

*Serving  
God's People  
since 1892.*



# *The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

1090 Carmalt Street, Dickson City, PA 18519

Phone: 570-489-2091 ~ Email: vbvm@comcast.net ~ Website: [www.vbvm.org](http://www.vbvm.org)



## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekdays:** Monday - Friday 7:30AM

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 PM

**Sunday:** 8:00 & 10:30 AM

**Holy Days:** See bulletin

## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday through Thursday: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM** Closed 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM

## 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

## NEW MEMBERS/CHANGE OF ADDRESS

New members are most welcome! Call the Parish office at 570-489-2091 or go to [www.vbvm.org](http://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

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria level of our school. Use the Scott Road entrance.

**New members are always welcome!**

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 8:30 AM, and other times by request.

**Baptism:** Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM. 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.

## The Most Holy Trinity Weekly Mass Schedule

<b>Monday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>June 16</b> Andrew (Anniv.) & Josephine Malinick, Richard Malinick & Donald Swingle offered by daughter, sister, & wife, Patricia
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>June 17</b> Father's Day Intentions
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>June 18</b> Thomas W. Koslowski & the Karlavige & Koslowski Families & Paul, Mary Ann, & Sharon Kotcho offered by Elaine
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>June 19</b> Ann Terese Salva offered by Lauren & Paul Weilage
<b>Friday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>June 20</b> Joseph Kowrach, Sr. (Anniv.), Edward (Anniv.), Walter (Anniv.), & deceased members of the Kowrach Family
<b>Saturday</b> 1:00 PM	<b>June 21</b> Wedding of Michael DiGiovine & Ann Siock
4:00 PM	Anthony Bitsko offered by wife & sons
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>June 22</b> Living & deceased members of our parish
10:30 AM	Mark Krawczyk (4th Anniv.) offered by family

## IN MEMORIAM

### Sanctuary Candle

David P. David  
offered by  
wife & children

### Altar Candles

Joseph Thomas, & William Rutkowski, Sr., &  
William Rutkowski, Jr.

offered by  
Joseph & Beverly Thomas

### Bread & Wine

Vince Wiercinski  
offered by

Maxine Lefkowski, Lisa & Colby Sorrells

### Steeple Lights

David P. David  
offered by  
wife & children



### Blessing of Fathers

God and Father of all creation,  
we come before you today with humble hearts.  
You are our model of a loving father.  
When we fail and fall short of your expectations,  
you are always there at the end of the day with open arms,  
ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day  
and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.  
We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world  
as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.  
Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their  
children.  
Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures.  
Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and  
perseverance.  
We ask all this in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.

### Knights of Columbus Council 13864, Dickson City & Throop

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 10 at  
7:00 PM in the school cafeteria.

### The Military flags displayed at the Veteran's Memorial at St. Mary's cemetery were recently replaced:



### In Memory of Naval Veteran, Harry Kuzmick by his loving wife, Carol Kuzmick

## CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

We are preparing for our salute to our parish graduates. If  
you or someone in your family has graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade,  
high school, technical school, college, or graduate school,  
please let us know. Simply call our parish office at 570-489-  
2091 or email us at [vbvm@comcast.net](mailto:vbvm@comcast.net)

with the following information:

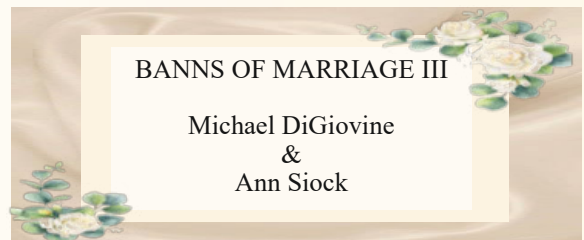
Name of Graduate, Name of School, &  
Degree Earned

All information must be received no later  
than June 25th to make the submission  
deadline.



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE III

Michael DiGiovine  
&  
Ann Siock



### Upcoming Spark Events

June 23-26 – Vacation Bible School  
August 16-30 - Nursing Home Donations  
September 23 – Culinary Institute and Fall Foliage Cruise  
October 4 - 11 AM Blessing of Animals  
October 19 - Bingo Bonanza  
November 2025 through February 2026 – Meal Ministry  
February 2026—World Marriage Day display

### SPARK BUS TRIP

Join St. Mary's members & friends on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> on a trip to the Culinary Institute of America. The trip will include the CIA experience followed by a world class dining experience in the Bocuse (French Restaurant). Following lunch, the group will enjoy a fall foliage cruise aboard the Pride of the Hudson. Cost \$169 per person. A \$100 deposit is due with reservation. Final payment is due August 23<sup>rd</sup>. For reservations call the rectory at 570-489-2091 or 570-955-6989.



### 50-50 Drawing

To be held on Tuesday  
June 17, 2025 and can be  
seen on our Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/vbvmc](http://www.facebook.com/vbvmc)

**FOUR CASH PRIZES  
BASED ON THE  
NUMBER OF TICKETS  
SOLD**

For tickets, call or stop by  
the parish office.



## 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](http://www.bingo.vbvm.org)**

### Bingo Bonanza Meeting

Please join us **Tuesday, June 17** at 6 PM in the Rectory meeting room.  
All are invited to attend and assist in planning this very important fundraiser, scheduled for Sunday, October 19.



### DICKSON CITY DAYS

**Come out and help us celebrate the  
150th Anniversary of Dickson City!**



**Our Parish Potato Pancake Stand is  
expanding! In addition to potato  
pancakes, this year our stand will also  
include sausage and peppers, cabbage  
and noodles, water and soft drinks.  
Volunteers are needed to help with the  
prep work August 7<sup>th</sup> at the school,  
cooks and servers on August 9<sup>th</sup>, and  
clean up on August 10<sup>th</sup>. New  
volunteers and students needing  
service hours are always welcome!**

**If you are interested in helping or**

#### Supplies Needed

- Uncoated Paper Plates
- Styrofoam or Coated Paper Bowls
  - Plastic Forks
  - Aluminum Foil
  - Napkins
  - Paper Towels

**Please drop your donations off in the box  
located in the church vestibule.**

**In addition, we welcome anyone willing to loan  
the stand large coolers to keep beverages cold.**

**need more information, please contact  
Debbie Borusiewicz at  
(412)298-6329.**

### CCD REGISTRATION

Registration forms for Religious Education classes are available at the rectory or in the back of the Church.

Classes are held on Sunday mornings for grades 1-8. Kindergarten class is optional.



Volunteer teachers and substitutes are needed. If interested, please contact the parish office at 570-489-2091.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joseph Sandrowicz, a member of our parish's Scout Troop 21, for being named a recipient of the Constance and Joseph Brocavich Memorial Scholarship. This high school scholarship for supporting attendance at a Catholic high school recognizes Scouting service, progress in the Catholic religious emblems program, and church service. Joseph will be attending Holy Cross High School this Fall.

### Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Join us on a 2-Day, 1-Night bus trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. The bus will depart St. Mary's Church, Dickson City, the morning of Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Upon arriving in Washington, plans are being made to tour the Capitol before checking into the Fairfield Inn & Suites on New York Ave. On Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, the group will visit the St. John Paul National Shrine as well as attend the 3:00 PM Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera. The group will depart Washington D.C. following the mass. The cost of the trip is \$299 per person (double) or \$389 (single). **Call Around the World Travel at 570-383-0544 to book your room today!**



### 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: June 28 & July 12**

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](mailto: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!**



### THANK YOU

We extend our thanks to Troop 21 for its work in collaboration with the Dickson City veterans organizations to place new US flags on veterans' graves in our cemetery in time for Memorial Day. The troop also represented the parish in the Dickson City Memorial Day parade.

## MINISTRY MASS SCHEDULE for June 21 & 22

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
EM 1	Debbie Smith	Bill Tarby	Dayle Dobroski
EM 2	Jennifer Hegedus		
L	Robert Hegedus	Jim Killian	Brittany Cole
AS 1	Gavin Hegedus		Nicholas Fischer
AS 2			Jessica Jurkiewicz

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Why do we love mysteries so much? Because God is a mystery. And that's never as clear as it is today, on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the mystery that boondoggles us all. Four relations. Three persons. One God.

### The Best Kind of Mystery

"Do you have a mystery for me to solve?"

If I've heard it once, I've heard it a hundred times. My daughter is obsessed with mysteries. It's not enough for her to read about them in the pages of every Nancy Drew book she can get her hands on. She wants more than that. She wants a real-life mystery. A puzzle that resists being solved. A question that eludes an answer. Something that isn't easy to wrap her head around.

And not surprisingly, she's not satisfied with the "mysteries" I can offer her. The Mystery of Mom's Missing Hair Tie (spoiler alert: it was in my purse). The Mystery of the Missing Lunch Ham (oops, Mom finished it).

Simple answers are so boring. "Will I ever have a real mystery?" she moans.

I get it. We're all this way, really. We are drawn to the mysterious, to the inscrutable. It's because we *know* that the answers to the really big questions are ones that can't be explained in a neat and tidy way. We know that the reality of life and love and the human condition is something we can't quite fit our heads around. We know that there is so much in this world, in this universe, that we can't...*understand*. So, in a way, mysteries are the only things that really make sense to us.

Why do we love mysteries so much? Because God is a mystery. And that's never as clear as it is today, on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the mystery that boondoggles us all. Four relations. Three persons. One God.

Don't ask me to explain it. I could, but I don't have the word space, and frankly, it might not even make sense then. It's a mystery, you see. A real one. The best kind.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Catholic Life Explained Question:

I've seen people hang rosaries over the rear-view mirrors in their cars and a few of them wear them around their necks. Is it OK to do that?

### Answer:

The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one's car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals).

An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God's presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another.

**OUR BULLETIN IS PRINTED AT NO COST TO THE PARISH.  
OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS COVER ALL EXPENSES WITH THEIR ADS.  
WE THANK THEM AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THEIR BUSINESSES.**

## EAGLE HOSE CO. NO. 1 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE UNDERWAY

Eagle Hose Co. No. 1's fund drive is currently underway. Your generous donations directly support the men and women who volunteer their time to keep our community safe. Funds go towards essential equipment, training, and maintenance - things that ensure they can respond quickly and effectively in an emergency.



Kindly support these dedicated volunteers.

Send your donation today to:  
Eagle Hose Co. #1  
1 Eagle Lane  
Dickson City, PA 18519

Or donate online at: [www.dcf23.com](http://www.dcf23.com).

Not a resident or business owner of Dickson City? Please support your hometown's emergency services.



The Beginning Experience® Ministry is a Christian peer led ministry that serves those grieving the end of a marriage or spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation.

We invite men and women of all ages and faiths to attend our upcoming program- In the Beginning...Coping with Life Alone. This is a one day remote via Zoom program which will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025 from 9AM to 4PM EDT or 8AM to 3PM CDT. For information or to please call Jim at 845 220 7883 or Denise at 845 325 3147.

## MENTAL HEALTH MASS

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Peckville will be having a Mental Health Mass on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM and Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM. Deacon Ed Shoener will be speaking at all masses.

MAY YOU  
TRUST GOD  
THAT YOU  
ARE EXACTLY  
WHERE YOU  
ARE MEANT  
TO BE.  
— ST. THERESE  
OF LISIEUX



## Vatican International Exhibition EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

*Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist!*



In response to the United States Catholic Bishops call for a National Eucharistic Revival to enkindle belief and a living relationship with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, a Vatican approved Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles from around the world will be held in the Fr. Scott Parish Center of St. Thomas More Church.

**Monday June 16<sup>th</sup>**  
following the 6:30pm Mass to 8pm

**Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>**  
from 10-12pm followed by the showing of the movie  
*Jesus Thirsts, The Miracle of the Eucharist*

**Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
following the Corpus Christi Eucharistic procession  
which takes place following the 11:00am Mass.  
(Light Refreshments Will Be Served)

This Eucharistic Exhibition presents some of the principal Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world, and which have been recognized by the Church. By means of the posters, one can virtually visit the places where the miracles took place.



St. Thomas More Church  
105 Gravity Road  
Lake Ariel, PA 18436  
(570) 698-5584

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CASH BINGO

St. John the Evangelist Parish will hold a Cash Bingo on **Sunday, June 29** from 1:00-4:00 PM in the Pastoral Center auditorium. Doors open at 12 Noon. Tickets are \$25 each which includes 20 regular games (extra may be purchased). Special games are \$5 each. There will be raffles, a 50/50, door prizes, and food available for purchase. Bring a new scratch-off lottery ticket (\$5 or more) to receive entry into a special drawing! We will be awarding over \$4,000 in prizes. Tickets will be available in the parish office Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM and will also be available through Venmo (@StJohnsPittston) and PayPal.me/StJohnsPittston.

## KOBIERECKI BODY WORKS

EMISSION/STATE INSPECTION  
FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED  
COMPLETE COLLISION REPAIR  
FREE INSURANCE ESTIMATES

**(570) 489-9172**

503 DUNDAFF ST.  
DICKSON CITY, PA 18519

## FRANK T. MAZUR FUNERAL HOME, INC.

601 Dundaff St., Dickson City

**489-6941**

Frank T. Mazur (Deceased)

Thomas F. Mazur, Supervisor • Steve Mazur • Frank T. Mazur II

**"Our Family Serving Your Family"**

Since 1957 • [www.mazurfuneralhome.com](http://www.mazurfuneralhome.com)

**SUPPORT OUR  
ADVERTISERS!**



**HELPING YOU PROTECT  
YOUR VISION**

Bring in this bulletin for  
**50% OFF GLASSES\***  
Expires 08/03/25

240 Main St. | Peckville  
Diocesan member since 1980

**489-U-SEE | [icare4eyes.com](http://icare4eyes.com)**

## IF YOU LIVE ALONE You Need

**MDMedAlert!™**  
**At HOME and AWAY!**

As Low As  
**\$19<sup>95</sup>**  
/mo.

✓ Ambulance ✓ Police  
✓ Family ✓ GPS & Fall Alert



**CALL NOW!**  
**800.808.9294**



[md-medalert.com](http://md-medalert.com)



**FREE  
AD DESIGN**

with purchase  
of this space

**CALL 800-477-4574**

GEISINGER GOLD

**Local Medicare plans.  
Local Medicare support.**

Choose a plan that puts you first.

**Call 866-959-1213**

**(TTY: 711)**

**Geisinger**  
HEALTH PLAN

Y0032\_25009\_10\_C

**Place Your Ad Here and  
Support our Parish!**

Instantly create and  
purchase an ad with

**AD CREATOR STUDIO**



[4lpi.com/adcreator](http://4lpi.com/adcreator)

## ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection  
From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



Authorized  
Provider

SafeStreets

**833-287-3502**



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • [www.4lpi.com](http://www.4lpi.com)

Visitation of the BVM, Dickson City

04-1115

## OLESKI ELECTRIC

Commercial & Residential  
Whole House Generators

**(570) 489-8750**

Reg. #PA044576



One call does it all

## WE DO HANDYMAN SERVICES

Interior & Exterior  
Licensed & Insured

1319 Diamond Ave  
Scranton PA 18508

elglez3040@gmail.com

**347-733-7625**

7613569 | PA 178462

## Law Offices of RICHARD A. FANUCCI, P.C.

*Serving All of Your Legal Needs with emphasis  
on Real Estate, Wills and Estate Matters*



**(570) 383-0652**

1711 MAIN STREET • BLAKELY



Auto • Home • Life  
Business

**570-383-3030**

PaciottiInsurance.com



Erie  
Insurance

PROGRESSIVE TRAVELERS

## Vladika Insurance Agency

Home, Auto, Business, Annuities

649 WASHINGTON AVE.  
JERMYN, PA 18433

**P: 570 876-3940**

**F: 570 876-5916**

E-mail Vladikains@aol.com

GREGORY N VLADIKA  
Licensed Representative

## YESELAVAGE RUG

Free Estimates

Mon-Fri 10-5 • Sat 9-12

**Carpet • Vinyl  
Laminate • Vinyl Tile**

GUY & RENEE CALABRO

577 Main Street • Eynon PA

**570-876-0172**

www.YeselavageRug.com

## LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here  
and Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME  
Joseph Sardelle**



**jsardelle@4LPi.com •**

**(800) 477-4574 x9946**

## DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported  
print and digital  
newsletters to reach  
your community.



Scan to  
contact us!

Visit [lpicomunities.com](http://lpicomunities.com)



# SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • [www.4lpi.com](http://www.4lpi.com)

Visitation of the BVM, Dickson City

04-1115