

From Pontiff to Pew (Wednesday Audience – continued)

respond to what is asked of us through Her example: do I live my participation of the Church with humble and active faith? Do I recognize in her the community of the covenant that God has given me to respond to His infinite love? Do I feel that I am a living part of the Church, in obedience to the pastors given by God? Do I look to Mary as a model, an outstanding member and Mother of the Church, and ask Her to help me be a faithful disciple of her Son?

Sisters and brothers, may the Holy Spirit, who descended upon Mary and is invoked by us humbly and trustfully, grant us the grace to live these wonderful realities to the full. And, having reflected deeply on the Constitution *Lumen gentium*, let us ask the Virgin to obtain this gift for us: that love for the Holy Mother Church may grow in all of us. So be it!

From the Pastor's Desk

Unfortunately, friends, this week just got away from me and I did not have time to attend to my column. I promise that I will deliver on my commitment to keeping you updated with important, necessary information. I want to give you more of the background, complexity and anticipated future with regard to my health status and I would rather take my time with it than rush it merely to put something out there. Know that you are in my prayers this week and always. I will be in Washington, DC while I am away and plan to visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. I will pray for all of you while I am there.

Congratulations – Celebration – Save the Date

To ALL the members of Visitation Parish,

On Monday, May 11, 2026, Fr. John celebrated his 30-year anniversary of priestly ordination. What a tremendous life of service that he has offered to the Church, and for 12 of those years we have been privileged to have Fr. John serving as the pastor of our parish. Most priests have a huge celebration to mark their 25th anniversary; however, Fr. John did not because of the proximity to the Covid-19 outbreak and the need for him to stay healthy in light of an upcoming liver transplant (which actually did not occur until several years afterward). In any case, **we the parish would like to mark the celebration of his 30th anniversary with a party on Saturday, July 18th with a formal dinner here in the parish gymnasium, following the 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass.** Please mark your calendar and save the date. We would love to see our entire parish family gather for this milestone event marking a life of dedicated service to God, the Church, and our parish family.

Visitation Parish and DJ Tom Hoover presents: Music Bingo Night - Visitation Parish will be hosting a music bingo night with DJ Tom Hoover on Saturday, June 6th, with doors opening at 5:15 PM and the first round of bingo beginning at 6:30 PM. There will be a dinner consisting of Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mashed Potatoes with gravy, Green Beans, Salad with dinner roll and cake with a non-alcoholic beverage For more information, please be sure to see the bulletin insert included in today's bulletin. If anyone is interested in buying a ticket, you may purchase them at Mass over the weekend or by calling Debbie Magro at (814) 536-3426 or (814) 243-9028.

If you have a large group attending, you can reserve a table of 8 for an additional \$10.00 per table. You do **NOT** need to have 8 people in order to attend. You may also call the rectory from Monday to Friday between 9 AM - 2:30 PM if you are interested in purchasing a ticket. If you are planning to attend, please purchase your ticket **ASAP** which will help tremendously in knowing how many will be in attendance (so that we may plan accordingly). We want to be certain that we can let DJ Tom Hoover know the total amount of people attending as well.

Ice Cream Crawl - The 2nd Annual Visitation Parish Ice Cream Crawl will begin on Sunday, June 7th at 7:00 PM at the Silver Bell in Davidsville, PA. We will be meeting at the different stops at 7:00 PM unless otherwise stated. The schedule for the upcoming dates and locations are as followed:

June 14th - The Frosty Korner in Windber, PA

June 21st - Shaffer's Frosty Freeze

June 28th - Richland Dairy Queen

July 5th - the Meadows in Richland

July 12th - Sweet Frog

July 19th - Valley Dairy @ **6:00 PM**

July 26th - the Rambler in Windber

August 2nd - the Ranger in Sidman, PA

August 9th - O'Shea's in Geistown

August 16th - Westmont Dairy Queen

August 23rd - Ice Cream Social in the school café

If you have any questions, please contact Kristyn Amendola at (814) 248-2942. Thank you and we hope to see you there.

Public Rosary - There will be a public rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, on Thursday, May 21st at 6:30 PM at St. Clement Church.

Carmelite Community of the Word Golf Tournament - The Carmelite Community of the Word sisters will hold our Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 5, 2026 at Scotch Valley Country Club. This year our tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. We will provide a continental breakfast in the morning, and after your round of golf, lunch will be served, followed by awards and an auction. Cost is \$450 for a foursome; \$150 for individual golfers. Final deadline for Registration is May 27 or when we get 28 teams. To register, or for more information, contact Kelli Murphy at 814-886-4098 or email at communityofficeccw@gmail.com. Come and join us, this event has proven to be a fun day for all! If you cannot golf, but would like to make a donation, contact our offices. Thank you!