

Church of the Visitation

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2006

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY--ST. DAMASCUS I

8:00 A.M. Frances Novello
(Req. by Mike & Connie Starchok)

TUESDAY--OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:00 A.M. The Unborn
(Req. by Pro-Life Group)

WEDNESDAY--ST. LUCY

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

THURSDAY--ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

8:00 A.M. Christine Dunkle
(Req. by Parents & Family)

FRIDAY--ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Living & Deceased Members
of the Rosary-Altar Society

SATURDAY--ADVENT WEEKDAY

12:00 P.M. VALLEY PIKE MANOR
Eugene Baroni
(Req. by Anna Mitchell)
4:00 P.M. John M. McGrath
(Req. by Wife, Margaret & Son, John)

SUNDAY--THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 A.M. Robert Garanich
(Req. by Mike & Lois Dipko)
10:30 A.M. Our Parish Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In Memory of George Hirschberger, requested by Gloria & Jane Hirschberger

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 12/11: Isaiah 35:1-10/Luke 5:17-26
Tue 12/12: Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47
Wed 12/13: Isaiah 40:25-31/Matthew 11:28-30
Thurs 12/14: Isaiah 41:13-20/Matthew 11:11-15
Fri 12/15: Isaiah 48:17-19/Matthew 11:16-19
Sat 12/16: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11/Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Sun 12/17: Zephaniah 3:14-18a/Philippians 4:4-7/Luke 3:10-18

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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 family, especially the following: Cha Cha Bair, Sam Barbato, Mary Agnes Benford, Phyllis Brady, Jack Bulisok, Sara Burgo, Rita Clark, Kathy Daley, Catherine Dirsch, Eileen Dynice, Ezra Ed, Doug Golias, Bonnie Himmer, Mary Ann Holtz, Nina Kane, James Kinley, Mary Kist, George Krueger, Leonard Kucera, Betty Kuras, Charlie Lang, Mary Catherine Launtz, Heather Majoris, Rose Marchese, Clara McKenzie, Ed McKenzie, Christopher New, Andrea Nosko, Ann Petro, Kim Petro, Steve Petrusic, Lorrie Polash, Jenny Poltrack, Eileen Rengh, Marion Saia, Helene Seth, Rose Sigg, Rita Spence, Betty Spinos, Claire Staib, Charlene Tarnowsky, Ed Waddell, Sandor Yuhas

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUN 5:30 PM Advent Penance Service
TUE 6:00 PM Practice for Christmas Pageant
WED 7:00 PM Choir

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SERVERS: December 16-17

SAT 4:00 PM John & Shannon Valinsky
SUN 8:00 AM Ian & Aaron Skovensky
 10:30 AM Cletus McConville & Luke Corona

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: December 16-17

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

SUN 8:00 AM (Plate) M. Carney,
 B. New, A. Reynolds
 (Cup) M. Majoris, K. Carney, M. Mihalacki

10:30 AM (Plate) C. Barto,
 K. Seigh, D. Ceryak
 (Cup) J. Kiser, D. Tedjeske, B. Benford

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LECTORS: December 16-17

SAT 4:00 PM J. Correll
SUN 8:00 AM P. Barnhart
 10:30 AM T. LaMonaca

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GREETERS: December 16-17

SAT 4:00 PM (ST) J. Bulisok
 (VP) Ja Bulisok
SUN 8:00 AM (ST) G. Krumenacker
 (VP) M. Carney
 10:30 AM (ST) J. Benford
 (VP) Johns Family

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INCOME

NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 3, 2006

Sunday Envelopes	\$3805.25
Immaculate Conception	22.00
Christmas Offering	15.00
Christmas Flowers	112.00
Catholic Education (envelopes)	21.00
Energy/Fuel	177.00
Gym Rental	1040.00
Parking Lot Rent	<u>175.00</u>
Total	\$ 5367.25

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 December 11-17:

James Wenderoth, Cha Cha Bair, Janet Skovensky, Michael Lose, Mary Tran, John Sroka, Susan Wachs, Irene Chovanec, John Correll

OOPS!!!! Happy "Belated" Birthday to Brian Krise who celebrated his birthday on 12/6.

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HOLIC CHARITIES: The Catholic Charities office is located at St. Joseph Church on Railroad Street, Johnstown. The staff is trained to assist individuals and families with a variety of problems, challenges and decisions, and some temporal needs in a confidential manner. Call 535-6538 for an appointment.



APARTMENT FOR RENT: The apartment located behind the Rectory is available for rent. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in renting the apartment, please call the Rectory Office @ 536-6110.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:

Practices for the Children's Christmas Pageant will be held this **Tuesday, December 12th** and **Thursday, December 21st** at 6:00 PM.

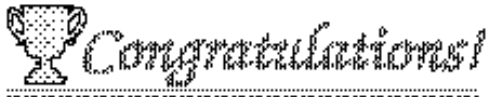
CHRISTMAS CANDY ORDERS: All Christmas candy orders may be picked up **next weekend, December 16-17** before and after all Masses in the vestibule of the Church.



"I ♥ Ez" T-shirts are available in the vestibule of the Church for \$5.00 each. All proceeds benefit the "Ezra Ed Cancer Treatment Fund". Wear your shirt to the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, December 16th. A photo will be taken after Mass to send to Ezra for Christmas!



CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Come join us for Christmas caroling next **Sunday, December 17th** at 6:00 PM.



Congratulations to the following who were commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist this day: **Donna Ceryak, Richard Holtz, Lonnie Luna, and Mary Luna.**

They have completed their training and have been granted permission by Bishop Joseph to exercise their ministry. We are pleased to have them join us at Visitation Parish as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you for stepping forward and answering God's call to share your talent in this ministry.

~Helen and Pat Balagusz



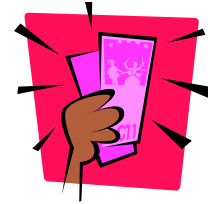
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: In your box of Church envelopes you will find one for Christmas flowers. What a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one at Christmastime by a Christmas flower offering! You may list your loved one on the outside of the envelope if you wish.



CHURCH DECORATING: Decorating the Church for Christmas will take place on **Tuesday, December 19th** after the 8:00 AM Mass. Any time you could give would be greatly appreciated!

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Congratulations to our Second Graders for making their First Reconciliation in a beautiful ceremony on December 2nd. They are, **Jocelyn Golias, Kaylee Haggerty, Auhzia Ptomey, and Mia Rastall.** They received the Blessing of and Enrollment in the Scapular of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel.



VISITATION HOLIDAY GIVEAWAY

TICKET: This week is the **FINAL** week of our 2006 Holiday Giveaway Ticket. Any ticket **NOT** paid in full by **this Monday, December 11th** is invalid. Thank you to all who purchased or sold tickets this year. The 2007 tickets are available and will be mailed out shortly. **If you would like to purchase a 2007 ticket for a Christmas present, please call the Rectory @ 536-6110 during office hours.**

RETIREMENT FUND FOR

RELIGIOUS: This week's appeal for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** asks us to recall those women and men religious whose ministry has nourished our own faith, served our church, and strengthened our nation. Today, more than 37,000 women and men religious are past age 70. Their institutes face critical economic challenges as the costs of health care escalate and as the need for handicapped-accessible housing increases. Please give generously to this campaign. **An offering envelope can be found in your yearly box.** Thank you.

SPORTS CARD & COLLECTIBLE

SHOW: St. Andrew School, 1621 Ferndale Avenue, will hold a Sports Card and Collectible Show **this Saturday, December 16th** from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM in the school gym. Admission is free.

HAVE INSOMNIA? CAN'T SLEEP?

St. Patrick's Adoration Chapel has an opening from 2:30 AM until 4:00 AM every Wednesday. Adorers are also needed on Monday morning from 6:00 AM until 7:30 AM, Tuesdays from 8:00 PM until 9:00 PM and Thursdays from 10-11:00 PM. If interested, please call Bob Christian @ 536-6450 or the Rectory @ 539-2186.