

# *Church of the Visitation*

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## **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 14, 2008**

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

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **MONDAY— ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8:00 A.M. Frances Novello  
(Req. by Jack & Cheryl Tomkosky)

#### **TUESDAY— ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8:00 A.M. Living & Deceased Members  
of the Correll & Gennett Families  
(Req. by John Correll)

#### **WEDNESDAY—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

#### **THURSDAY—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8:00 A.M. Marcel Hostensky  
(Req. by Helen & Family)

#### **FRIDAY—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8:00 A.M. Crystal Ryan  
(Req. by M/M Steve Torchia)

#### **SATURDAY— LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

11:00 A.M. VALLEY PIKE MANOR  
Eugene Baroni  
(Req. by Pam Petrusic)

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

#### **SUNDAY—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 A.M. Robert Garanich  
(Req. by Wife & Children)

10:30 A.M. Our Parish Family

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** In Memory of Michael & Kenneth Kozak, requested by Elizabeth Kozak & family

**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.

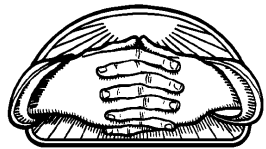
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** By appointment with the Pastor at least nine months prior to the date of marriage.

**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 12/15:** Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a/Matthew 21:23-27  
**Tue 12/16:** Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13/Matthew 21:28-32  
**Wed 12/17:** Genesis 49:2, 8-10/Matthew 1:1-17  
**Thurs 12/18:** Jeremiah 23:5-8/Matthew 1:18-25  
**Fri 12/19:** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/Luke 1:5-25  
**Sat 12/20:** Isaiah 7:10-14/Luke 1:26-38  
**Sun 12/21:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Romans 16:25-27/Luke 1:26-38  
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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**

**SUN** 5:30 PM Penance Service  
**WED** 7:00 PM Choir

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**SERVERS: December 20-21**

**SAT** 4:00 PM Bradley & Noah Rastall  
**SUN** 8:00 AM Mitchell Smith & Cletus McConville  
10:30 AM Alex & Jimmy Haggerty

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE**

**EUCCHARIST: December 20-21**

**SAT** 4:00 PM (Plate) J. Bulisok, J. Correll, H. Balagusz  
(Cup) D. Vavrek, J. New, B. Tran

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

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

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**LECTORS: December 20-21**

**SAT** 4:00 PM J. Correll  
**SUN** 8:00 AM P. Barnhart  
10:30 AM E. Vizzini

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**GREETERS: December 20-21**

**SAT** 4:00 PM (ST) Balagusz  
(VP) J. & Ja. Bulisok  
**SUN** 8:00 AM (ST) J. Kuswara  
(VP) Golias Family  
10:30 AM (ST) Johncola Family  
(VP) J. Benford

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**INCOME**

**DECEMBER 1-7, 2008**

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3702.01
Immaculate Conception	376.95
Christmas Offering	90.00
Christmas Flowers	152.00
Energy/Fuel	115.00
Catholic Education (Envelopes)	16.00
Bequest (In Memory of Sue Gdanitz)	245.00
Apartment Rent	350.00
Gym Rental	113.00
Parking Lot Rent	<u>230.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5389.96</b>

**2008 Christmas Club YTD Total: \$5779.26**  
**Organ Fund Total: \$3410.00**

**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 15-21:** John Sroka, Susan Wachs, Elaine Catalfamo, Irene Chovanec, John Correll, Patrick Formica, James Golias, Jacqueline Kuswara, Nicholas Pappas, Isabella Garanich, Eric Vizzini, Robert Bambino, Jacob Corona, Eric Garanich, Victoria Kelly, Andrew Nosko

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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!



## 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!



## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Congratulations to the First Communion Class. They have taken their first step in the journey to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. They made their First Reconciliation on Friday, December 12, 2008. The students are **Andrew Homyak, Nathan Homyak, Amanda Martella, Sarah McConville, Sydney Podrebarac, Joseph Staib, Jessica Stuer, Brent Swaltek, and Noah Zibura**. Please support them with your prayers until they make their First Communion after Easter.

Pat Balagusz, Helen Balagusz and Maureen Clark, DRE

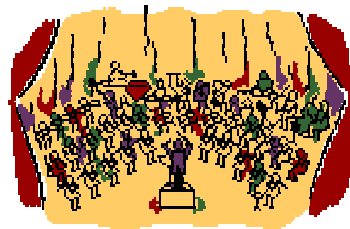
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## REFLECTION BOOKLETS FOR

**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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**ADVENT CONCERT:** The Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and String

Ensemble along with the Hilltop Brass will present an Advent Concert on **Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Works by Saint-Saens, Rutter, and Handel will be performed. Admission is free.

**2009 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please pick up your **2009 offertory envelopes, both adult and school-aged children**, located inside the Church. As you come into the Church from the vestibule, those whose last names begin A-K, your envelopes can be found on the right-hand side and those whose last names begin L-Z can pick up your envelopes on the left-hand side.

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**S.V.D.P. VISITATION CONFERENCE:** First of all, thank you for your great response to our food drive! Also, thanks for your donations at Thanksgiving. The people from the pantry located at St. Clement were thrilled at the amount of food they received! We are still making our home visits. Recently, we made one in which the recipients were really in need and very grateful. Thanks, also, to Father Baroni for his support in many ways. We still need financial help when possible. This can be done through our Poor Box located in the vestibule. Flyers will be available in the back of the Church for Applebee's Restaurant. On **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**, we will be rewarded with 15 percent of the bill when you present the flyer when paying.

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**THE GREATEST GIFT:**

"And the greatest gift is love." Husbands and wives, the most precious gift that you give to each other is your love. Why not renew your love with the experience of a Marriage Encounter Weekend? It's a perfect Christmas gift. The Marriage Encounter Weekend is intended for couples with good marriages. It provides the opportunity to look at your relationship in an atmosphere of privacy and gives you a chance to give thanks for the gift of your lover, something that most of us don't take the time to do often enough.

The weekend is at the beautiful Toftrees Resort in State College **February 13-15, 2009**. Register by January 23rd for a \$10 discount on the registration fee. Call 1-412-635-7775 for details.



**NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER/DANCE:**

St. Benedict Church, Geistown, is sponsoring a New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance on **Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** in the School Hall. Doors open at 6:30 PM, Appetizers (Fresh Fruit, Cheese Ball & Crackers) at 7:00 PM, Dinner (Catered by Joey 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 1<sup>st</sup>**. The time for Visitation parishioners is 7-8 PM.

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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!!!!