

Church of the Visitation

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2009

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— ST. ANDREW

8:00 A.M. David Seidel

(Req. by Bill & Mary Ellen Maestra)

TUESDAY— ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Marie Catanese

(Req. by Cathy Fuska)

WEDNESDAY—ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

THURSDAY—ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

8:00 A.M. Virginia Burkhart

(Req. by Jean Scarsella)

FRIDAY— ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS

8:00 A.M. The Unborn

(Req. by Pro-Life Group)

SATURDAY—ADVENT WEEKDAY

11:00 A.M. VALLEY PIKE MANOR

Ernie Samo

(Req. by Elizabeth Mizak)

4:00 P.M. William & Mary Agnes Benford

(Req. by Jack & Janet Bulisok)

SUNDAY—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 A.M. Al Reynolds, Jr.

(Req. by Family)

10:30 A.M. For 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR

**PARISHIONERS WHO ARE
CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY
THIS WEEK November 30-**

December 6: Anne Kucera, Jean Skovensky, Luke Wenderoth, Germaine Zemba, Carmela Cascino, 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

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. **If you like to join this special ministry, please call the Rectory Office.** Thank you!



We will
gladly pray for them. **If you would**

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!

FINAL TWO WEEKS—2009 VISITATION HOLIDAY SWEEPSTAKES



TICKETS: We are now on the 39th 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 NEXT WEEK! Thank you & good luck!

2009 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:

Since we are still below our parish's ACA goal by **\$6059**, the Diocesan Development Office has offered to mail year-end requests to parishioners over the next few weeks. Please be as generous as your circumstances allow, giving pause to remember the blessings in your life that God has showered upon you. All "over goal" receipts will be used to pay for the roof repairs to the church and school.

PENGUIN TICKETS GIVEAWAY: The HOPE Group is selling the following ticket:

The winner will receive two tickets to the last Penguin game ever to be played at the Mellon Arena. It is Fan Appreciation Night which means you have a chance to win an autographed Penguin jersey! If you would like to buy or sell these tickets, please call Jeff Smith @ 535-4287.

ADVENT BOOKLETS: Advent Booklets, "Five Minutes with the Word", are available in the vestibule and at the side exits of the Church. It is our prayer that this little booklet can help you "take up and read" the Scriptures this Advent. Every day there is a meditation based on the Mass readings that can help inspire you, encourage you, and bring you closer to God.

26th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY: First Presbyterian Church, 309 Lincoln Street, on **Friday & Saturday, December 4th & 5th from 6:30-9:00 PM and on Sunday, December 6th from 1:15-3:30 PM and 6:30-9:00 PM.** Featuring: Bell Choirs, Church Choirs, Johnstown Reed Band, Nativity Displays, Creches and Art Works.

**Cathedral Catholic Academy
Pancake Breakfast**



At Saint Clement Church

Saturday, December 5TH

7:00 AM to 12:00 noon

Adults - \$4.50

Children - 12 and under - \$2.50

Santa Visit 9:30-10:30 AM

Everyone welcome!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

&

COOKIE WALK



ST. ANDREW SCHOOL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

9 AM - 1 PM

ADULTS - \$5.00

CHILDREN - \$3.00

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:

Visitation's Advent Penance Service will take place on **Sunday, December 13th** at 5:00 PM. Please make plans now to attend.

2ND ANNUAL VENDORS GALORE FOR THE CURE: Wednesday, December 2nd

from 5:30-8:00 PM at the Windber Research Institute. \$6.00 Admission includes desserts, punch and door prize chances! Vendors include Avon, MaryKay Cosmetics, Pampered Chef, lia sophia, Anthony's Restaurant, Pink Papaya, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple, Premier Jewelry, Country Wood Crafts, Tupperware and Close to My Heart Scrapbooking. All proceeds benefit the Windber Research Institute Endowment Fund which helps support breast cancer research at the institute.

ANNUAL SPANISH MASS: Bishop McCort High School will hold the Annual Spanish Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Benedict Church, Geistown, on **Sunday, December 6th** at 2:00 PM. 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 and join us for this celebration in honor of our Blessed Mother!

MEATLOAF/LASAGNA DINNER: The Church of the Transfiguration, Conemaugh, will hold a Meatloaf/Lasagna Dinner **next Sunday, December 6th** 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. All are welcome!