

From Pontiff to Pew (continued):

To truly know Jesus, one must complete a journey; one must remain with Him and also pass through His Passion. When we have seen Him humiliated and suffering, when we have experienced the saving power of His Cross, then we can say that we have truly come to know Him. There are no shortcuts to becoming disciples of Jesus.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord that we may learn to communicate with honesty and prudence. Let us pray for all those who have been wounded by the words of others. Let us pray for the Church, that she may never fail in her mission to lead people to Jesus, so that they may hear His Word, be healed by it, and in turn become bearers of His message of salvation.

FOURTH 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 Shrine 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 15th, 2025.

ONLY 3 BUSES with 150 SEATS are available.

We are currently halfway filled and have **75 seats left!**

Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a seat (s) and make payment to Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, please call Catherine Bennett, Secretary at 814-536-6110, x 1, Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

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 - On Sunday, August 10th, we will be going to the Meadows in Richland for our second to the last stop in our 1st Annual Ice Cream Crawl. All are welcome to join in our sweet treat trek. Please contact Kristyn Amendola at (814) 248-2942 for more information or to arrange transportation.

Fatima Devotions - The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Wednesday August 13th, 2025, at 6:30pm at the Sunken Gardens (In case of inclement weather they will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University). The presider will be Fr. David Dodd, T.O.R. Bring a Friend!