

Church of the Visitation

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2007

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY--ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

8:00 A.M. Al Reynolds, Jr.
(Family)

TUESDAY--ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS

8:00 A.M. Helen & Peter Sikirica
(Family)

WEDNESDAY--ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

THURSDAY--ST. NICHOLAS

8:00 A.M. Mary Hess
(Req. by Nick & Noreen Molchan)

FRIDAY--ST. AMBROSE

8:00 A.M. Living & Deceased Members of
the Rosary-Altar Society
6:00 P.M. Health of Dr. James Furnary
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)

SATURDAY--IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 A.M. Joe & Jean Werner
(Req. by Family & Friends)
11:00 A.M. Valley Pike Manor
David Madigan
(Req. by John & Camille Shields)
4:00 P.M. John Sigg
(Req. by Family)

SUNDAY--2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 A.M. For Our Parish Family
10:30 A.M. Bill & Becky Figura
(Req. by Family)

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

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.

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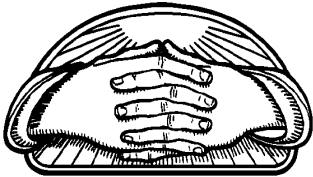
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SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK:

Mon 12/3: Isaiah 4:2-6/Matthew 8:5-11
Tue 12/4: Isaiah 11:1-10/Luke 10:21-24
Wed 12/5: Isaiah 25:6-10a/Matthew 15:29-37
Thurs 12/6: Isaiah 26:1-6/Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Fri 12/7: Isaiah 29:17-24/Matthew 9:27-31
Sat 12/8: Genesis 3:9-15, 20/Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/Luke 1:26-38
Sun 12/9: Isaiah 11:1-10/Romans 15:4-9/Matthew 3:1-12

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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: Sam Barbato, Shirley Barbato, Mary Agnes Benford, Phyllis Brady, Jack Bulisok, Rita Clark, Kathy Daley, Catherine Dirsch, Eileen Dynice, Debbie Ed, Msgr. George Flinn, Doug Golias, Larry Grimm, Amy Henry, Bonnie Himmer, Mary Ann Holtz, Mary Kist, George Krueger, Leonard Kucera, Betty Kuras, Mary Catherine Lantz, Heather Majoris, Rose Marchese, Loretta Meyers, Christopher New, Andrea Nosko, Ann Petro, Kim Petro, Helen Pohlit, Lorrie Polash, Jenny Poltrack, Eileen Rengh, Marion Saia, Stephen Sanders, Helene Seth, Rose Sigg, Rita Spence, Betty Spinos, Claire Staib, Charlene Tarnowsky, Dan Vavrek, Ed Waddell

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WED 7:00 PM Choir
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SERVERS: December 7-8/8-9

FRI 6:00 PM Alex & Jimmy Haggerty
SAT 9:00 AM Luke Corona & Matthew Johns
 4:00 PM Phillip Kniss & Todd Rastall
SUN 8:00 AM Gerry Smith & Aaron Skovensky
 10:30 AM Collin Layton & Nick Gjurich

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: December 7-8/8-9

FRI 6:00 PM N. Vavrek, P. Balagusz, D. Fallon
SAT 9:00 AM B. Kuras, M. Majoris, J. New

4:00 PM (Plate) J. Bulisok, H. Balagusz, D. Vavrek
 (Cup) G. Fenik, C. Fuska, R. Kniss

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

10:30 AM (Plate) L. Luna, M. Luna, D. Ceryak
 (Cup) J. Meszaros, S. Catanese, K. Seigh

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LECTORS: December 7-8/8-9

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SAT 9:00 AM J. New
 4:00 PM P. Balagusz
SUN 8:00 AM J. Catanese
 10:30 AM K. Seigh

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GREETERS: December 8-9

SAT 4:00 PM (ST) W. Dolges
 (VP) R. Kniss
SUN 8:00 AM (ST) G. Krumenacker
 (VP) K. Carney
 10:30 AM (ST) J. Benford
 (VP) Johns Family

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INCOME

NOVEMBER 19-25, 2007

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3379.50
Energy/Fuel	30.00
Thanksgiving	426.06
Immaculate Conception	37.00
Christmas Flowers	15.00
Catholic Education (envelopes)	189.00
Catholic Education (Blood Screen)	395.00
Catholic Education (Basket Chances)	346.00
Bequest (In Memory of Helen Babal)	50.00
Gym Rental	102.00
Parking Lot Rent	105.00
Bulletin Ads	<u>2355.00</u>
Total	\$7429.56

Christmas Club YTD Total: \$4,908.50



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK December 3-9:

Thomas Gahagan, Emma Frieko, Mary Mihalacki, Eva Scaletta, Helene Seth, Clyde Waddell, Melissa Koontz, Brian Krise, William Kuswara, Auhzia Ptomey, Diane Schilling, Eileen Wagner, Nicole Kinley, Jennifer Preuss, Samuel Brunetto, Phillip Kniss, Raymond Litzinger, Lonnie Luna, Mary Luna, John Lynch, Joseph Taresco

CATHOLIC 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.



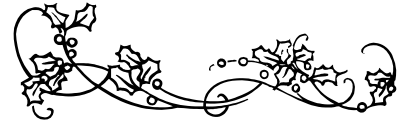
SILENT PRAYER GROUP: Our parish has a group of people who will earnestly pray for any needs you might have. This is a telephone prayer chain. If you have a special need about which you need prayer, call Pat @ 539-7928 or the Rectory Office @ 536-6110. State first name of person in need and the intention or need. We will gladly pray for them. **If you would like to join this special ministry, please call the Rectory Office.** Thank you!

REMINDER

EAT OUT & HELP SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN: When you eat at **Ponderosa Steakhouse**, tell them that you are with **VISITATION CHURCH**. They will keep your receipt. At the end of the month, Visitation Church will receive a check for **10% of the total sales**. Please pass the word to your family and friends and help to support the Catholic education of our Parish children. This is an ongoing fundraiser! Thank you!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY—SIGN UP NOW!!!! Santa is coming to Visitation to a Birthday Party for Jesus and our kids!! Please sign up now for the Children's Christmas Party. We will have a craft, pizza, Birthday cake for Jesus and a visit from Santa. Sign up early so Santa can make sure he has enough gifts. Party date is **Saturday, December 22nd** @ 5:15 PM (after the 4:00 Mass). Any questions, call Cynde Smith @ 535-4287



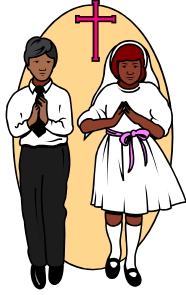
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT: Please sign up now for the Children's Christmas Eve Pageant. Sign your child's name beside the character and please list your phone number so that we can contact you about practice. Any questions, please call Cynde Smith @ 535-4287.



TOO OLD FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT? We are asking that the older kids sign up to lector, take up the collection, and do the Prayers of the Faithful. All you older kids and teens, please sign up to help!!!! Sign up sheets are in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you!

HELP NEEDED—MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Christmas on **Thursday, December 20th** after the 8:00

AM Mass. If you could lend a hand, it would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!



CONGRATULATIONS to the First Holy Communion Class. They made their **First Reconciliation** on Friday, November 30, 2007. The students are **Jacob Corona, Olivia Friday, and Julie Anna Stuer**. Please keep them in your prayers until they make their First Communion in April. ~Pat Balagusz, Helen Balagusz and Maureen Clark, DRE

THANK YOU: The H.O.P.E. Group would like to thank everyone who supported the Basket Chances at the Turkey Raffle and the Multi-phasic Blood Screen. A profit of \$395 was made at the screening. Again, thank you!



MOM'S HOUSE CALENDAR PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
2:00 PM

VISITATION CHURCH HALL
1127 MCKINLEY AVENUE

\$10 ADMISSION—LUNCH PROVIDED

50/50 RAFFLE ~ LOTTERY TREE ~ MONEY TREE ~ OVER 40
PRIZES TO BE CHANCED OFF!

FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION, CALL
RITA OR ALLEGRA @ 535-4848

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CHILDREN OF MOM'S HOUSE



*LOOKING FOR A CHRISTMAS
GIFT FOR THAT "HARD TO
BUY FOR" PERSON ON YOUR
LIST? THE 2008 VISITATION
HOLIDAY SWEEPSTAKES
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT
THE RECTORY OFFICE!*



AREA BLOOD DRIVES

- **Wednesday, December 5th** – Beth Shalom Congregation, 700 Indiana Street, 1:00-7:00 PM
- **Thursday, December 13th** – St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 160 Derby Street, 1:00-7:00 PM
- **Friday, December 28th** – Our Mother of Sorrows Church, 430 Tioga Street, Noon-6:00 PM

Please donate—someone's waiting.....

SPECIAL TRIDUUM: Immaculate Conception Church, 308 Broad Street, will hold a special Triduum for the Immaculate Conception Feast Day on **Thursday, December 6th @ 7:00 PM, Friday, December 7th @ 6:00 PM, and Saturday, December 8th @ 11:00 AM.**

APARTMENT FOR RENT: Upper Yoder, 2nd Floor, 5 rooms plus attic and bathroom. Includes water and sewage. Off-street parking. No pets. Call 255-2616.

SACRED HEART DINNER: Sacred Heart Parish, Conemaugh, is sponsoring a Meatloaf or Lasagna Dinner **this Sunday,**

December 2nd from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM.
Adults: \$8.00/Children: \$4.00. All are welcome!