

SEVEN CHURCHES VISITATION - HOLIDAY THURSDAY

We have exciting news regarding our annual **Seven Churches** pilgrimage to be held on **Holy Thursday-April 18th** immediately after our evening Mass. Buses will depart from outside of church at 8:15 pm and return at 11:15 pm. This year will feature seven beautiful churches to be visited. All of which are located in the historic Broadway-Fillmore District of Buffalo. These churches include some of the most impressive churches in all of Buffalo and include **St. Stanislaus, Corpus Christi, St. John Kanty, St. Lukes, St. Adalbert Basilica, St. Casmir's and Our Lady of Pompeii.**

The feast day of Holy Thursday marks the end of Lent and beginning of the Holy Triduum (Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday). When Mass has ended the Eucharist is placed at the altar of repose in area churches where the faithful kneel in prayer and adoration during a period called the "watching." Each church altar is beautifully decorated for this very special evening of Adoration.

This is an excellent traditional Holy Thursday devotion credited to St. Philip Neri in 1553. For centuries in many parts of the world Catholics have been visiting Seven Churches. This pilgrimage practice originated in Rome where the faithful visited Seven Roman basilicas. The pilgrimage to each church corresponds to the seven "stops or stations of the Way of the Cross that were made by Jesus on his way to Calvary.

Holy Thursday visitations are an excellent grace filled way to end Lent and enter into the Triduum. It is a memorable evening of prayer with your fellow parishioners.

Please complete the reservation form below and place it in the collection basket. You may also call the Rectory office to make your reservation at 683-6522. Reservations are required by Wednesday April 10th – to complete bus reservations. Please bring a flashlight for this event.

Our Lady of Pompeii is located at 158 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086

Seven Churches Bus Trip	
Cost is \$5.00 per person, / \$10.00 per couple. \$12.00 per parents with children. Please complete this slip and return with enclosed check/cash by way of mail or collection by Wednesday, April 10th..	
Name:	_____
Phone:	_____
Number Attending:	_____
Amount Enclosed:	_____