We, the parish community of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in union with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the leadership of our bishop and our pastor are called through Baptism to live the gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the sacramental life of the Church, especially the Eucharist, we are strengthened to live as a community committed to share the Word with all those in need with love and compassion, and to celebrate the fullness of life in Christ.
### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Weekly Mass Schedule**

**Monday**
- **July 6**
  - 7:30 AM Ubaldini, Fiorani, Romagnoli, Meoni & Lomma Families offered by the Meoni Family

**Tuesday**
- **July 7**
  - 7:30 AM Chester Walega, Chester Lebida and Helen & Leo Nedzwecki offered by Leona

**Wednesday**
- **July 8**
  - 7:30 AM Vincent, Vince & Steve Bielinski and the deceased members of the Bielinski Family offered by Dave & Melanie Lewis

**Thursday**
- **July 9**
  - 7:30 AM Mary (Anniv.) & Felix G. Froncek offered by daughter

**Friday**
- **July 10**
  - 7:30 AM John & Mary Swenski, Dave Powell & Kris Stanton offered by Geri

**Saturday**
- **July 11**
  - 7:30 AM Eleanor Lisowski and the deceased members of the Lisowski, Wrobel, Egreczky & Beechko Families offered by family

**Sunday**
- **July 12**
  - 8:00 AM Living and deceased members of our parish
  - 10:30 AM Ann & Michael Fedorka, Irene Michura offered by Ann, Rich & grandchildren

### In Memoriam

**Sanctuary Light**
- Frank Salva offered by family

**Steeple Lights**
- Marie McCorry

### COMING SOON

**Live Streaming the Mass**

As soon as we are able to get the technical and mechanical details taken care of we will begin to live stream Masses.

More information to follow.

### KEEP UP

With everything that is going on in the parish by visiting our website www.vbvm.org and our facebook page, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church. They are both being updated as new changes take place.

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Matthew DeAngelo & Kaeleigh Schaepe
SUNDAY MASS 8:00 A.M. NOW AVAILABLE
10:30 A.M. BEGINNING JULY 12

We are happy to welcome a limited number of people to Mass on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. The church doors will be open at 7:15. On July 12, we will open the 10:30 Mass to the parish. The church will open for this Mass at 9:45 a.m.

Please enter the church by using the 2 far front doors only (the center doors will be for exit only).

Seating is limited due to social distancing requirements and YOU MUST REGISTER ONLINE at the parish website. Each individual name must be registered (i.e. mom, dad and 2 children must each be listed individually).

 Masks are required in church and you must sit as directed in designated seats, beginning in the large sections in the center of the church. (The side aisles will be used only as needed.)

Please sanitize your hands at the entrance and deposit any offerings in the baskets located there, since no collection can be taken up during the Mass.

A single communion line will form in each side aisle with everyone exiting the church down the center aisle only. Please lower your mask as you approach the communion station. Everyone is kindly but strongly urged to receive in the hand. If you insist on taking communion on the tongue you must wait until the end and only approach Monsignor Pratico. Please remain seated so that others are not waiting for you to get in line.

Everyone should register to attend a Mass on our website www.vbvm.org. Please ask a relative, friend or neighbor to help you with this if you do not have access to the website. The procedure is very simple and very easy to use. Those who are helping as a mugger (hospitality) or a scrubber (sanitizer) are asked to indicate your availability for a particular Mass by registering in the space provided at the bottom of the registration page.

A Saturday vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. will be delayed until August after we have celebrated First Communion and Confirmation during the month of July. Please note that this Mass will sometimes be cancelled when a wedding is scheduled on a particular Saturday.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we do our best to provide a safe and healthy environment for the weekend Masses.

Please be mindful that the Sunday obligation (one of the precepts of the Church) has been suspended for the time being by the Bishop. Those who are feeling ill or at high risk due to a medical condition or age are asked not to plan on attending Mass at this time.

Monsignor Pratico
**CEMETERY REGULATIONS:**

Please remember the following:

**THE ONLY ITEMS ALLOWED ON GRAVES ARE:**
- United States Flag in holder
- Military Marker
- Approved Vigil Candle/Light
- Live Flowers (See below for flower bed dimensions)
- Artificial flowers in pots (See below)
- Flower arrangement on top of the headstone
- Mulch

**REGULATIONS:**

- **FLOWER BEDS** may not extend more than one foot (12") from the front of the monument and may not extend past the sides of the monument. Flower beds must be maintained in a reasonable manner. Flowerbeds that become overgrown or unsightly will be cut by the cemetery personnel.
- **NO BORDERS ARE ALLOWED.** No stones, bricks, wood, marble chips, gravel, metal, plastic, or fencing of any kind are allowed around monuments. Cemetery personnel will remove them.
- **NO KNICK KNACKS, STATUES, BOTTLES, MUGS, VASES, ETC. ARE ALLOWED.**
- Flower beds may contain mulch.
- **ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS** cannot be stuck directly in the ground. They cause a hazard when grass cutting and weed trimming and will be removed. ALL ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS MUST BE IN POTS AND AT LEAST 6” OF POT MUST BE ABOVE GROUND. When artificial flowers get caught in the wire from the weed whacker/mower they become very dangerous projectiles and can cause serious injury.
- **FOUNDATIONS** Parish office approval for all headstones, markers or other work is required.
- **TREES AND SHRUBS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Existing overgrown or unattended trees and shrubs will be removed at the caretaker’s discretion.
- **VIGIL LIGHTS** must be in an enclosed container and must be placed close to the monument. No exposed glass candles.
- **FLAGS AND MILITARY MARKERS** are to be placed close to the monument to avoid being damaged by mowers and trimming equipment.
- **TRASH** is to be placed in the dumpster next to the shed in the “New” cemetery. Trash in the “Old” cemetery is to be placed in the cans at the entrance.
- **TRASH MUST NOT BE DUMPED IN THE WOODS OR RAVINE!**
- **ANY AND ALL OBJECTS THAT PRESENT AN OBSTACLE TO THE CUTTING OF GRASS OR THAT MAY BREAK OR CAUSE INJURY OR BECOME UNSIGHTLY WILL BE REMOVED.**
- **PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE ON GRASS!**
- **DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE CEMETERIES!**

**MAUSOLEUM REGULATIONS:**

- Contact the parish office for flower vases, photos and veterans markers. No unapproved items may be placed on crypts.
- Nothing may be placed in the mulch around the mausoleum with the exception of American flags in Bronze military holders.
- Dogs are NOT allowed in the cemeteries.

There are several pre-selected locations for memorial benches available. If you are interested in donating a bench contact the parish office.

Thank you for your cooperation! If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

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**BEQUESTS TO THE PARISH**

Our parish is always grateful for your financial support. A bequest in your will, no matter the amount, will help the parish continue its mission of serving God’s people. Such a decision could be a worthy and personally satisfying deed. Your financial support will go a long way in helping to maintain the church and its ministries. Thank you!
FIRST READING
See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. (Zec 9:9b)

PSALM
I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145) or Alleluia

SECOND READING
For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (Rom 8:13)

GOSPEL
“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Mt 11:28)

GOSPEL MEDITATION
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We are all familiar with the refrain, “You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!” In Baptism, we “put on” Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God’s vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life’s journey.

There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God’s unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom.

Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced!
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments
Faith Like a Child

If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with — or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of “mine” turn to laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe.

I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don’t you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired. Also, we at times are generous and loving people. It is sin that draws us back into ourselves and away from any meaningful life of stewardship and generosity. In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING
Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020 | 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME