

Church of the Visitation

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 13, 2008

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY--WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Francis J. Denk
(Req. by Family & Friends)

TUESDAY--WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Ed Molchany
(Req. by Ron & Carole Vogel)

WEDNESDAY--WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

THURSDAY--ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

FRIDAY--WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Rita Egts
(Req. by Daughter, Angela Thompson)

SATURDAY--B.V.M.

11:00 A.M. Valley Pike Manor
Albert Sabo
(Req. by Linda & Ed Bowman)

4:00 P.M. Clare Correll
(Req. by John Correll)

SUNDAY--2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8:00 A.M. William Wellen
(Req. by Margie Giannone)
10:30 A.M. For Our Parish Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE: For the Safety of our
Troops serving in the Middle East

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.

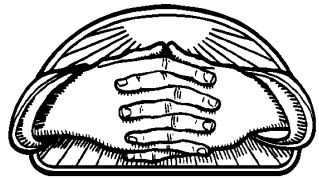
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Done after any
Sunday Mass when requested.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK:

Mon 1/14: 1 Samuel 1:1-8/Mark 1:14-20
Tue 1/15: 1 Samuel 1:9-20/Mark 1:21-28
Wed 1/16: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20/Mark 1:29-39
Thurs 1/17: 1 Samuel 4:1-11/Mark 1:40-45
Fri 1/18: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mark 2:1-12
Sat 1/19: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mark 2:13-17
Sun 1/20: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6/1 Corinthians 1:1-3/John 1:29-34

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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, Mary Ellen Friant, Doug Golias, Larry Grimm, Mary Ann Holtz, Mary Kist, George Krueger, Leonard Kucera, Betty Kuras, Mary Catherine Launtz, Heather Majoris, Rose Marchese, Loretta Meyers, Christopher New, Kim Petro, Helen Pohlit, Lorrie Polash, Jenny Poltrack, Eileen Rengh, Marion Saia, Stephen Sanders, Charlie Scaletta, 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 Practice
THUR 7:00 PM Parish/Finance Council Mtg.

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SERVERS: January 19-20

SAT 4:00 PM John & Shannon Valinsky
SUN 8:00 AM Aaron Skovensky & Gerry Smith
 10:30 AM Alex & Jimmy Haggerty

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: January 19-20

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

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

10:30 AM (Plate) J. Meszaros, D. Ceryak, D. Tedjeske
 (Cup) J. Kiser, M. Luna, L. Luna

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LECTORS: January 19-20

SAT 4:00 PM J. New
SUN 8:00 AM M. Flynn
 10:30 AM D. Ceryak

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GREETERS: January 19-20

SAT 4:00 PM (ST) C. Fuska (VP) Balagusz
SUN 8:00 AM (ST) Golias Family (VP) B. Rodgers
 10:30 AM (ST) J. Meszaros (VP) Johns Family

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INCOME

JANUARY 2-6, 2008

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3179.75
Initial Offering	136.00
Solemnity of Mary	113.00
Energy/Fuel	114.25
Christmas Offering	110.00
Catholic Education (envelopes)	6.00
Catholic Register	35.00
Gym Rental	40.00
Parking Lot Rent	<u>170.00</u>
Total	\$ 3904.00

2008 Christmas Club YTD Total: \$322.87

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR

PARISHIONERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

THIS WEEK January 14-20: Janet

Bishop, Carm Formica, Nick Gjurich, Mark Schiffhauer, Rebecca Bumbernick, Colleen Brady, Anthony DeMarco, Judith Harrigan, Mary Agnes Benford, Stella Callahan, Dorothy Kleinosky, Helen Pohlit, Leonard Russell, Paul Schmidt, Deborah Bimle

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!

CHURCH ENVELOPES: If you haven't picked up your **2008 box of Church envelopes**, please do so ASAP. They are located in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you! **A reminder to parents of school-age children that your child's box of envelopes is also available for pick up.**



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The **Tenth Grade** Confirmation Retreat will be held **this Sunday, January 13th** from 9:00-10:00 AM in the school classroom. This is the second part of the Parable Retreat and all students, both PRE & Bishop McCort, are to attend. The **Eleventh Grade** Confirmation Retreat will be held next **Sunday, January 20th** at St. Andrew School. We will meet in the back of the church to attend the 10:30 AM Liturgy. Lunch will be provided. The Retreat will end at 2:30 PM. All students, PRE & Bishop McCort, are to attend. Students will not have morning class on this day. These Retreats are **mandatory** for the Confirmation process. Thank you!

~Maureen Clark,

DRE



S.V.D.P. VISITATION CONFERENCE: Our Conference was busy

during 2007 with many home visits. The result was that our funds are below normal. Thanks to Father Baroni and the Thanksgiving Day collection, we are able to continue our efforts. Our Conference is one of only four covering the entire city. More conferences are needed but it seems there is no answer for this problem. Most of our money comes from the Poor Box located in the rear of the Church. Please look for this and continue to support our work when possible. Thank you!

~Skip Wissinger

CALENDAR PARTY MEETING SCHEDULED:

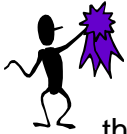
There will be a meeting for all table chairpersons for the upcoming Calendar Party **this Monday, January 14th** at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Assembly Room.



CHURCH DECORATIONS:

Volunteers are needed to help take down the Christmas decorations in the Church **this Thursday, January 17th** after the Prayer/Communion Service (around 8:30 AM). Any help would be greatly appreciated!

PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish & Finance Councils will meet this **Thursday, January 17th**, at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Assembly Room.



PRO-LIFE MONTH: I wish to thank the H.O.P.E. Group for distributing the Yellow Ribbons this year! This year will be the

most important time of our life. Very few of those running for office have respect for human life. Since 1973, fifty million babies have been slaughtered by abortion. How long will the Blessed Mother be able to hold her son's arms back from destroying the world?

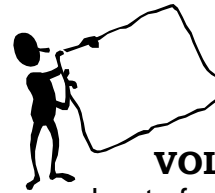
~Friend of the Unborn, Carl Mahan



MARCH FOR LIFE: Anyone interested in going to the March for Life in Washington, DC on

Tuesday, January 22nd is asked to call Chris @ 288-2530 or Pat @ 269-1470.

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.



SIGN UP SHEETS— VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Sign up sheets for workers and bakers for the next **Pancake Breakfast/Bake Sale** are located in the vestibule of the Church. We also need high school student and adult volunteers to help with the **Calendar Party**. Please sign up in the back of the Church if you are able to help out at either of these events. Thank you!

PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

REGISTRATION: St. Benedict School will hold registration for 3-year old and 4-year old Pre Kindergarten & Kindergarten **on Monday, February 4th and Tuesday February 5th** in the school office from 9-11:00 AM and 1-2:00 PM. Please call the school office at 266-3837, Ext. 201 for more information.

WINTER GALA: Back by popular demand! West End Catholic School is sponsoring a Winter Gala at Ace's Lounge on **Saturday, January 26th** from 7:00-11:00 PM. Evening will include a catered Ethnic Buffet provided by Ace's Catering, entertainment by DJ Dancin' Dan, and a Silent Auction (Steeler tickets, Sheetz Gas Card, Dinner Packages, Autograph Photos and much more!). This event is semi-formal with an admission of \$20 per person. For tickets or more information, please call the school office @ 536-4722.

SCRAP THE DAY AWAY! **Friday, February 1st** from 5:00 PM-Midnight and **Saturday, February 2nd** from 9:00 AM-Midnight at St. Andrew School, Benscreek. Shopping with Art-Tech Supplies, Creative Memories, and Scrap Booker's Bag. Registration is limited to the first 60 registrants for each day. Contact the school office @ 288-2811 for more information. Pre-registration is required!