

Church of the Visitation

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2006

Rectory Office Hours: 8 AM - 4 PM Monday-Thursday

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY-- LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Joseph Majoris
(Req. by Loving Wife & Family)

TUESDAY--LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Margaret George
(Req. by Friends of Loughner Plaza)

WEDNESDAY--LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

THURSDAY--LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Margie Baroni
(Req. by Son)

FRIDAY--LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Patty Hadix
(Req. by Fran & Joe Pachella)

SATURDAY--LENTEN WEEKDAY

12:00 P.M. VALLEY PIKE MANOR
Eugene Baroni
(Req. by Frances Skala)

4:00 P.M. Robert Davidson
(Req. by M/M Wayne Ickes)

SUNDAY--5th SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 A.M. Dr. Michael E. Sewak
(Req. by Margie Giannone)
10:30 A.M. For Our Parish Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In Memory of the
Deceased Members of Visitation Parish

MASSES FOR SUNDAY: Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Sat. 3:30 P.M.
Sunday 7:30 A.M. and Sunday 10:00 A.M.

INFANT BAPTISM: Arrange in advance for
pre-baptismal instructions.

COMMON POLICY FOR BAPTISM: The parents
must attend an instruction/preparation class
on the Sacrament of Baptism. Arrangements
are made through the Parish Office.
Catholic Sponsors need a letter from their
Pastor stating they are in full communion with
the Catholic Church.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: By appointment
with the Pastor at least nine months prior to
the date of marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Done after any
Sunday Mass when requested.

MEMBERSHIP: Please contact the Rectory
Office to register as a member.

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK:

Mon 3/27: Isaiah 65:17-21/John 4:43-54
Tue 3/28: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/John 5:1-16
Wed 3/29: Isaiah 49:8-15/John 5:17-30
Thurs 3/30: Exodus 32:7-14/John 5:31-47
Fri 3/31: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22/John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat 4/1: Jeremiah 11:18-20/John 7:40-53
Sun 4/2: Jeremiah 31:31-34/Hebrews 5:7-9/John 12:20-33

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We are praying for... All the men and women fighting for our country in the military services, all the elderly, homebound, sick and hospitalized members of our parish, especially the following: Cha Cha Bair, Sam Barbato, John Baroni, Tony Belskey, Mary Agnes Benford, Jack Bulisok, Sara Burgo, Fr. Richard Clark, Rita Clark, Carl Dirsch, Catherine Dirsch, Eileen Dynice, Ezra Ed, Doug Golias, Mary Ann Holtz, Helen Hostensky, Nina Kane, James Kinley, Mary Kist, George Krueger, Leonard Kucera, Betty Kuras, Charlie Lang, Mary Catherine Launtz, Heather Majoris, Mildred McHugh, Christopher New, Ann Petro, Kim Petro, Lorrie Polash, Jenny Poltrack, Eileen Rengh, Vickie Schmidt, Helene Seth, Rose Sigg, Rita Spence, Claire Staib, Charlene Tarnowsky, Ed Waddell, Sandor Yuhas

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TUE 8:30 AM Legion of Mary Meeting
WED 7:00 PM Choir
FRI 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
SAT 5:15 PM Bingo Doors Open
 6:30 PM Bingo Begins

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SERVERS: March 31/April 1-2

FRI 7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**
 Jimmy Haggerty & Alyshia Meyers

SAT 4:00 PM Todd Rastall & Bobby Kniss
SUN 8:00 AM Mitchell & Gerry Smith
 10:30 AM Matthew Johns & Collin Layton

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE

EUCCHARIST: April 1-2

SAT 4:00 PM (Plate) D. Fallon, J. Bulisok, J. Correll
 (Cup) P. Balagusz, L. Meyers, M. Blough

SUN 8:00 AM (Plate) A. Reynolds, E. Mihalacki, M. Majoris
 (Cup) M. Mihalacki, M. Clark, J. Kuswara

10:30 AM (Plate) M. Marsinko, P. Molchany, R. Wiczorek
 (Cup) M. Torchia, S. Catanese, R. Marchese

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LECTORS: April 1-2

SAT 4:00 PM P. Balagusz
SUN 8:00 AM R. Krumenacker
 10:30 AM B. Benford

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GREETERS: April 1-2

SAT 4:00 PM (ST) J. & Ja. Bulisok
 (VP) J. & D. Fallon
SUN 8:00 AM (ST) J. Kuswara
 (VP) P. Barnhart/Ian/Aaron
 10:30 AM (ST) M. Marsinko/S. Rheel
 (VP) Johns Family

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INCOME

MARCH 13-19, 2006

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3109.85
Ash Wednesday	2.00
Energy	80.00
Catholic Education (envelopes)	270.00
Catholic Education (H.O.P.E. Group)	870.00
CCD Pretzel Sale	503.00
Holy Name Society	88.00
Cafeteria Rental	40.00
Gym Rental	270.00
Parking Lot Rent	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$ 5332.85

YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

“Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all you produce” (Prov 3:9).—This is a reminder that our giving is more than paying the expenses of the Church. It is a way of honoring our Lord. It is truly an act of worship.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: March 27-April 2:

Ernest Cascino, Sr., Christine Butler, Rose Marie Baumer, Dolores Faunce, Anna Marie Pfeil, Christine Bumbernick, Judy Benford, Dale Fike, Alex Haggerty, John Hummel

VISITATION BINGO: Is held EVERY Saturday in our Activities Center. Doors open at 5:15 PM with Bingo beginning at 6:30 PM. Come enjoy the evening, support your Parish, and you may even win some cash! Everyone is welcome.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER, LECTOR, & GREETER TRAINING: If you would like to become an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Lector, or Greeter, please call the Rectory Office by **Monday, April 3rd**. Please consider these important ministries of the Church.

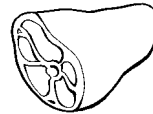


CHURCH CLEANING—CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteers are needed to clean the Church for Easter on **Saturday, April 1st** beginning at 10 AM. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of the Church. Please sign up if you are able to lend a hand. Any extra rags or buckets you could bring along would be appreciated. Thank you!

Coming to Parish
Visitation Tuesday, April
7:00 11th PM

Back by popular demand...for those who enjoyed Frank Runyeon's production of **Afraid!** The Gospel of Mark, you will want to return for **SIGNS, The Gospel of John**. Tickets are \$5.00/Adults, \$3.00/Children 12 & under or \$20/Family. Tickets may be purchased after all weekend masses in the vestibule or at the Rectory Office Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM.



VISITATION HAM

DRAWING: Visitation's Annual Ham Drawing will take place on **Palm Sunday, April 9th**. Please return your tickets and money ASAP. Drawing for 20 ½ hams will take place after the 10:30 Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served. All are welcome to attend!



Thank You!

The HOPE Group would like to thank everyone who made our Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale our best one ever. It was nice to see some new volunteers and quite a few new patrons. A very special thank you goes out to Paul and Carole Murphy for donating the supplies we needed. Mark your calendars for Mother's Day, May 14th, for our next breakfast. Let's

see if this one can be even bigger! Again, a very sincere thank you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Last Saturday, two of our teachers, Lynn Corona and Tina Golias, represented Visitation at classes at St. John's. We greatly appreciate them spending the day there. I am sure we will all benefit from what they learned.

PRETZEL SALE: Thank you for the support from our Parish family and all the students who helped to make the Pretzel Sale a great success. Special thanks to: Jean Scarsella, Kim Kohan, Pat Balagusz, and Ian Skovensky who sold extra at their work and school. Our profit was \$500 and will help pay for next year's Confirmation retreat.
~Rose



1ST ANNUAL VISITATION GOLF OUTING: The Parish Council is sponsoring a Golf Outing at the Berkley Hills Golf Course on **Sunday, May 21st**. It will be a 4-person scramble with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. A buffet dinner and prizes will follow at the Church. Watch for more details and team entry forms in upcoming bulletins. We will be limited to the first 14 teams so come out and enjoy a day of golf and help support our parish.

VISITATION PARISH PENANCE SERVICE



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2006
5:30 PM

CARD PARTY: A "Caring Friends" Card Party to benefit Bishop McCort High School will be held in the BMHS cafeteria **this Sunday, March 26th** beginning at 1:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00 and includes door prizes and refreshments. All are welcome!



ITALIAN PASTA DINNER: OMOS is sponsoring an Italian Pasta Dinner featuring Numero Uno's Chef Ignazio Panebianco **this Sunday, March 26th**. Seating available at 12:30 PM, 3:00 PM, and 6:00 PM. Meal includes Salad, Bread, Choice of Pasta, Dessert, and Beverage. \$10/Adults; \$5.00/Children. Call Michelle Petrell @ 254-0256 for tickets.

GIGANTIC BASKET PARTY: St. Columba Church is sponsoring a Gigantic Basket Party **next Sunday, April 2nd** at Christ the Savior Hall on Garfield Street beginning at 1:00 PM. A \$5.00 donation includes a great lunch and 25 chances. All are welcome!

March 26th, 2006 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Any church can always use more volunteers for a variety of things. We are preparing to train several new Eucharistic Ministers and are asking if any other parishioners wish to join the ranks gathered³around the altar. My observation is that we can use more men as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. There are many more women who have volunteered for this ministry, whereas the number of men doing so is disappointing. If anyone, male or female, wishes to become an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, lector, usher, greeter, etc. let us know by April 2.

We will have our Lenten Penance Service on Palm Sunday, April 9th at 5:30 PM. Please make plans to attend. Presently, the Novena to the Infant of Prague is being held at St. Andrew Church and confessions are available after Mass this Sat., Sun., and Monday.

St. Clement's has a Penance Service this Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

I enjoy cooking! Last week, I needed some spices so I went to the store to buy some and experienced sticker shock. They ranged in price from about \$2.39 to \$5.99 for 1/4 to 1 ounce of various spices. I resorted to something I did while I was stationed in New Baltimore: I went online to a wholesale spice company I had used. The only problem is that you have to buy the spices in sizes from 12 ounces to 5 pounds imagine 5 pounds of basil!!! What I did in New Baltimore was to get together with 12 other families and we divided up the order and the cost of the spices. I am going to do the same thing here. You will pay less and probably get 3 to 4 times what those little glass jars contain. I hope to have them available next week for anyone interested....

We have a website!! It may be found at: www.visitationchurch.net. Please email us and let us know your opinion and what may be added to enhance it. There are various links on it for sites of interest, especially onecause, which is a place to shop that saves you money while earning money for Visitation Church!!! Thanks to Brian Krise, a parishioner, who designed the web page! God Bless you Brian for your hours of work.

In case you have not heard, no pun intended, on March 10th, I lost most of the hearing in my left ear and have a ringing sound constantly in the same ear. So if you speak to me and I do not reply, chances are I did not hear you. Keep me in your prayers as the doctors are telling me there is virtually no treatment for my situation and it can stop as suddenly as it began.