Bucks, Delaware, and Chester counties are planned. This is a **once-in-a-life-time** event and an opportunity to unite with others who reverence the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar in PUBLIC ADORATION.

Please begin planning an outing with your family and fellow adorers to walk with GOD through our area. More and updated information may be found at: phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage.

Currently there are 9 adoration time slots vacant, when no one is assigned to visit with Jesus. Let us prove to Him His sacrifice is still meaningful to us.

Please come adore at: **MON** 11am, 4pm, 6pm; **TUE** 6pm; **THU** 1pm; **FRI** 6pm, 7pm; **SAT** 4pm; **SUN** 4pm every other week.

Thank you! Stephanie Russo: 610-209-3708



Please pray for our sick and home-bound parishioners, as well as those living in health or nursing facilities.

Crystal Fiorentino, John Mitros, Keller Tschoepe, Teresa Veramonti, Dorothy Prestia, Lisa Wiest, Rosemarie "Dolly" Cirafesi, Andrea Craft, Dianne Hehn, Rosalie Korenkiewicz, Pete Fazio, Pat Murphy, Michael Silks, Ed O'Hanlon, Karli Schilling, Marie Bidy, Rosemary Maczko, Thomas Rogers, Concetta Marinucci, Robert Lowerre, Christopher Smith, Brian Rogers, Don

Daniels, Alexandria App, Sr., George Land, Randy Collins, John DiCicco, Baby Julia Charlotte Gregory, Jack Diamond, Carolyn Vilitski, Baby Evelyn M, Susan Lake, Renée Collins, Deacon Francis Klauder, Lucille Meinville, Marie Bazela, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Anne Marie Smith, Robert Hicks, Jr., Phillip Vattimo, Josephine C., Ron Neishloss, Brianna Rogers, Brandon Botta, Suezanne Carcarey, Karen Ivens, Bill Ivens, Connor Joseph Mocey, Baby Mayson, Joseph Regan, Jean Leister, Connie Saylor, Marily Lewis, John M., Paul Meinville, Galen Perico, Jeannie Fazio, baby Cora, Dr. Gerard Klauder, Bobby Yost, Catherine Buseck, Sam Rizzo, Steve Simmons, Kathleen Wynn, Ava Zawislak, Helen Casinelli Pileggi, Joseph K., Mark Kochanowsky, Helen Gillogly, Charlie Skinski, Andrew Petruzelli, John R. Smith, Joseph Capaldo, Ginny Gaeto, Michael Vincenzini, Ashley Drake, Carol Pishock, Daniel Paul, Hadleigh McCarthy, Rob Cusella, Susan Corbin, Joanne Thorpe, Mrs. Melacore, Arnold Lynch, Helene Pileggi, Martha Guerra, Laura Musser, Stephanie Nangle. **If you would like to have a loved one's name placed on the Prayer List or if your loved one recovers, please call the Rectory at 610-539-5572.**

Please pray for all those from our parish community who are currently serving our Country:

Jared Specht, Chris Holcomb, Nicole Scherer, David Tampanello, Lt. Eric P. Leis, USN, Captain Michael J. Foley, Jr., Johnathan Pearson, Sgt. Peter McCallen, Lieutenant Rory O'Boyle, Maj. Joseph C. Pawko, Pvt. Michael Bergen, Sgt. Justin Hart, Salvatore DeGrazio, US Army, Prvt. Eric D. Pearson, US Army, PFC Anthony Chiaravalloti, US Army, Sgt. James Million, Army National Guard, LCDR John Rovinski, Jr., USN, Alex Shoemaker, 1st Lieutenant, USMC, Sgt. William Ronan, Andrew Balek, Lieutenant Stephen Campbell, USMC, Lt. Martin P. O'Donnell, Jr., Eric Raymond Frascino, Specialist, Army 82nd Airborne, Marcus Girardo, 2nd Lieutenant, US Army.

MINISTRY NEWS

From the Deac



See page 2 for this weeks
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS!



Revive/Renew/Rejoice Save the Date:

Patronal Feast Day Celebration/May Procession/Mass/
Crowning:



Friday, May 31 at 6pm in the Upper Church.
Parish BBQ/Picnic to follow the Crowning of Mary!



Coming soon! Monthly Praise and Worship with Adoration

To volunteer please sign-up at: reviverenewrejoice@visitationbvm.org

VISIWOMEN MEETING Thursday, April 25 in the Larkin Center

Travel with Mark Hartfiel and other guest speakers to the Holy Land on a journey to enter into the Mysteries of the Rosary. From the Sorrowful Mysteries, we walk with our Lord through Decades 4 and 5, filmed in the Holy Land.

They paraded Our Lord through the Via Dolorosa as a public spectacle. We contemplate Our Lord taking our sin and shame upon His shoulders to carry up Calvary's hill. Jesus calls us into His saving act by inviting us to take our crosses and unite them to His. Then Jesus arrives at the darkest moment in history precisely to reveal the Father's unfathomable love.

All women are invited: Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 for fellowship and snacks, with videos beginning promptly at 7:00 til 8:30.



NO GREATER LOVE - GARDEN Updates

Welcome Spring! Our students have been busy. All home rooms of grades 6,7,8 have seeded eggplants, hot and sweet peppers, tomatoes, squashes and cucumbers. 5th graders were successful with eggplants and setting up a water wick experiment with basil seeds. Both trays of basil are fully germinated and the wicking system is working well (meaning there has been no hand watering in those trays). Some of our 4th graders have planted marigold and watermelon seeds.



Please keep the following dates on your calendar:

Garden Prep Day May 4th (rain date May 5th), 9am-1pm

Planting Day May 11th (backup day May 18th), 9 am-1pm

We are looking for all levels of help, from general gardening to serving on the Garden Committee. If you are interested in becoming more involved please contact us at: garden@visitationbvm.org. Working in the Garden is a **great way to get service hours** and help those less fortunate in the Norristown area. So come on out.

Please check out our Amazon "Wish List"(QR code).



SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Arrangements and instruction by appointment must be made in advance. Both parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Class. Please call the rectory to make a reservation to attend the class. Baptisms are celebrated every First Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM and Third Sunday during the 11 AM Mass.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:
Please call the Rectory for information on the next class (5/9/24, 7pm) & to register, 610-539-5572 or send an email to: rectory@visitationbvm.org



WERE YOU ASKED TO BE A GODPARENT FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM?
"A person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists as an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with their baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (Code of Canon Law, 872).

Listed below are a few of the requirements to be a Godparent:
I am at least sixteen (16) years of age.
I have received the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist) in the Catholic Church.
I am living – and intend to live in conformity with the laws of the Catholic Church regarding marriage. For instance: If I am divorced and have remarried, my previous marriage has been annulled and I am remarried in the Catholic Church. If I am divorced and have not remarried, I am living the vocation of the single life in conformity with the Catholic Church. I am not cohabitating with someone outside the Sacrament of Marriage.
I attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation and receive the sacraments of the church (Holy Eucharist and Penance) regularly. I understand and accept these responsibilities which I undertake and promise to pay special attention to the person to be baptized.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Primarily intended as prayers for healing from serious illness or as spiritual preparation before surgery, it can involve multiple sacraments—reconciliation, anointing with holy oil, & Holy Communion. When death is imminent, it serves as 'the Last Rites,' which include a special Apostolic Pardon. Please do not delay until the end in calling for your elderly or chronically ill family member. Kindly inform us if a family member becomes homebound, & an Extraordinary Minister will regularly bring the Eucharist & can arrange for a priest to visit for Confession and/or Anointing.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Arrangements by appointment should be made with Deacon Vince at least six months before the date of the wedding. Please call 610-539-5572 or email: Deaconvince@visitationbvm.org



Adults who are interested in the process of RCIA in order to become a member of the Catholic Church may call the Religious Education office for information: 610-539-6080, Option 6 to speak with Sr. Diane Marie or simply e-mail: sister.diane@visitationbvmschool.org.

The next RCIA session will be held on Wednesday, April 24, the topic will be "Sacramentals, Devotions & Things Catholic".

These sessions are open to anyone who would like to refresh their own knowledge of the Faith. Please feel free to use the number above to inquire about RCIA or ask questions throughout the year.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word has resumed during the 9am Sunday Mass. This is an opportunity for our children between the ages of 4 & 8 to hear the Word of God in a simple and fun-filled way.

If you can help, please contact Sister Diane Marie in the Religious Education Office at 610-539-6080, Opt. 6 or e-mail: sister.diane@visitationbvmschool.org.



Prayer for Vocations: God, our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

"Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the divine power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."



- **Volunteer Information: EVERY volunteer is required to meet the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Clearance Policy.**
- **Clearance Details can be found on our school website: <http://school.visitationbvm.org/volunteer-info/>.**
- **Protecting God's Children for Adults Awareness Sessions: All new adult volunteers are required by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to complete a session:**
- **Go to www.virtus.org or call 215-587-2466.**

PARISH SCHOOL & PREP PROGRAM NEWS



Visitation BVM School Mission Statement

Forged in Catholic Christian values, it is the mission of Visitation BVM School to partner with our families to educate, develop, and nurture life-long learners who will become leaders of the global community through academic excellence, stewardship, and service.

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 Academic Year is Open

- ◆ Limited spots in many grades
- To schedule a personal tour or for more information, please contact Mrs. Kathleen Steiert, Enrollment Director: admissions@visitationbvmschool.org or call, 610-539-6080 Option 2.

Grandparent/Grand-Friends Day - April 24th

We look forward to welcoming our special guests this week! This is always a special day for our students and their grandparents/grand-friends. Thank you to our HASA for making this event possible.

STREAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) EXPO

Schools from around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be exhibiting their work at the annual STREAM Expo located at Lansdale Catholic High School on April 25th. Many of our classes will showcase student projects at this event.

April Showers

The Student Council is sponsoring an "April Showers" event on April 26th. This year all of the money that we raise will go to the [Cancer Research Institute](#). So many of our Visitation families have been touched by cancer. Our donation will go to help the doctors and scientists who are working to find a cure. Some of our teachers/staff members have volunteered to be "showered" with a bucket of water to support this good cause. We will shower as many teachers as we can, based on our goal and family donations.



"God has placed in man a longing for truth and goodness, a longing that only He can satisfy." (CCC 2002)

Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, gathers the sheep and teaches them how to watch out for one another. The sheep are His disciples who follow Him in love and hope in His promises each day of their lives. The shepherd truly KNOWS the sheep; and the best of Shepherds, Jesus, KNOWS us through and through. We trust and believe in the guidance of our SHEPHERD. Alleluia!

Please keep our First Communion candidates and their families in your prayers as they finish their preparation this coming week. First Communion will be celebrated on April 27th and 28th.

Calendar Dates:

April 22, 2024 – PREP Session at 6:45 P.M.

April 29, 2024 – PREP Session at 6:45 P.M.

May 6, 2024 – **Concluding Session of PREP for 2023- 2024**

Presentation of 8th grade certificates, perfect attendance and teachers' awards.

Registration forms for 2024-2025 are being distributed on April 15th to all families who have children in the current program. Please read the form carefully as a \$25.00 discount applies for early registration for the next Religious Education year.

Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credits (EITC) *Receive a 90% Tax Credit & Help Visitation BVM School*

Redirect your Pennsylvania state tax dollars to Visitation BVM School to help families with tuition assistance *Who is eligible? Any individuals or businesses with a PA tax liability are able to join. Interested to learn more? Please contact Mr. Matt Joram, Principal, 610-539-6080 or principal@visitationbvmschool.org.*



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Visitation Pickleball

Sundays after the 11am Mass, Visitation will be hosting open play Pickleball for adults of all ages and skill level. This activity will take place each and every Sunday after the 11am Mass (weather permitting) on the newly paved parking lot near the basketball nets. Come see why pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the world.

Baby Blankets – stitched in prayer.

We are looking for some volunteers to crochet or knit baby blankets as a Baptismal gift. Fr. Bob would like for our parish to be able to give each newly Baptized child a baby blanket. If you would like to volunteer to prayerfully stitch a baby blanket or two or more, or for more info., please contact Mary Pat at: 610-539-5572 or parishmanager@visitationbvm.org.



Early Bird Special!



June 1, 2024:
[NUN RUN - A 5K Run / 3K Walk.](#)
[Early bird registration April 1-15th.](#) Register by May 10th to be assured a t-shirt. Sponsored by the [Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary](#) at

Camilla Hall, 100 Maxis Drive, Malvern, PA 19355. Proceeds benefit [Camilla Hall](#), the convent home and health care center for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For information or to register go to: [www. www.ihmnunrun.org](http://www.ihmnunrun.org). A fun family day and great opportunity for youth, young adults and all those who like to run or walk.

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School

Summer Camps

Interested in learning more about Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School? Girls in grades 4 – 12 are invited to attend our summer camps! Programs are offered in athletics, performing arts, visual arts, and STEM. Learn more and register at gmahs.org/camps.

Villa Maria Academy High School 7th Grade Admission Fair

All 7th-grade girls and their parents/guardians are invited to experience Villa Maria at our 7th-grade Admissions Fair on Wednesday, May 1st at 4:30 p.m. Hear from administrators, faculty, and staff; take a student-guided stroll around our beautiful campus; and discover how you can become UNSTOPPABLE with Villa Maria's robust academic, athletic, spiritual, and social offerings. To register for this event, the 7th Grade Practice Exam, Visit Days, and more visit: vmahs.org/events. Questions? Contact the Admissions Team at: admissions@vmahs.org



Father Chuck's Challenge, a Catholic based non-profit, collects funds to build houses, community centers, and other supplies that support communities in Haiti and Honduras. We have traveled to both countries to assess what the needs are for the poorest of the poor. We are looking for more volunteers to join us at home in our quest to help as many families as possible in two of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. If you feel God calling you to be of service, please contact Kathy J at 215-327-6954 or visit Fatherchuckschallenge.com to learn more.

Young Adult...Age 18-34

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our upcoming events are listed below and begin at 7:30pm on most Tuesdays unless otherwise noted.

As gathering circumstances are always changing, please be sure you are subscribed to our newsletter to receive access to our latest information by heading to <http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org>.

Upcoming events can be found at: www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults

RESPECT LIFE

“It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.” Psalm 118:8

Making lemon meringue pie is tricky if you haven’t mastered the art of separating the egg white and yolk. Crack each egg, carefully spread the two halves, rock them back and forth so the white drips into a bowl while the unbroken yolk remains in half a shell. Easy...but...if the yolk breaks it invariably mixes with the white making the white unsuitable for the best base for meringue. You had good intentions to make a delicious meringue with appropriate ingredients and correct actions. An undesirable result was possible, but you had no intent to waste time or ingredients. Good intentions and actions gave you reason to think the end result would be good. It was not.

Flopped meringue is a primitive analogy for what, in medicine and bioethics, is called “The Principle of Double Effect”. Discussions and debates on abortion (particularly when the mother’s life is at risk), euthanasia, surrogacy, artificial insemination, transgenderism and, other moral issues often reference “The Principle of Double Effect”. Briefly, the principle is a measuring tool—not to give the answer, but to help choose the moral answer. Using four criteria, actions performed should have at least two good effects. (1) The act itself must be good; it cannot be intrinsically immoral. (2) A good effect must be directly intended. (3) A bad effect is merely foreseen but not intended to be the means of accomplishing the good effect. (4) There must be proportionate reason to go ahead to permit or tolerate the action.

Learn more. Search for [The National Catholic Bioethics Center](#), NCBC Bioethics on Air Episode 14 with ethicist John DiCamillo. Search for “Awake My Soul Conference 2022”, Jessica Hanna’s testimony of her trust in God and delivery of a healthy baby boy in 2020 while being treated for end stage cancer. Additionally, “Mother Who Chose Life Over Treatment, Dies After Cancer Battle” [National Catholic Register](#), April 8, 2024. Life and death issues answered only by man confuse and maim the good. Easter people “take refuge in the LORD.”

Flower Memorials at Our Lady of Life Grotto

Week of In Memory of:

4/22 Available

4/29 Available

5/06 Raymond Nyce

5/13 Edmund R. Orme, III



Please contact the rectory at 610-539-5572 if you would like to sign-up for a week to purchase flowers for our Lady.



Grief Support will meet
Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 - 8pm
in the Larkin Center in the Rectory.
All are welcome!

Stay in the know with Visitation BVM happenings by signing up on Flocknote. Signing up is easy! **Simply go to:**

[Visibvm.flocknote.com](https://visibvm.flocknote.com) enter your name, email and/or cell phone.

Click on “Sign Me Up.” If you participate in a ministry, you will be presented with a list of Parish Ministries and Groups. You can select multiple groups, and once selected, you will receive communications from those groups. If you don't belong to a ministry/group, then skip the last step.



FIRST FRIDAY! Join us Friday, May 3rd in the lower Church for a Holy Hour of Reparation at 3pm. We will be praying for our Church, our Shepherd, for reparation, for sinners, for thanksgiving and for a just peace.

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ON DEMAND.

Formed offers free downloadable books, Bible studies, audio presentations, meditations, videos and movies with a Catholic focus and much more from which you can choose. Log on at: <https://watch.formed.org/login>, click on register and create an account using your name and e-mail address. Then, you are ready to participate.

Magnifikids Publication!

Parents you may have noticed these new Mass aids for children aged 6-12. Please take one. Use it and take it home. If you would like to contribute to the cost, donation may be placed in the blue Revive/Renew/Rejoice (RRR) boxes in the back of church.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Catechetical Institute April Courses/Online

at the School of Theological Studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary provides affordable on-line, non-credit courses designed for parish catechists, Catholic school teachers and all adult Catholics who want to learn more and grow in their Catholic Faith. CI will be offering the courses “**Foundations of the Church**” and “**Sacraments of Initiation**” in April. The cost per course is \$60.00.

More info: Registration is open online. Please visit <https://www.scs.edu/school-of-theological-studies/catechetical-institute/> to register. Please contact the School of Theological Studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary at 610-785-6287 or by email at sts@scs.edu with any questions or for more information.

Hallahan - Class of '74 - 50th Reunion

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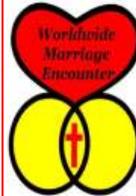
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