

# *Church of the Visitation*

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

***December 21, 2008***

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

### ***MASS SCHEDULE***

#### **MONDAY— LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8:00 A.M. Steve & Sue Petrusic  
(Req. by Jeff & Mary Figura)

#### **TUESDAY— ST. JOHN OF KANTY**

8:00 A.M. Kathy Pohlit-Flaherty  
(Req. by Parents)

#### **WEDNESDAY—VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS**

4:00 P.M. Children's Mass

8:00 P.M. Christmas Vigil Mass

#### **THURSDAY—NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

9:00 A.M. Christmas Day Mass

#### **FRIDAY—ST. STEPHEN, MARTYR**

8:00 A.M. Donald Dillon  
(Req. by Wife, Dorothy)

#### **SATURDAY— ST. JOHN, APOSTLE**

11:00 A.M. VALLEY PIKE MANOR  
Nina Kane  
(Req. by Grace Duca)

4:00 P.M. Eugene & Margie Baroni  
(Req. by Son)

#### **SUNDAY—HOLY FAMILY**

8:00 A.M. Ida & Charles Machowski  
(Req. by Shirley Machowski)

10:30 A.M. Our Parish Family

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** In Memory of All  
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.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK:**

**Mon 12/22:** 1 Samuel 1:24-28/Luke 1:46-56  
**Tue 12/23:** Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/Luke 1:57-66  
**Wed 12/24:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Luke 1:67-79  
**Thurs 12/25:** Isaiah 52:7-10/Hebrews 1:1-6/John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
**Fri 12/26:** Acts 6-8:10; 7:54-59  
**Sat 12/27:** 1 John 1:1-4/John 20:1a, 2-8  
**Sun 12/28:** Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14 or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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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 Wieczorek

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**WED** 4:00 PM Children's Mass  
 8:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass  
**THUR** 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

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**SERVERS: December 24-25/27-28**

**WED** 4:00 PM John & Shannon Valinsky  
 8:00 PM Luke Corona & John Meyers  
**THUR** 9:00 AM Aaron Skovensky  
**SAT** 4:00 PM John & Shannon Valinsky  
**SUN** 8:00 AM Gerry Smith & Aaron Skovensky  
 10:30 AM Autumn McClain & George Cyburt

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: December 24-25/27-28**

**WED** 4:00 PM (Plate) K. Carney, Ja. Bulisok, Balagusz  
 (Cup) M. Carney, L. Meyers, M. Clark  
 8:00 PM (Plate) B. Kuras, D. Vavrek, D. Fallon  
 (Cup) N. Vavrek, J. Correll, Balagusz  
**THUR** 9:00 AM (Plate) B. New, B. Williams, C. Barto  
 (Cup) J. Kiser, B. Benford, J. Meszaros

**SAT** 4:00 PM (Plate) D. Vavrek, J. Bulisok, H. Balagusz  
 (Cup) J. New, D. Fallon, G. Fenik

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

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

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**LECTORS: December 24-25/27-28**

**WED** 4:00 PM S. Valinsky/M. Smith  
 8:00 PM W. Dolges  
**THUR** 9:00 AM J. New  
**SAT** 4:00 PM P. Balagusz  
**SUN** 8:00 AM R. Krumenacker  
 10:30 AM J. Luberto

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**GREETERS: December 27-28**

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

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**INCOME**

**DECEMBER 8-14, 2008**

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3633.11
Immaculate Conception	443.00
Christmas Offering	165.00
Christmas Flowers	304.00
Energy/Fuel	158.00
Catholic Education (Envelopes)	5.00
Extraordinary Donation	2000.00
Gym Rental	180.00
Parking Lot Rent	<u>30.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6918.11</b>

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR

## PARISHIONERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

**THIS WEEK December 22-28:** Sara

Johns, Aaron Skovensky, Marion Sroka, Carole Barto, Geno LaMonaca, Scott Lorditch, Phillippa Rastall, Patricia Bernardo, Mary Byrne, Mary Flowers, Rose Marie Martella, Noah Rastall, Jean New, Joseph Ragno, Jr., Rosemary Kiser, Lynne Koontz, Joanne Ostrich, Gloria Rager, Richard Adams, Lois Slivinsky

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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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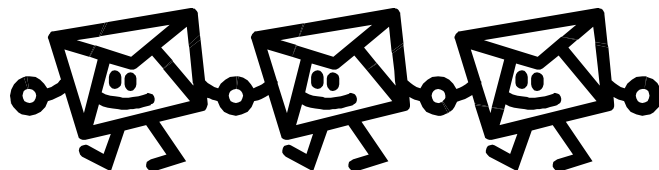
**SILENT PRAYER GROUP:** Our parish has a group of people who will earnestly pray for any needs you might have. This is a telephone prayer chain. If you have a special need about which you need prayer, call Pat @ 539-7928 or the Rectory Office @ 536-6110. State first name of person in need and the intention 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!



### 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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### CHURCH DECORATING— HELP NEEDED!

Help is needed to decorate the Church

for Christmas **this Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** after the 8 AM Mass. Any time you could give would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

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### S.V.D.P. VISITATION CONFERENCE:

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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### ESSAY CONTEST:

Citizens Concerned for Human Life is sponsoring an Essay Contest and an

Oratory Contest for teens. Write an essay or prepare a 5 to 7 minute talk on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research from a pro-life prospective. First, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place prizes are \$200, \$100 & \$50 for Senior High and \$150, \$75 & \$50 for Junior High. Go to [www.ProLifeCambriaSomerset.org](http://www.ProLifeCambriaSomerset.org) for details, ideas and a wealth of information. **Deadline is Friday, January 9, 2009.**



**CONGRATULATIONS!** to Shannon Valinsky, a Senior at Bishop McCort High School, who has answered the call to be a Reader at Sunday Masses. We are so proud of you for stepping forward. God Bless You!



**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.



**SALVATION ARMY:** I WISH TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO RANG THE BELL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY ON DECEMBER 5th AT THE GALLERIA MALL. I AM SURE THAT MANY FAMILIES WILL HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS BECAUSE OF US.

Carl Mahan



**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.



**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.



**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!!!!