EIGHT WEEK— BUSES ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY

Pilgrimage to Washington, DC

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - October 17, 2025.

Important Notice: We are taking reservations for the Buses traveling to Washington DC for the Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shine of the Immaculate Conception. The cost of the Bus is \$50.00 per person and includes the tip for the bus driver. The bus will depart at EXACTLY 6:30 AM from the HOME DEPOT parking lot, Galleria Extension Drive in Johnstown. Payment is due no later than September 22nd, 2025.

ONLY 3 BUSES with 150 SEATS are available. We currently have one bus filled up and there are 43 seats left!

Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. <u>To reserve a seat (s) and make payment to Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish</u>, please call Catherine Bennett, Secretary at 814-536-6110, x1, <u>Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM</u>.

You are advised to **CARPOOL** to the HOME DEPOT because of limited parking.

More information and an itinerary for the day will be distributed closer to the event.

Please call as soon as possible because seats will fill up fast and these are the only buses reserved for the Johnstown area.

Ice Cream Crawl Update – Sunday, September 7th, 2025, is our last ice cream social of the year, and it will be held in the school cafeteria starting at 7PM. Anyone interested in attending is asked to bring a half gallon of their favorite flavor and topping to share. Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule to sign up and indicate the flavor and topping you are bringing.

Mums Sale – From August 10th until September 2nd, we will be selling coupons for mums from Fosbrink's Four Seasons on Goucher Street. The coupons are redeemable from September 9th until September 13th, and their hours are from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. These times are reserved for Visitation Parish pick-ups. There will be three different coupons: a 9" pot is \$10.00, a pumpkin pot (which has a metal pumpkin, scarecrow, etc. in the pot) is \$9.00 and a porch planter for \$25.00. Please help support Visitation Parish in this new fundraiser with Fosbrink's Four Seasons.

On September 25th, one of our beloved and faithful parishioners will celebrate his 100th birthday, **Francis "Fritz" Deitz.** Today, his family has been able to gather with us for prayer, so we are offering him a very special blessing. If you wish to send "Fritz" a card, you may contact the rectory for his address. God bless you Fritz, you have been a pillar of Visitation Parish throughout the years!

Food Pantry Distribution Dates for 2025 - The distribution dates and times for the St. Andrew/St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry are every second Monday of the month. You can go to the St. Vincent DePaul building at 927 Franklin Street for pick up. The pickup time is from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM and the dates for 2025 are as follows:

September 8 October 13

November 10 December 8 *Please be sure to return your boxes!*