

Church of the Visitation

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2009

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

8:00 A.M. Christopher New
(Req. by Family)

TUESDAY— ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Paul Weaver
(Req. by Wife, Mary Ann)

WEDNESDAY—ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

THURSDAY—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Helen Guydo
(Req. by Brother, Joe)

FRIDAY— LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Joseph Martella, Sr.
(Req. by Family)

SATURDAY—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

11:00 A.M. VALLEY PIKE MANOR
Richard Akers
(Req. by Leo Klug)
4:00 P.M. George & Catherine Petro
(Req. by Francis & Betty Petro)

SUNDAY—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 A.M. For Our Parish Family
10:30 A.M. Bill & Becky Figura
(Req. by 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK:

Mon 12/14: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a/Matthew 21:23-27
Tue 12/15: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13/Matthew 21:28-32
Wed 12/16: Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Luke 7:18b-23
Thurs 12/17: Genesis 49:2, 8-10/Matthew 1:1-17
Fri 12/18: Jeremiah 23:5-8/Matthew 1:18-25
Sat 12/19: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/Luke 1:5-25
Sun 12/20: Micah 5:1-4a/Hebrews 10:5-10/Luke 1:39-45



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, Patty Blough, Phyllis Brady, Jack Bulisok, Flo Cabo, Kathy Daley, Frank Daly, Catherine Dirsch, Rita Dunegan, Doug Golias, Marie Havel, Mary Ann Holtz, Bertha Hughes, Mary Kist, Elizabeth Kozak, Anne Kucera, Leonard Kucera, Betty Kuras, John Kurtz, Mary Catherine Launtz, Heather Majoris, Bob Mardis, James McCaffrey, Elizabeth Mekis, Loretta Meyers, Elizabeth Mizak, Anna Petro, Kim Petro, Helen Pohlit, Lorrie Polash, Jenny Poltrack, Eileen Rengh, Fr. William Rosenbaum, Marion Saia, Maria (Petro) Sanders, Stephen Sanders, Charlie Scaletta, Helene Seth, Rose Sigg, Rita Spence, Brent Swaltek, Charlene Tarnowsky, Fr. Paul Turnbull, Dan Vavrek, Ed Waddell, Rose Wieczorek

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUN 5:00 PM Penance Service
MON 7:00 PM Pageant Rehearsal
WED 7:00 PM Choir

SERVERS: December 19-20

SAT 4:00 PM Phillipa & Mia Rastall
SUN 8:00 AM Aaron Skovensky
 10:30 AM KayLee Haggerty & Katie Wilson

LECTORS: December 19-20

SAT 4:00 PM J. Correll
SUN 8:00 AM R. Krumenacker
 10:30 AM B. Benford

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: December 19-20

SAT 4:00 PM J. Bulisok, H. Balagusz, C. Fuska

SUN 8:00 AM A. Reynolds, B. New, M. Carney

10:30 AM W. Dolges, J. Kiser, C. Williams

GREETERS: December 19-20

SAT 4:00 PM (ST) B. Tran (VP) C. Fuska
SUN 8:00 AM (ST) M. Carney (VP) Golias Family
 10:30 AM (ST) J. Benford (VP) W. Dolges



INCOME

NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 6, 2009

Sunday Envelopes	\$4130.25
Loose	153.41
Immaculate Conception	106.00
Energy/Fuel	162.00
Catholic Education (Envelopes)	26.00
Christmas Offering	150.00
Christmas Flowers	70.00
Bulletin Ads	1965.00
Parking Lot Rent	70.00
Gym Rental	<u>102.00</u>
Total	\$6934.66

2009 Christmas Club YTD Total: \$5056.70
Organ Fund Total: \$3751.69

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 14-20: Mary

Pham, Mary Tran, Robert Miller, Deacon John Sroka, Susan Wachs, Elaine Catalfamo, Irene Chovanec, John Correll, Patrick Formica, James Golias, Jacqueline Kuswara, Lauren Ozog, Isabella Garanich, Eric Vizzini, Robert Bambino, Jacob Corona, Eric Garanich, Victoria Kelly, Toby Kordell

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!

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! Tickets will be available for purchase after all weekend Masses. If you would like to buy or sell these tickets, please call Jeff Smith @ 535-4287.



CHURCH DECORATING:

Help is needed to decorate the Church for Christmas on **Tuesday, December 22nd**

after the 8 AM Mass. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated!



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL:

Rehearsal for the Children’s Christmas Eve Pageant will be held this **Monday, December 14th** at 7:00 PM. Dress rehearsal will be held next **Monday, December 21st** at 7:00 PM. All children must attend. Please call Cynde Smith @ 535-4287 or 341-8265 if you have any questions.



CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The Children’s Christmas party will be held **next Sunday, December 20th** at 4:00 PM followed by Christmas caroling for both children and adults. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of the Church.

BLOOD DRIVES

- Conemaugh Memorial-Finance Division—**Friday, December 18th**, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Our Mother of Sorrows Church—**Wednesday, December 30th**, Noon-6:00 PM

AN ADVENT MUSICAL: **Saturday, December 19th** at 7:00 PM at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Presented by The Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir under the direction of Evonne Yanzetich-Homway, the Concert will feature a 30 member plus Adult choir as well as a 20 member Youth choir all of whom are Johnstown area choristers. The program also features the Hilltop Brass and St. Benedict String Ensemble. Works by John Rutter and JS Bach will be performed as well as two excerpts from Handel’s *Messiah* and Gregorian Chant and Christmas Hymnody. Admission is free and open to the public.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:

Our Advent Penance Service will be held **THIS Sunday, December 13th** at 5:00 PM.



NEW YEAR’S EVE DINNER DANCE:

St. Benedict Church, Geistown, is having a New Year’s Eve Dinner Dance on **Thursday, December 31st**. Doors open at 6:30 PM; Appetizers at 7:00 PM; Dinner catered by Joey Del’s 2001 Caterers at 8:00 PM; Dancing from 9:00 PM – 1:00 PM to the music of D.J. Dancin’ Dan; and Hot Dogs & Sauerkraut at Midnight. Tickets are \$40/person which includes all of the above plus soda, beer and snacks. For reservations, please call Paula Kline @ 467-9180.



FIRST KNIGHT NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY:

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #10409 at St. Therese Social Hall, Upper Decker Avenue. Admission of \$30 per person includes: Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner, Kolbassi & Hot Dogs at Midnight, Beer, Soda & Coffee, Hats & Noisemakers and music by Rhythm Masters. Doors open at 6:00 PM; Dinner 7:30 PM; Music & Dancing 9:00 PM – 1:00 AM. For tickets, call George @ 536-1460, Bill @ 479-7180, Joe @ 535-2897, Dave @ 535-8785, Andy @ 539-5330, or Dennis @ 535-6833. No tickets will be sold at the door.