

St. John, St. Mary, Visitation Churches

Mass Schedule for October 31st – November 8th

Sat. 31 st 5:00 p.m.	Deceased members of Preble County Catholic Region (Visn) (Fr. DD)
Sun. 1 st 7:45 a.m.	Pinky Broermann (SM) (Fr. GV)
Sun. 1 st 9:45 a.m.	Harry & Ruth Fliehman (SJ) (Fr. DD)
Sun. 1 st 11:30 a.m.	Parishioners (Visn) (Fr. DD)
Mon. 2 nd 9:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory (Visn)
Tues. 3 rd 9:00 a.m.	Intention of Mr. & Mrs. Harry White & Family (Visn)
Wed. 4 th 12 noon	Intention of Matthew Henry (Visn)
Wed. 4 th 6:00 p.m.	Adrian Homan (Visn)
Thurs. 5 th 9:00 a.m.	Ann Doty (Visn)
Fri. 6 th 9:00 a.m.	Anna Mae Petry (Visn)
Sat. 7 th 5:00 p.m.	Parishioners (Visn) (Fr. DD)
Sun. 8 th 7:45 a.m.	Teresa Schatzle (SM) (Fr. GV)
Sun. 8 th 9:45 a.m.	Janet Stoeckle & David Cunningham Family (SJ) (Fr. DD)
Sun. 8 th 11:30 a.m.	Robin Broxterman & Brian Schira (Visn) (Fr. GV)

**Confessions Saturday 4:00 – 4:30pm
Visitation**

Wednesday 5:00-6:00 pm Visitation

The New Paris Community Food Bank will be holding our annual food drive November 3rd 2020 from 10A.M. to Noon. The drop off location is Bill Sweet's office, 125 So. Washington St. New Paris Ohio, 45347. Can goods, nonperishable items, cash or checks make payable to St. Paul UMC Food Bank will be accepted. The need is truly great this year and I hope we can have another success full food drive. Thank you. You may call Bill Sweet at 937-533-7480 for details.

Thank you for your continued support of our parishes through mail and online donations.

OFFERTORY 10/25/2020

Visitation	Masses	Online	Total
	2408.00	265.00	2673.00
St John	Mass	Online	Total
	407.00	25.00	432.00
St Mary	Mass	Online	Total
	548.00	215 .00	763.00

Prayer for All Saints Day

*We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you
Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,
Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses
Where your name was lifted and adored.
We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:
Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,
Strong hands and those gnarled with age
Holy hands
Used as wave offerings across the land.
We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;
Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,
Head ragged or aproned,
Blue-collared or three-piece-suited
They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.
Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.
Bless the memories of your saints, God.
May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.
Amen*

Congratulations to Lori Zerante and Rick Johnson who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on October 24, 2020 at Visitation Church. May God bless your life together.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends in Christ,
The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. Even in today's world of chaos and craziness the Lord continues to call us to live holy lives. Holiness is possible for us. To be in love with Jesus Christ and to imitate him, be strengthened by his grace, and to be healed by His presence should give us great hope. If we cannot believe that holiness is possible, look to the humanity of the SAINTS who are who they are only by God's grace elevating their human nature back to God's original plan of holiness. The saints now in God's presence preserve their bonds of love and communion with us. As Pope Francis remarked in his encyclical on the "Call to Holiness," that "very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbor." Be holy because a life totally dedicated to the Lord and spent in service is the most attractive face of the Church. If we want the world to be better, our lives to be more peaceful, then we are called to encounter Christ and live in his love. What a calling to be a Saint today? Are you ready to give your witness and become a little holier today? Do not be afraid.

God love you,
Fr. David Doseck

Christopher R. Walsh, son of Robert & the late Joanne Walsh will be ordained a Deacon for the Columbus OH Diocese on Nov. 7, 2020 at 10:00am at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville OH. The ceremony will be live streamed at columbuscatholic.live and alternatively, listen on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820, this may be only available in the Columbus area.

Would anyone be interested in helping send greeting cards to those in need or celebrating a significant moment (baptism, etc.)? Many of our parishioners staying home during these times would appreciate a card. If interested in helping, call Carolyn Lowman at 937-456-3226

iVoteCatholic: During this week, we focus on Care for God's Creation. Beginning with Pope St. John Paul II through Pope Francis, care for creation has been an integral part of Catholic social teaching. "Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love of our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society...we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures." (#92,93 Pope Francis) When we do things to protect the earth and care for it, we show reverence for God, the creator of all. Under this principle fall issues such as laws governing corporate and individual use of environmental resources - including land, water, and air - which impact all living things.
Find out more at www.iVoteCatholic.org.

We are asking for you to prayerfully consider submitting your name for a nomination to the Visitation Parish Council. Two "At Large" positions are to be filled for the Council beginning January 2021.

To be considered: members of the Parish Council must be 18 years of age or older, and a registered member of the parish and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Parish Council meets once a month except for July and August. The term of an "At Large" is for three years. By volunteering for these positions, you will be helping towards your dedication to our Lord and to the Visitation Church. The voice of each member is extremely important to the ongoing needs and successes of our parish.

Please contact Alice Rickard, Dianna Metzger, or Germaine Vonderhaar with any questions or concerns via email: Alice Rickard arickard@woh.rr.com

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The resumes or biography and a photo, if possible, will need to be given by November 29th so that a ballot can be prepared for the election by the Nominating Committee. On Dec. 5th /6th Anyone who is of the age of 18 is eligible to vote at that time.

Thank you for your consideration to run as a candidate for the future of our parish.