

Church of the Visitation

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2008

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Carmella Falvo
(Req. by Friend, Gloria)

TUESDAY— ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. George Hirschberger
(Req. by Gloria & Jane Hirschberger)

WEDNESDAY—ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

THURSDAY—ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS

8:00 A.M. Joseph Martella, Sr.
(Req. by Family)

FRIDAY—ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

SATURDAY— ST. NICHOLAS

11:00 A.M. VALLEY PIKE MANOR
Albert Sabo
(Req. by Barbara Cozza)

4:00 P.M. Albert Reynolds, Jr.
(Req. by Family)

SUNDAY—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 A.M. Cecelia Hirschberger
(Req. by Gloria & Jane Hirschberger)
10:30 A.M. Our Parish Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In Memory of
Deceased Parishioners 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.

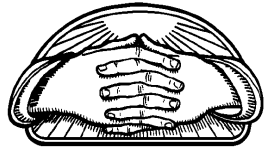
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Done after any
Sunday Mass when requested.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK:

Mon 12/1: Isaiah 2:1-5/Matthew 8:5-11
Tue 12/2: Isaiah 11:1-10/Luke 10:21-24
Wed 12/3: Isaiah 25:6-10a/Matthew 15:29-37
Thurs 12/4: Isaiah 26:1-6/Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Fri 12/5: Isaiah 29:17-24/Matthew 9:27-31
Sat 12/6: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun 12/7: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Peter 3:8-14/Mark 1:1-8

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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, Phyllis Brady, Jack Bulisok, Kathy Daley, Catherine Dirsch, Rita Dunegan, Debbie Ed, Msgr. George Flinn, Mary Ellen Friant, Doug Golias, Mary Ann Holtz, Mary Kist, George Krueger, Leonard Kucera, Betty Kuras, Mary Catherine Launtz, Steve Luther, Heather Majoris, Rose Marchese, Bob Mardis, Loretta Meyers, Anna Petro, Kim Petro, Helen Pohlit, Lorrie Polash, Jenny Poltrack, Eileen Rengh, Fr. William Rosenbaum, Marion Saia, Stephen Sanders, Charlie Scaletta, Helene Seth, Rose Sigg, Rita Spence, Claire Staib, Charlene Tarnowsky, Dan Vavrek, Ed Waddell, Rose Wiczorek

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WED 7:00 PM Choir
FRI 8:00 AM First Friday Mass
SAT 10 AM-6 PM St. Nick Toy Resale
SUN 9 AM-3 PM St. Nick Toy Resale

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SERVERS: December 6-7

SAT 4:00 PM Phillippa & Mia Rastall
SUN 8:00 AM Mitchell Smith & Aaron Skovensky
 10:30 AM Pauline Johncola & Matthew Johns
 6:00 PM Luke Corona & Frank Scarsella

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: December 6-7

SAT 4:00 PM (Plate) Ja. Bulisok, P. Balagusz, J. Correll
 (Cup) B. Tran, R. Sigg, L. Meyers

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

10:30 AM (Plate) B. Williams, W. Dolges, E. Vizzini
 (Cup) D. Tedjeske, J. Meszaros, C. Williams

6:00 PM H. Balagusz, D. Fallon, L. Meyers

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LECTORS: December 6-7

SAT 4:00 PM J. Correll
SUN 8:00 AM P. Barnhart
 10:30 AM W. Dolges
 6:00 PM R. Krumenacker

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GREETERS: December 6-7

SAT 4:00 PM (ST) J. & Ja. Bulisok
 (VP) Balagusz
SUN 8:00 AM (ST) M. Carney
 (VP) J. Kuswara
 10:30 AM (ST) Johns Family
 (VP) M. Wissinger

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INCOME

NOVEMBER 17-23, 2008

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3352.26
All Saints	10.00
Thanksgiving Day	115.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00
Christmas Offering	30.00
Energy/Fuel	90.00
Catholic Education (Envelopes)	30.00
Bulletin Ad for 2009	180.00
Gym Rental	200.00
Parking Lot Rent	<u>60.00</u>
Total	\$ 4077.26

2008 Christmas Club YTD Total: \$5533.75
Organ Fund Total: \$3410.00



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR

**PARISHIONERS WHO ARE
CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY**

THIS WEEK December 1-7: Carmela

Cascino, Joseph Croyle, Francis Keifline, Thomas Gahagan,

Albert LaMonaca, Emma Frieko,

Mary Mihalacki, Eva Scaletta, Helene Seth,

Clyde Waddell, Melissa Koontz,

Diane Kralik, Brian Krise, William Kuswara, Auhzia

Ptomey, Eileen Wagner,

Jennifer Preuss

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!



2008 VISITATION HOLIDAY

SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS: We are now on the 38th week of our 40-week Sweepstakes Ticket. Please check your records to make sure your ticket is paid up-to-date. **Any ticket holder who is delinquent for three consecutive weeks is ineligible to win prize money.** Don't miss out on the big money coming up in December! Thank you!



ST. NICK'S TOY RESALE DAY

VISITATION SCHOOL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

10:00 AM-6:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

COME BUY OR SELL GENTLY USED TOYS,
CLEAN AND IN WORKING CONDITION!

RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW BY
CALLING 535-4287

SELLERS KEEP 90% PROFIT IN TIME
FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND 10% IS
DONATED TO VISITATION CHURCH



VISITATION CHOIR—LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS:

Our Choir is looking for parishioners, young & old, to join us! We would like to have instruments *and* voices. All instruments are welcome. Don't worry if you feel your voice isn't the greatest because all voices blended together make it better than any one voice. Please consider joining us in the Choir Rehearsal Room Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 PM. We warm up Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Choir Room. God bless you in your consideration.

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A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS: The Faith Communities of St. Columba and Saints Casimir & Emerich present "A Festival of Lessons & Carols" on **Gaudete Sunday, December 14th** at 3:00 PM at St. Columba Church, 916 Broad Street. Admission is free!



OFF BROADWAY PRODUCTION:

The Bishop McCort Class of '62 is presenting an Off Broadway production of

"Sister's Christmas Catechism" on **Sunday, January 11, 2009** at 2:00 PM in the Guzzi Performing Arts Center at Bishop McCort High School. The cost of tickets is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Tickets are available at Westmont Garden Haven, Goucher Street; L.R. Flowerpot, Tire Hill; Ideal Market, Geistown; and Bishop McCort High School. For more information, please call 266-7755 or 255-6547. What a great Christmas gift this would make for someone on your list!!!!



ANNUAL SPANISH MASS: Bishop McCort High School announces that the Annual Spanish

Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated at 2:00 PM **next Sunday, December 7th** at St. Benedict Church, Geistown. Celebrant for the Mass will be Father David Bonarrigo, TOR. Spanish language students from Bishop McCort will actively participate in the Liturgy. The Mass is open to the public and will fulfill the obligation for the Second Sunday of Advent. Come join us for this celebration in honor of our Blessed Mother.

PRAISE & WORSHIP: The St. Clement Youth Ministry sponsors a monthly "Praise & Worship" time. This is a deeply spiritual event for both young & old and includes singing popular worship songs, prayer, and a witness talk or lesson. Our next event is **next Sunday, December 7th** at 6:00 PM. Hope to see you at St. Clement Church—all are welcome!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Bishop McCort's L'education en vogue, a club dedicated to the education of destitute

children, is sponsoring Breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 6th** at the Boulevard Grill, Johnstown and on **Saturday, December 13th** at The Inn at Georgian Place, Somerset. Breakfast buffet is from 9:00-11:30 AM. Get your picture taken with Santa for free (\$10 value!). Adults: \$15.00, Children (3-10): \$7.50, Children 2 and under eat free with paying adult. Come join us either day for a fun filled morning of pictures, pancakes, and presents! Tickets are available at The Boulevard Grill, The Inn at Georgian Place, or Bishop McCort High School.