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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2009

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— ST. PETER CANISIUS

8:00 A.M. Clay Harshberger
(Req. by Barbara & Family)

TUESDAY— LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Robert & Mary Jo Mayer
(Req. by Family)

WEDNESDAY—ST. JOHN OF KANTY

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

THURSDAY—VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

4:00 P.M. For Our Parish Family

8:00 P.M. For Our Parish Family

FRIDAY— CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 A.M. For Our Parish Family

SATURDAY—ST. STEPHEN

NO VALLEY PIKE MANOR MASS

4:00 P.M. Donald Dillon
(Req. by Wife, Dorothy)

SUNDAY—HOLY FAMILY

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

10:30 A.M. For Our Parish Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In Memory of Vardian & Zinsky Families, req. by Joe & Kay Zinsky

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 12/21: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a/Luke 1:39-45
Tue 12/22: 1 Samuel 1:24-28/Luke 1:46-56
Wed 12/23: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/Luke 1:57-66
Thurs 12/24: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Luke 1:67-79
Fri 12/25: Isaiah 52:7-10/Hebrews 1:1-6/John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Sat 12/26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Matthew 10:17-22
Sun 12/27: Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28/Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24/Luke 2:41-52

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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, 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 Wiczorek

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MON 7:00 PM Pageant Rehearsal
WED 7:00 PM Choir

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SERVERS: December 24-25/26-27

THUR 4:00 PM John Valinsky & Nick Gjurich
 8:00 PM Luke & Jacob Corona
FRI 9:00 AM Aaron Skovenksy
SAT 4:00 PM John Valinsky & Brad Rastall
SUN 8:00 AM Gerry Smith
 10:30 AM RJ Slifko & Pauline Johncola

LECTORS: December 24-25/26-27

THUR 4:00 PM E. Vizzini
 8:00 PM W. Dolges
FRI 9:00 AM J. New

SAT 4:00 PM P. Balagusz
SUN 8:00 AM P. Barnhart
 10:30 AM T. LaMonaca

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE

EUCCHARIST: December 24-25/26-27

THUR 4:00 PM E. Vizzini, H. Balagusz, M. Clark
 8:00 PM W. Dolges, J. Kiser

FRI 9:00 AM B. Williams, B. New, B. Benford

SAT 4:00 PM P. Balagusz, J. Correll, Ja. Bulisok

SUN 8:00 AM M. Clark, A. Reynolds, K. Carney

10:30 AM T. LaMonaca, J. Meszaros, D. Boyle

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GREETERS: December 26-27

SAT 4:00 PM (ST) J. & Ja. Bulisok
 (VP) Balagusz

SUN 8:00 AM (ST) M. Carney
 (VP) K. Carney
 10:30 AM (ST) Johncola Family
 (VP) J. Benford

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INCOME

DECEMBER 7-13, 2009

Sunday Envelopes	\$3572.00
Loose	278.51
Immaculate Conception	702.25
Energy/Fuel	82.00
Catholic Education (Toy Re-Sale)	297.65
Christmas Offering	110.00
Christmas Flowers	353.00
Bulletin Ads	600.00
Initial Offering	2.00
Extraordinary Donation	10,000
Parking Lot Rent	100.00
Gym Rental	65.00
Total	\$16,162.41

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR

**PARISHIONERS WHO ARE
CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY
THIS WEEK December 21-27:**

Andrew Nosko, Sara Johns, Aaron Skovensky,
Marion Sroka, Carole Barto, Geno LaMonaca,
Scott Lorditch, Robert Oaks, Phillipa 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

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. We will gladly pray for them. **If you would like to join this special ministry, please call the Rectory Office. Thank you!**

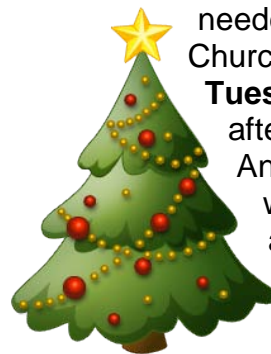


REMINDER

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!

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.

CHURCH DECORATING: Help is needed to decorate the Church for Christmas **THIS Tuesday, December 22nd** after the 8 AM Mass. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated!



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL: Dress rehearsal for the Children's Christmas Pageant will be held **THIS 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.



BLOOD DRIVE

- Our Mother of Sorrows Church—**Wednesday, December 30th**, Noon-6:00 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.