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The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday 8:30 a.m., and other times by request.

Baptism: Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Registered parishioners may call the parish office to make arrangements.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance by registered parishioners.

Monthly Visitation of the Sick/Homebound: Call the parish office to be placed on the list.

Care of the Sick: Please notify us at any time of the seriously ill, hospitalized or those needing anointing.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Kindergarten (optional), 1st to 8th grade (required) Sundays from 9:00 am to 10:15 am September to May. Catholic School students are required to register to receive the sacraments of First Communion, Penance, and Confirmation in 2nd and 8th grade.

PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Patrick J. Pratico, J.C.D., Pastor
Karen Wallo, Administrative Assistant
Karen Horvath, Administrative Assistant
Robert Manento, Director of Liturgical Music
Mary Jo Griffith, Bookkeeper
Linda Skierski, Director of Religious Education

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 7:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Holy Days: See bulletin

NEW MEMBERS/CHANGE OF ADDRESS

New members are most welcome! Call the Parish office at 570-489-2091 or go to www.vbvm.org to register.

Parishioners are asked to notify the office of change of address or when moving from the parish.

MENTAL HEALTH SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP

Our Mental Health Spiritual Support Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the school lower level at 6:30 pm.

AA MEETINGS

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

Saturdays at 9:00 AM in the school auditorium. Use the rear entrance on the Dundaff St. side.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13864, DICKSON CITY AND THROOP

Meetings take place on the **2nd Wednesday** of every month at **7:00 p.m.** in the cafeteria level of our school. Use the Scott Road entrance.

New members are welcome !

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday 7:30 AM	May 12 Joseph Rolinski (20th Anniv.) offered by Family
Tuesday 7:30 AM	May 13 Vincent Bielinski, Vince & Steve Bielinski, & the Bielinski & Graziul Families offered by Melanie & Dave Lewis
Wednesday 7:30 AM	May 14 Mother's Day Intentions
Thursday 7:30 AM	May 15 Patricia Kobierecki (2nd Anniv.) offered by Walter
Friday 7:30 AM	May 16 Chester Sr., Chester Jr., & William Czubowicz offered by Family
Saturday 4:00 PM	May 17 50th Wedding Anniversary of Ben & Maryann Eglesia
Sunday 8:00 AM	May 18 Joseph & Eleanor Grzenda offered by Children & Grandchildren
10:30 AM	Living and deceased members of our parish

IN MEMORIAM

Sanctuary Candle

Patricia Kobierecki
offered by
Walter

Altar Candles

Patricia Kobierecki
offered by
Walter

Bread & Wine

Patricia Kobierecki
offered by
Walter

Steeple Lights

Patricia Kobierecki
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PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust
the human person to mothers in a special way.
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,
for their intuition and encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-hearted



SPRING IS IN THE AIR

For a small donation, carnations are
available before and after masses this
weekend. Stop by and pick up some
carnations in honor or memory of our
moms who gave us life while supporting
the Pennsylvanians for Human Life!

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World Day of Prayer for Vocations

*"My sheep hear my voice; I know them,
and they follow me." (John 10:27)*

Let's unite as a church to ask the Lord to
inspire more hearts to hear His call and
to follow Him in the priesthood and
consecrated life. Trust that He knows
each of us by name and will lead the
right hearts to their vocation. Talk to
your priest or reach out to the Vocation
Office at **570-207-1452** or via email:
vocations@dioceseofscranton.org.



VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH
DICKSON CITY.....(570) 489-2091

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Dickson City.....(570)489-2091

Vacation Bible School

Held at the Parish Center, 625 Dundaff St., Dickson City

June 23rd – June 26th....9 AM – 12 Noon....

Registration due by May 26th

Return to the Parish Office at 1090 Carmalt St., Dickson City, PA 18519

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Name _____

Address _____

Current Grade _____ **Age** _____

Parent Name(s) _____

Parent Contact # _____

Alternate # _____

Allergies? Yes / No If yes, please list _____

Medical Conditions/Learning Disability that we need to be aware of? Yes / No

Explain..... _____

I understand that reasonable precautions will be taken to safeguard the health and well-being of the participants in this VBS and I will be notified as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. In the case of sickness or an accident, I authorize and consent the VBS Team, or other associated volunteers of the VBS program to obtain medical care from a licensed physician, hospital, or medical clinic for my son/daughter in the event that myself or other legal guardian cannot be reached. I hereby do release and forever discharge this Diocese of Scranton, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Staff and the VBS Parish Team from all manners of actions, claims which I or the child named above shall or may have for any reason, arising during my child's attendance of the VBS.

Unless other written instruction is submitted, I also consent to allowing my child's image to be recorded, either by photograph or video, and used during the VBS week or for future advertisement of Parish VBS programs. Any other use will require your further consent.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Questions to: Jill Lennon at dobrenieck@aol.com

Ages 4-10 Welcome

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I don't have all the answers to the questions I would love to ask Christ. "Why is this happening? Where are you taking me? What comes next?" But the beautiful thing is, I don't actually need those answers. I know him. He's got my hand. Wherever we're going is where I want to be.

We Don't Follow Strangers

I get a little crazy when it comes to my kids' safety. We've probably had a few too many conversations that could be entitled "What to Do If Mommy Loses You At the State Fair" or "Don't Trust People Just Because They Smile At You." Am I making them paranoid? Possibly. But that's something they can sort out later with their therapists.

Because here's the bottom line of it all — I don't want to instill a fear of strangers into my kids, but I do want them to understand that you can't always trust people you don't know (heck, you can't always trust the people you *do* know, but that's another therapy-provoking conversation we can have when they're older).

If someone says, "Hey, follow me," and we don't know them, it's not always a great idea to comply. First, we have to ask questions. "Where are you taking me? Why are we going? Who else will be there?"

But if someone we know and love and trust says, "Hey, follow me," we don't even think twice, and we don't need to ask any questions. We know wherever we're going is a safe place for us because we have a relationship with the person doing the leading. We feel comfortable putting ourselves in their care.

That's why it's so important to Christ that we know him. That we have a relationship with him. That we trust him.

Because we don't follow strangers, do we?

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— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

PARISH SOCIAL CONCERNS OUTREACH

We continue to collect new unopened baby items for
Saint Joseph's Center
and new nonperishable, not expired food items for the
Valley Village of Volunteers Food Pantry.

VALLEY VILLAGE OF VOLUNTEERS

FOOD PANTRY

is part of the Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank
located at The Dickson City Community Building,
2 Eagle Lane, Dickson City, PA

**Food is distributed 11:00 am to 12 Noon every other
Saturday. Upcoming dates: May 17 & 31**

First come, first served, until all food is distributed.
Primarily for the Mid Valley Area (Dickson City,
Olyphant & Throop) but everyone is welcome!

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE ARRIVE BY 10:00 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/ValleyVillageVolunteers>
Message on Facebook or email vvvnepa@gmail.com if
you have questions.

ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER IS IN NEED OF

New or gently-used Boys and Girls Clothing, Newborn
through sizes 10-/12; Diapers size newborn, 1, 5, & 6;
Baby Wash, Pacifiers, Bottles, Bibs, etc..., New Diaper
Bags.

Please place your items in the collection bins in the vestibule.
Thank you for your willingness to help families in need!

2025 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C.
Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and
the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples
celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding
anniversary in 2025 to a Diocesan Wedding
Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1st, 2025**. The
event includes a 2:30 PM mass at the Cathedral of
Saint Peter followed by a light reception.
The registration deadline for this event is **May 11,
2025**. To register, please go to [https://
www.dioceseofscranton.org](https://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or contact Bridget
Guarnieri (570-207-2213 x 1133) or
familylife@dioceseofscranton.org.

Troop 21

Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, June 1st

8:00am-12:00noon

\$8.00

Dine-In or Take Out

St. Mary's Parish Center
Dickson City



Pancakes, Sausage,
Juice, Coffee/Tea



Dickson City Neighborhood Watch Meeting

The next meeting of Dickson City
Neighborhood Watch will be Wednesday May
21st at 7pm at the Dickson City Community
Center located at **824 Main Street**. Guest speaker will be
Jeff Kovaleski, who will be sharing information on the 150
events taking place in celebration of the Dickson City
Sesquicentennial. It will be followed by a Q&A session. All
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hand what is going on in your town.

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Class of 2025 High School Seniors Baccalaureate Mass

On Sunday, June 1, 2025, there will be a
baccalaureate mass held for upcoming high school
graduates. It will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus
Church, Peckville at the 10:00am mass. All upcoming
high school graduates, their families, and friends are
invited to attend. Any student that wishes to attend,
please text your name to your church representative,
Candy at 570-466-9208. Please respond by Monday,
May 26.

MINISTRY MASS SCHEDULE for May 17 & 18

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
EM 1	Bill Bilinski	Elle Lilik	Chuck Wallinger
EM 2	Cathy Bilinski		
L	Cathie Bianchi	Laura Paulus	Jeff Jones
AS 1	Dawson Reed		Zachary Kovaleski
AS 2	Dustin Reed		Dylan Walter

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QUO VADIS DAYS

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 23-25

- Location: Marywood University
- Open to rising sophomores through graduating seniors in high school
- Adventure, Prayer, Dynamic Talks, Mass, Adoration, and Outdoor Activities
- Learn about vocations, better discern where God is calling you, & chat with priests, seminarians, and Bishop Bambera
- Cost is \$25.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 16TH





FIAT DAYS

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 23-25

- Location: Marywood University
- Open to rising sophomores through graduating seniors in high school
- Adventure, Prayer, Dynamic Talks, Mass, Adoration, and Outdoor Activities
- Learn about vocations, better discern where God is calling you, & chat with religious sisters, priests, & Bishop Bambera
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Providence Pregnancy Center

Join **Providence Pregnancy Center** on May 16, 2025 for our annual dinner at St. Mary's Center in Scranton. This year's featured guest speaker, Chris Bell, is the founder of Good Counsel Homes in New York City and will share about his important work of providing safe shelter to homeless pregnant women. The evening includes a cocktail hour with appetizers and a cash bar, a delicious dinner, dessert, live music and raffles. Join 500 others as we come together to celebrate and support the work of PPC, which provides critical resources to mothers in crisis including material help, counseling, housing at our maternity home Casa de Maria, and education. Tickets are only \$25 and can be purchased online at www.ppcscranton.org/events or by calling Sandy at 570-862-3001.

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FLEA MARKET

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street in Pittston, is holding its annual Flea Market in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center (former Seton Catholic auditorium) on Thursday, May 29 and Friday, May 30 from 5:00-8:00 PM and Saturday, May 31 from 9:00 AM-12 Noon (Bag Sale). Entrance is on Church Street in Pittston with parking available nearby!

BINGO ST. MARY'S MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Doors open at 5:00 pm
Early Bird begins at 6:30 pm
Regular Games immediately following
\$1,000.00 Jackpot!
Kitchen opens at 5:30 PM
Handicapped accessible from Scott Road
VISIT: www.bingo.vbvm.org

Catholic Choral Society Schedules Spring Concerts

The annual spring concerts of the Catholic Choral Society of Scranton celebrating the 76th year of the choral group will be presented on Friday evening, **May 16th** at 7:00 PM at Mary, Mother of God Parish at Holy Rosary Church at 316 William Street in Scranton and on Sunday evening, **May 18** at 7:00 PM at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola at 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, PA.

On Friday evening, May 16th, at Holy Rosary Church, the Choral Society will host the Mary, Mother of God Adult Choir directed by Kimberly Gnall. On Sunday evening, May 18, at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, the Choral Society will host the Good Shepherd Academy of Kingston Middle School Choir under the direction of Thomas Hanlon.

The Catholic Choral Society, marking its 76th season, is comprised of members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties. The director of the Catholic Choral Society is Ann Manganiello and the accompanist is Linda Houck.

Brenda Grunza, Nicholson, and Lois Ostrowski, Pittston, are co-presidents of the choral group.

Tickets: Adults \$12.00 – Seniors and students \$8.00 –Singers and ages 12 and under free.

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