

# *Church of the Visitation*

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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 7, 2008**

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

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **SUNDAY—VIGIL—IMMACUALTE CONCEPTION**

6:00 P.M. John McGrath, Sr.  
(Req. by Wife, Margaret)

#### **MONDAY—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

8:00 A.M. Living & Deceased Members of  
Suttmiller & Davidson Families  
(Req. by Romayne Davidson)

12:05 P.M. Colleen Moraca  
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)

#### **TUESDAY—ST. JUAN DIEGO**

8:00 A.M. Frank & Angeline Altimore  
(Req. by Francis & Betty Petro)

#### **WEDNESDAY—ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

#### **THURSDAY—ST. DAMASUS I, POPE**

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

#### **FRIDAY—OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

8:00 A.M. Samuel Paonessa  
(Req. by Family)

#### **SATURDAY—ST. LUCY**

11:00 A.M. VALLEY PIKE MANOR  
Margaret Livingston  
(Req. by M/M Mark Walker & Francesca)

4:00 P.M. John Sigg

(Req. by Wife, Rose)

#### **SUNDAY—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 A.M. Our Parish Family  
10:30 A.M. Bill & Becky Figura

#### **SANCTUARY CANDLE:** Birthday

Remembrance of John Lison, requested by  
Wife, Margie & Children

**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.

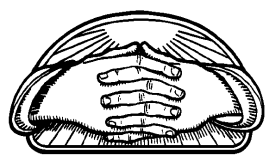
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** By appointment  
with the Pastor at least nine months prior to  
the date of marriage.

**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 12/8:** Genesis 3:9-15, 20/Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/Luke 1:26-38  
**Tue 12/9:** Isaiah 40:1-11/Matthew 18:12-14  
**Wed 12/10:** Isaiah 40:25-31/Matthew 11:28-30  
**Thurs 12/11:** Isaiah 41:13-20/Matthew 11:11-15  
**Fri 12/12:** Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47  
**Sat 12/13:** Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11/Matthew 17:9a, 10-13  
**Sun 12/14:** Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thessalonians 5:16-24/John 1:6-8, 19-28  
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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**

**SAT** 10 AM-6 PM St. Nick Toy Resale  
**SUN** 9 AM-3 PM St. Nick Toy Resale  
**WED** 7:00 PM Choir

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**SERVERS: December 13-14**

**SAT** 4:00 PM Alyshia & John Meyers  
**SUN** 8:00 AM Gerry Smith & Nick Gjurich  
 10:30 AM R.J. Slifko & Collin Layton

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: December 13-14**

**SAT** 4:00 PM (Plate) D. Vavrek, J. Bulisok, H. Balagusz (Cup) G. Fenik, D. Fallon, C. Fuska  
**SUN** 8:00 AM (Plate) B. Kuras, A. Reynolds, K. Carney (Cup) M. Clark, B. New, T. Golias  
 10:30 AM (Plate) E. Vizzini, J. Meszaros, D. Tedjeske (Cup) L. Luna, M. Luna, B. Benford  
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**LECTORS: December 13-14**

**SAT** 4:00 PM P. Balagusz  
**SUN** 8:00 AM R. Krumenacker  
 10:30 AM L. Luna  
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**GREETERS: December 13-14**

**SAT** 4:00 PM (ST) Balagusz (VP) J. & Ja. Bulisok  
**SUN** 8:00 AM (ST) K. Carney (VP) Golias Family  
 10:30 AM (ST) E. & C. Barto (VP) L. Bukowski  
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**INCOME**

**NOVEMBER 24-30, 2008**

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3092.25
All Saints	5.00
Triduum	5.00
Immaculate Conception	2.00
Christmas Offering	75.00
Christmas Flowers	35.00
Energy/Fuel	8.00
Catholic Education (Envelopes)	22.00
Bulletin Ad for 2009	400.00
Perquisites (Gdanitz/Torchia funerals)	150.00
Bequest (In Memory of Sue Gdanitz)	55.00
Gym Rental	620.00
Parking Lot Rent	<u>280.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4749.25</b>

**2008 Christmas Club YTD Total: \$5631.75**  
**Organ Fund Total: \$3410.00**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR

**PARISHIONERS WHO ARE  
CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY**

**THIS WEEK December 8-14:** Samuel

Brunetto, Maureen Conway, Phillip Kniss,  
Raymond Litzinger, Lonnie Luna, Mary Luna, John  
Lynch, Joseph Taresco, John Bair, Delaney  
Conway, Patrick Martella, Edward Stofko, James  
Wenderoth, Esperanza Bair, Janet Skovensky,  
Mary Tran

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**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.

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**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!



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## 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!



## ST. NICK'S TOY RESALE DAY

VISITATION SCHOOL

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**10:00 AM-6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00 AM-3:00 PM**

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

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**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO OUR ANONYMOUS ROSARY MAKER!** I have sent your handmade Rosaries to Our Lady's Rosary Makers in Louisville, KY. We received the following note back from them:

Thank you so much for your generous gift of Mission Rosaries. All handmade Rosaries are so much appreciated by the recipients. With so many appeals coming in daily you can be sure that every Rosary you send will be placed in the hands of someone that otherwise may never have a Rosary of their own. There are so many appeals from our Catholic brothers and sisters around the world that are in need of your handmade Rosary. You may never know about your deeds of kindness in this world, but eternity will tell the story. God bless and keep you forever.



**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** This Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate

Conception. Mass times are as follows: Sunday evening at 6:00; Monday at 8:00 AM & 12:05 PM. Please remember that the Sunday evening Mass **will not** count for both the Sunday and the holy day obligation.

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**REFLECTION BOOKLETS FOR ADVENT:**

Please take one of the Advent Reflection Booklets located in the vestibule of the Church and at the side exits.

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Thank you to the following who have helped in the kitchen and dining room at the funeral dinners:

Flo Cabo, Polly Molchany, Helen Hostensky, Joanne Slater, Donna Straczek, Mary Ann Wissinger, Tony DeMarco, John & Cha Cha Bair, Gayle Krumenacker, and Cathy Fuska. Your help is greatly appreciated! God Bless You!

Father Baroni & Rita DeMarco

P.S. We are sorry if you helped out and we forgot to list your name!



**CHRISTMAS COOKIE**

**TRAYS:** St. Rochus Parish will be selling Christmas Cookie Trays (Large tray/4 dozen \$15;

Small tray/2 dozen \$7.50) and Holiday Rolls (nut, nut with raisin, poppy seed, poppy seed with raisin, & apricot) in their Church Hall on Chestnut

Street on **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** starting at 9:00 AM.

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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 14<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 PM at St. Columba Church, 916 Broad Street. Admission is free!

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**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!!!!

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**LASAGNA & MEATLOAF DINNER:**

The Church of the Transfiguration, 201 Third Street, Conemaugh, is sponsoring a Lasagna & Meatloaf Dinner **this Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Adults/\$8.00; Children 12 & under/\$3.50. Take outs are available by calling 535-2698 to place an order.

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

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**AN INVITATION FROM  
OUR  
MOTHER OF**

**SORROWS:** Please join us  
for our 5th Annual Cookie  
Sale at the Parish

Hall, Tioga Street, Westmont,

on **Saturday, December 13th** from 1:00-7:00 PM  
and **Sunday, December 14th** from 9:00 AM-1:00  
PM. Assorted cookies @ \$5.00 a dozen will be  
available both days of the sale. **Gourmet Cookie  
Sampler Trays** at 3 dozen for \$15 & 6 dozen for  
\$30 **should be reserved** by calling 255-1188 or  
255-5302 **by December 7th**. All cookies were  
made by parish members who shared their talents  
to create a unique gift which we will share with our  
community. Thank you and God bless.

Clare Furnary and Elsie Kukura

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**ADVENT CONCERT:** The Greater Johnstown  
Diocesan Festival Choir and String Ensemble  
along with the Hilltop Brass will present an Advent  
Concert on **Saturday, December 20th** at 7:00 PM  
at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Works by Saint-  
Saens, Rutter, and Handel will be performed.  
Admission is free.

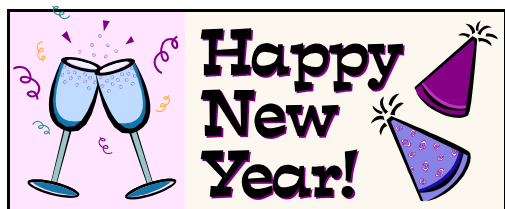
Del's 2001 Caterers) at 8:00 PM and  
Dancing from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM. Dinner  
includes Garden Tossed Salad, Carved  
Black Angus Beef au jus, Chicken Cordon  
Blue, Parsley Potatoes, Fresh Green Bean  
Almondine, Dessert Assortment, coffee &  
tea. Music provided by D.J. Dancin' Dan.  
Tickets are \$40/person and includes all of  
the above plus soda, beer, snacks, and hot  
dogs & sauerkraut at Midnight. For  
reservations, call Paula Kline @ 467-9180  
or the Parish Office @ 266-9718, Ext. 101.  
Limited seating available.

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**NOCTURNAL ADORATION:** The next  
Nocturnal Adoration will be held at St.  
Francis Church, Barron Avenue, on  
**Thursday, January 1st**. The time for  
Visitation parishioners is 7-8 PM.

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**CHRISTIAN CONCERT:** Chris Tomlin, a  
popular Christian singer/songwriter is  
performing a concert as part of his Hello  
Love Tour with special guests Israel  
Houghton and New Breed at the Bryce  
Jordan Center at Penn state on **Tuesday,  
January 27th**. Tickets are \$23.50 or  
\$29.50. The St. Clement Youth Ministry  
would like to sponsor a bus and need at  
least 48 people for the bus. If you are  
interested, please call Karen @ 255-4422  
ASAP or e-mail her at  
[kswood@atlanticbb.net](mailto:kswood@atlanticbb.net).



**NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER/DANCE:** St.  
Benedict Church, Geistown, is sponsoring a New  
Year's Eve Dinner/Dance on **Wednesday,  
December 31st** in the School Hall. Doors open at  
6:30 PM, Appetizers (Fresh Fruit, Cheese Ball &  
Crackers) at 7:00 PM, Dinner (Catered by Joey