

Church of the Visitation

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2007

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY--ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Mahan/Gyan Families
(Carl & Joann Mahan Family)

TUESDAY--ST. DAMASUS I

8:00 A.M. Samuel Paonessa
(Bernie & Cindy Leech)

WEDNESDAY--OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

THURSDAY--ST. LUCY

8:00 A.M. Genevieve Urbasik
(Req. by Flo Cabo)

FRIDAY--ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

8:00 A.M. Carl Dirsch
(Req. by Mary Kay Sherman)

SATURDAY--ADVENT WEEKDAY

11:00 A.M. Valley Pike Manor
Sister Monica, OCD
(Req. by Sister, Laverne Schrott)
4:00 P.M. Living & Deceased Members of
the Suttmiller & Davidson Families)
(Req. by Family)

SUNDAY--3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 A.M. Ed & Mildred Stofko
(Req. by Family)
10:30 A.M. For Our Parish Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Living & Deceased
Members of the Kubacka & Daly Families,
requested by Frank & Joann Daly

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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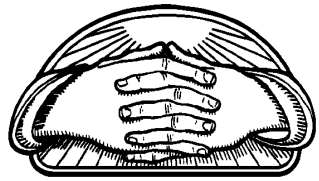
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SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK:

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

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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 Launtz, 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

SUN 5:30 PM Advent Penance Service

WED 7:00 PM Choir

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SERVERS: December 15-16

SAT 4:00 PM John & Shannon Valinsky

SUN 8:00 AM Ian Skovensky & Mitchell Smith

10:30 AM Matthew Johns & George Cyburt

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: December 15-16

SAT 4:00 PM (Plate) J. Correll, Ja Bulisok, P. Balagusz (Cup) N. Vavrek, J. New, B. Kuras

SUN 8:00 AM (Plate) A. Reynolds, J. Kuswara, M. Carney (Cup) B. New, M. Majoris, M. Clark

10:30 AM (Plate) D. Tedjeske, B. Benford, R. Wieczorek (Cup) D. Ceryak, J. Meszaros, J. Kiser

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LECTORS: December 15-16

SAT 4:00 PM J. Correll

SUN 8:00 AM R. Krumenacker
10:30 AM D. Boyle

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GREETERS: December 15-16

SAT 4:00 PM (ST) Balagusz (VP) Ja Bulisok

SUN 8:00 AM (ST) B. Rodgers (VP) M. Carney

10:30 AM (ST) M. Wissinger (VP) R. Wieczorek

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INCOME

NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 2, 2007

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3555.60
Energy/Fuel	83.00
Thanksgiving	8.00
Immaculate Conception	19.00
Christmas Flowers	23.00
Catholic Education (envelopes)	22.00
Perquisite (Charlie Lang Funeral)	150.00
Gym Rental	84.00
Parking Lot Rent	105.00
Bulletin Ad	600.00
Total	\$4649.60

Christmas Club YTD Total: \$5,109.50

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 10-16: John

Bair, Patrick Martella, Edward Stofko, James Wenderoth, Esperanza Bair, Janet Skovensky, Mary Tran, John Sroka, Susan Wachs, Irene Chovanec

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

RCIA: We are blessed to have five adults in the RCIA process. **Melissa Canada, Yvonne Muller, Donald Putman, Joseph Taresco, and Jennifer Vizzini** were welcomed into our Visitation Parish at the 4:00 Liturgy on December 1st. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey to full initiation in the Catholic faith.



BULLETIN ADS: This week starts a new year for the ads on the back page of our bulletin. We would like to thank all the sponsors for their continued support of

Visitation Parish. We would also like to welcome **"Baker's Loaf"** as they are a new ad for 2008! Please support the sponsors on the back of this bulletin. It is through their support that the bulletin is made possible. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE

PAGEANT: If you haven't already done so, 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.



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!



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!

RADA KNIFE ORDER: Orders may be picked up after Mass **this weekend, December 8-9**. All orders not picked up will be available at the Rectory Office.

GIFT RETURNS: Please return all gifts for both the children and the shut-ins by **next weekend, December 15-16**. Thank you!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to help put together the shut-in packages on **Wednesday, December 19th at 8:15 PM**. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

PAGEANT PRACTICE:

- **Sunday, December 9 – after 10:30 Mass**
- **Sunday, December 16 – after 10:30 Mass**
- **Saturday, December 22 – 6:15 PM**

H.O.P.E. GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Christmas Party for all H.O.P.E. Group Members will be at the Smith's House on **Friday, December 21st at 7:00 PM**. For more info, please call Cynde @ 535-4287.



KIM SEIGH'S BOOK, PROSPECT HILL,

AVAILABLE: The book, Prospect Hill, written by our very own Kim Seigh, will be available for purchase after all Masses **next weekend, December 15-16**. The cost is \$20 and Kim will be available to sign the book for you. Kim is generously donating 20% of all books sold at the Church to Visitation Parish. This would make a great Christmas gift!

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS &

CAROLS: The Faith Communities of St. Columba and Ss. Casimir & Emerich will present *A Festival of Lessons & Carols* **next Sunday, December 16th** at 3:00 PM at Ss. Casimir & Emerich Church, 501 Power Street. Admission is free. All are welcome!



CHRISTMAS

CONCERT: The Igou Family String Ensemble from Somerset, PA, will present a concert of sacred music for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany **next Sunday, December 16th** at 1:00 PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Windber. The concert is open to the public. A donation will be taken up at the end of the concert.

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.



AREA BLOOD DRIVES

- **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.....