

# *Church of the Visitation*

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## **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 15, 2009**

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

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **MONDAY— LENTEN WEEKDAY**

8:00 A.M. Forrest Barnhart, Jr.  
(Req. by Barnhart Family)

#### **TUESDAY— ST. PATRICK**

8:00 A.M. Aurelia Riddell  
(Req. by Gloria)

#### **WEDNESDAY—ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM**

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

#### **THURSDAY—ST. JOSEPH**

8:00 A.M. Clair Staib  
(Req. by Family)

#### **FRIDAY— LENTEN WEEKDAY**

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

#### **7:00 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

#### **SATURDAY— LENTEN WEEKDAY**

11:00 A.M. VALLEY PIKE MANOR  
Al & Helen Babal  
(Req. by Karen Soares)

4:00 P.M. Special Intention

#### **SUNDAY—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00 A.M. Our Parish Family  
10:30 A.M. Louise Koscienski  
(Req. by Ron & Barb Facciani)

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** In Memory of Aurelia Riddell, req. by Gloria

**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 3/16:** 2 Kings 5:1-15ab/Luke 4:24-30

**Tue 3/17:** Daniel 3:25, 34-43/Matthew 18:21-35

**Wed 3/18:** Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/Matthew 5:17-19

**Thurs 3/19:** 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22/Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

**Fri 3/20:** Hosea 14:2-10/Mark 12:28-34

**Sat 3/21:** Hosea 6:1-6/Luke 18:9-14

**Sun 3/22:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23/Ephesians 2:4-10/John 3:14-21

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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, Msgr. George Flinn, Pat Foster, Mary Ellen Friant, Doug Golias, Mary Ann Holtz, Mary Kist, George Krueger, Leonard Kucera, Betty Kuras, Mary Catherine Launtz, Heather Majoris, 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, Charlene Tarnowsky, Dan Vavrek, Ed Waddell, Rose Wiczorek

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**WED** 7:00 PM Choir Practice  
**THUR** 7:00 PM Parish/Finance Council Mtg.  
**FRI** 3-7 PM Fish Fry/Pizza Sale  
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

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**SERVERS: Mar. 20/21-22**

**FRI** 7:00 PM Alyshia & John Meyers

**SAT** 4:00 PM Bradley & Noah Rastall

**SUN** 8:00 AM Katie Wilson & Mitchell Smith

10:30 AM R.J. Slifko & Jimmy Haggerty

**LECTORS: March 21-22**

**SAT** 4:00 PM J. Correll

**SUN** 8:00 AM P. Barnhart  
 10:30 AM L. Luna

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**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: March 21-22**

**SAT** 4:00 PM (Plate) G. Fenik, D. Vavrek, J. Bulisok  
 (Cup) H. Balagusz, L. Meyers, C. Fuska

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

10:30 AM (Plate) M. Luna, C. Williams, L. Luna  
 (Cup) W. Dolges, T. LaMonaca, E. Vizzini

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**GREETERS: March 21-22**

**SAT** 4:00 PM (ST) C. Fuska  
 (VP) J. & Ja. Bulisok

**SUN** 8:00 AM (ST) B. Rodgers  
 (VP) Golias Family  
 10:30 AM (ST) W. Dolges & Family  
 (VP) M. Wissinger

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**INCOME**

**MARCH 2-8, 2009**

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3362.55
Ash Wednesday	22.00
Easter Flowers	5.00
Energy/Fuel	151.00
Catholic Education (Envelopes)	25.00
Initial Offering	10.00
Gym Rental	20.00
Parking Lot Rent	<u>485.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4080.55</b>

**2009 Christmas Club YTD Total: \$1299.70**  
**Organ Fund Total: \$3585.00**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR

**PARISHIONERS WHO ARE  
CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY**

**THIS WEEK March 16-22:** Melissa

Carlson, Marlene Gahagan, Linda Garanich, Rose Perry, Joseph Facciani, Lauren Crum, Katie Fetzko, Carol Houghton, Victor Kleinosky, James Muir, Lynn Carlson, Raymond Casavant, Joann Mahan, Betty Petrosky, James Rovon, Robert Cotchen, Sheri Durst, Valerie Gjurich, Andrea Nosko, Alex Stofko, Edward Stofko, Jr., Eric Koontz, Caitlin Scholly, Michael Frieko, Mary Loebrich, Vincent Pickerill

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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!



## VISITATION HOLIDAY SWEEPSTAKES

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!! HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR TICKET? THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RETURNED THEIR TICKET MAY STILL DO SO. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE AFTER MASS OR AT THE RECTORY OFFICE. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR VISITATION PARISH. THANK YOU!**

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*\*WINNING NUMBER DETERMINED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA DAILY LOTTERY NUMBER DRAWN AT 7 PM MON-SAT.*

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### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF MARCH:

- **March 15<sup>th</sup>** – Class/9<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat/The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade will attend the 8:00 Liturgy together with a Retreat to follow until 10:00 AM.
- **March 21<sup>st</sup>** – Mass of Blessing for First Eucharist at the 4:00 Liturgy
- **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Class
- **March 29<sup>th</sup>** – Class

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

## VISITATION CHURCH



### SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND

8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

ADULTS: \$4.00

CHILDREN (12 & under): \$2.00

MENU INCLUDES PANCAKES  
W/STRAWBERRIES & WHIPPED CREAM,  
SAUSAGE, EGGS, JUICE, & COFFEE.  
CHOCOLATE CHIP PANCAKES WILL ALSO  
BE AVAILABLE!

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule for those who would like to help out at the Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please sign up today if you can help in any way.

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### **DONATIONS NEEDED— LITTLE ANGEL LEARNING CENTER:**

Due to opening a new room for toddlers, the Little Angel Learning Center is accepting donations of new or gently used toddler toys. Please bring any

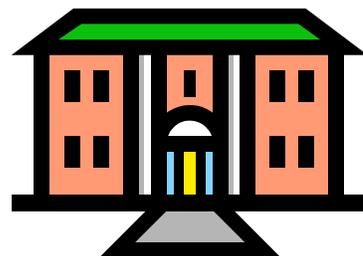
donations to the school during the day Monday thru Friday.

**VISITATION HAM RAFFLE:** The Visitation Ham Raffle will take place on **Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 Mass.** Tickets were in last week's bulletin. Extra tickets are available at the side exits and in the vestibule of the Church. Please make returns by Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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**PARISH REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED:** Bishop Joseph Adamec has selected **Saturday, October 3, 2009** as the date of the next Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. A representative from each parish is needed to be responsible for the bus reservations, scheduling, advertising and technicalities of the trip so that Rev. Turnbull can contact them directly rather than the parish clergy. If you are interested, please contact Father Baroni @ 536-6110, Ext. 2.

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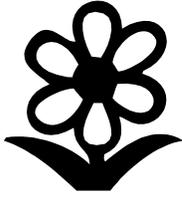


**VALLEY PIKE MANOR:** The Valley Pike Manor, 1029 Franklin Street, has apartments available for elderly and physically disabled persons. Rent adjusted to income. Please call 536-1710 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity.

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**NOVENA:** St. Andrew Church will hold its Annual Novena to the Infant of Prague beginning **this Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> to Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Novena Devotions (Mass) each evening at 7:00 PM. Confessions will be heard each evening after devotions. All are welcome.



## CALENDAR PARTY

### VISITATION CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>

2:00 PM

Visitation School Gym

**ADMISSION: \$12.00**  
**(includes hot lunch)**

**LOTS OF CHANCES TO WIN  
GREAT PRIZES!**

**FOR TICKETS OR MORE  
INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL  
MELISSA @ 255-1300**

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**LENTEN AFTERNOON:** St. John Gualbert Cathedral Parish extends an invitation to attend a Lenten Afternoon with Msgr. Michael Becker **NEXT Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 2-4 PM in the Activity Center. Have you ever wondered what St. Paul's life entailed? Come join us as we welcome Msgr. Michael Becker from St. Michael Parish as he enlightens us about St. Paul's importance to the Catholic Church and to us! Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

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**BASKET PARTY:** St. Patrick School is hosting a Basket Party on **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Doors open at 12:30 PM with drawings beginning at 2:00 PM. Cost is \$5.00 per ticket which includes 25 chances on the baskets, chance on door prizes and a light lunch. Extra chance tickets will be available for purchase. For tickets, please call the school office @ 535-2926.



### **MEN'S DAY OF PRAYER &**

**REFLECTION:** Bishop McCort's Men's Day of Prayer and Reflection will be held on **Sunday, March 22, 2009**. The morning of praise, fellowship and inspiration will feature Fr. Gabriel Zeis, TOR, President of Saint Francis University and Artrell Hawkins, our keynote speaker.

The morning will begin in the Guzzi Performing Arts Center of Bishop McCort High School with Mass at 9:30 AM. Immediately following the liturgical celebration, a continental breakfast social will be held in the gymnasium. At approximately 11:30 AM, everyone will re-assemble in the auditorium to hear Artrell Hawkins speak.

Fr. Gabriel will be the principal celebrant at the 9:30 AM Liturgy. Fr. Gabriel is an inspirational speaker who will lead our first-ever Men's Day of Prayer Liturgy. Artrell Hawkins, a McCort alumnus and retired professional football player, will address the assembly after the continental breakfast. Artrell Hawkins played for the New England Patriots, Carolina Panthers and the Cincinnati Bengals. Artrell will speak about how faith and family have influenced his decision-making process and, ultimately, his life.

This is a wonderful opportunity for fathers, sons, brothers and grandfathers to worship together and to share each other's company. It is our hope that this first-ever Day of Prayer and Reflection will be very well attended by our students and their families.