

Church of the Visitation

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Mr. Eric Vizzini, Parish Council President

Website: www.visitationchurch.net

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2012

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY—ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

8:00 A.M. Helen Hostensky
(Req. by Steve & Lucille Terebus)

TUESDAY—ST. JOHN DAMASCENE

8:00 A.M. Catherine & Orlando Barber
(Req. by Daughter, Rosa Harper)

WEDNESDAY—ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

THURSDAY—ST. NICHOLAS

8:00 A.M. Al Reynolds, Jr.
(Family)

FRIDAY—ST. AMBROSE

8:00 A.M. John Lynch
(Req. by James & Carol Lynch)
6:00 P.M. Joseph Zinsky
(Req. by Vince & Donna Rzas)

SATURDAY—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:00 A.M. Richard Flynn
(Req. by Marilyn McClelland)
11:00 A.M. VALLEY PIKE MANOR
Marie Havel
(Req. by Family)

4:00 P.M. John Sigg

(Req. by Family)

SUNDAY—2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Parish Family
10:30 A.M. Bill & Becky Figura
(Req. by Family)

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In Memory of Barbara Giannone, Req. by Giannone & Fallon Families

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.

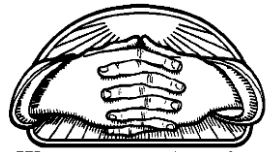
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Done after any Sunday Mass when requested.

MEMBERSHIP: Please contact the Rectory Office to register as a member.

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK:

Mon 12/3: Isaiah 2:1-5/Matthew 8:5-11
Tue 12/4: Isaiah 11:1-10/Matthew 10:21-24
Wed 12/5: Isaiah 25:6-10a/Matthew 15:29-37
Thurs 12/6: Isaiah 26:1-6/Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Fri 12/7: Isaiah 29:17-24/Matthew 9:27-31
Sat 12/8: Genesis 3:9-15, 20/Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/Luke 1:26-38
Sun 12/9: Baruch 5:1-9/Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11/Luke 3:1-6

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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: Kim Bailey, Shirley Barbato, Father Baroni, Leo Bimle, Phyllis Brady, Jack Bulisok, Anna Marie Burnheimer, Flo Cabo, Molly Carney, Phil Catanese, John Correll, Kathie Daley, Frank Daly, Bill Dill, Todd Euen, , Gloria Fenik, Josephine Gallo, Doug Golias, Herbert Hess, Mary Ann Holtz, Dorothy Kleinosky, Anne Kucera, Heather Majoris, Bob Mardis, David Marshall, Joe Martella, James McCaffrey, Loretta Meyers, James Mical, Jimmy Molnar, Steve Molnar, Sam Panarella, Josh Pavlosky, Anna Petro, Lorrie Polash, Stephanie Poltrack, Melissa Pribozie, Eileen Rengh, Marion Saia, Sam Saia, Maria (Petro) Sanders, Stephen Sanders, Charlie Scaletta, Helene Seth, Rose Sigg, Ian Skovensky, Deacon John Sroka, Sally Sroka, Bill Stasko, Brent Swaltek, John Sweeney, Joe Taresco, Christi Vavrek, Ed Waddell, Rose Wieczorek

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WED 7:00 PM Choir
SAT 11:00 AM-3:00 PM Toy Sale

SERVERS:

December 7-8/8-9

FRI 6:00 PM George Cyburt
SAT 9:00 AM KayLee Haggerty
SAT 4:00 PM Phillippa & Mia Rastall
SUN 8:00 AM Tyler Vizzini
 10:30 AM Nick Gjurich & R.J. Slifko

LECTORS: December 7-8/8-9

FRI 6:00 PM J. Correll
SAT 9:00 AM P. Barnhart
SAT 4:00 PM F. Pozun
SUN 8:00 AM E. Vizzini
 10:30 AM E. Haggerty

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: December 7-8/8-9

THUR 6:00 PM N. Vavrek, C. Fuska, H. Balagusz, B. Tran, D. Curcio, R. Sigg
SAT 9:00 AM M. Majoris, D & G Krumenacker
SAT 4:00 PM (Plate) Ja. Bulisok, J. Correll, C. Vavrek
 (Cup) L. Meyers, P. Balagusz, F. Pozun

SUN 8:00 AM (Plate) D. Kozak, M. Carney, M. Mihelic
 (Cup) E. Vizzini, M. Majoris, D. Krumenacker

10:30 AM (Plate) C. Barto, T. LaMonaca, L. Malec
 (Cup) A. Kozak, C. Pribozie, B. Nagle

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GREETERS: December 8-9

SAT 4:00 PM (VP) V. Hummel
 (ST) D. Hummel
SUN 8:00 AM (VP) G. Krumenacker
 (ST) M. Carney
 10:30 AM (ST) G. Malec
 (VP) L. Malec

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INCOME

NOVEMBER 19-25, 2012

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,934.25
Loose	323.75
Energy/Fuel	9.00
Catholic Education (Envelopes)	20.00
Thanksgiving Day	532.00
Christmas Flowers	5.00
Perquisite (Vizza Funeral)	100.00
Parking Lot Rent	<u>90.00</u>
Total	\$4,014.00

2012 Christmas Club YTD Total: \$2,662.00



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

December 3-9: Thomas Gahagan, Albert LaMonaca, Bryon Mihelic, Emma Frieko, Eva Scaletta, Helene Seth, Diane Kralik, Brian Krise, William Kuswara, Auhzia Ptomey, Jennifer Preuss, Maureen Conway, Raymond Litzinger, Isabel Swope, Joseph Taresco, Elizabeth Smitley

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: The Catholic Charities office is located at 321 Main Street, Suite 5G in the Seifert Professional Building, 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 **you would like to join this special ministry, please call the Rectory Office.** Thank you!



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—

DECEMBER SCHEDULE:

December 2—Class

December 9—Class

December 16—Class

December 23—Christmas Vacation

December 30—Christmas Vacation

May you have a Blessed Christmas!



ST. NICK'S TOY RESALE DAY

VISITATION SCHOOL

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 8TH
11:00 AM-3:00 PM**

COME BUY GENTLY USED TOYS, CLEAN
AND IN WORKING CONDITION!

ATTENTION!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! STUDENTS WHO NEED SERVICE HOURS

WELCOME! Help is needed at the school on **Sunday, December 9th** between **1:00-7:00 PM** to help sort the leftover toys from the St. Nick Toy Re-Sale Day. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated!! Any questions, please call Cynde Smith @ 535-4287.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT—MORE CHILDREN

NEEDED! A few more children are needed for the Pageant. Please sign up today! Practices will be held on **Thursday, December 6th, 13th & 20th** @ 6:00 PM in the Church.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY & CAROLING:

 The Children's Christmas Party will be held on **Saturday, December 22nd** at 5:00 PM. Caroling will follow, weather permitting. Please sign up in the vestibule of the Church if planning to attend.



CHRISTMAS CANDY DONATIONS

NEEDED: We will need donations of Christmas candy for our Annual Children's Christmas party. Please leave donations in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you!!!!

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

201 Third Street, Conemaugh

LASAGNA/MEATLOAF DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

11:00am - 2:00pm

Take-Outs Available

(814)535-2698

HANDLING GRIEF & THE HOLIDAYS:

Aseracare Hospice is offering a series of workshops aimed at helping individuals who have experienced a death of a loved one and need support through the Holiday Season. The following is a list of available workshops:

- **Saturday, December 8th** – Golden Living Center, Richland – 2:00 PM
- **Tuesday, December 11th** – Presbyterian Home – 6:30 PM
- **Saturday, December 15th** – South Fork First United Methodist Church – 1:00 PM

For more information, please call the Bereavement Department @ 269-4172.

HOLIDAY COOKIE TRAY & ROLL BAKE

SALE: Resurrection Parish will be having a Holiday Cookie Tray & Roll Bake Sale on **Saturday, December 8th** from 9:00 AM-Noon at the Oratory Hall located at the corner of Chestnut Street & 8th Avenue. For more info, please call Joann @ 539-5788.

ANNUAL SPANISH MASS: Bishop McCort High School will hold the Annual Spanish Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Benedict Parish on **Sunday, December 9th** at 3:00 PM. Celebrant for the Mass will be Rev. Carl Spishak. The Mass will fulfill the obligation for the 2nd Sunday of Advent.

BULLETIN ADS: Thank you to those who have sponsored ads on the back of this bulletin for **2013**. Please support these businesses that have been so generous to Visitation Parish! We would like to welcome the following new ads: *Blalock Electric, Randy's BiLo & Freelance Graphic Arts!*

- Baker's Loaf
- Blalock Electric
- Brett Insurance Agency, Inc.
- Dr. John Walker
- Formica's Kitchen Designs & Contracting
- Frank Duca Funeral Home
- Freelance Graphic Arts
- Henderson Funeral Homes
- Home Nursing Agency
- Little Angel Learning Center
- Loebrich Contracting, Inc.
- Mark Ed Studio
- Martella's Pharmacy
- Picking-Treece-Bennett Mortuary, Inc.
- Randy's BiLo
- Roxberry Creamery

REFLECTION—MARRIAGE BUILDING

INITIATIVE: There are "marriages" within a marriage. A crisis can be the bridge between them. Today's gospel tells of people being "dismayed, perplexed and shaken" and exhorts us to "stand erect and raise your head." Take the hard times in your marriage as a "sign" and opportunity to strengthen your commitment as you move from one stage of marriage to the next.



2012 VISITATION HOLIDAY SWEEPSTAKES

TICKETS: We are now on the 40th week of our 40-week Sweepstakes Ticket. **Any ticket holder who is delinquent for three consecutive weeks is ineligible to win prize money.** Thank you!

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS: If you or a family member would like Father Baroni to visit you with Holy Communion on First Fridays in the upcoming winter months, please call the Rectory Office @ 536-6110 to be put on the list.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE: Our Parish Penance Service will be held on **Sunday, December 9th** at 5:00 PM. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

ADVENT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and Cathedral Catholic Academy Chorale will present an Advent of Christmas Concert on **Saturday, December 15th** at 7:00 PM at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown. The choirs, under the direction of Cathedral Music Director, Evonne Yanzetich-Homway, will perform a wide array of music including works by Lauridsen, Rutter, and Handel. The choral groups will be accompanied by Hilltop Brass and Vivace Strings. Admission is free and open to the public.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will lead a pilgrimage to Italy **July 8-16, 2013**. Cost is \$3,499 per person from Newark. Highlights include Round-trip Airfare, Fuel Surcharges & Airport Taxes, 7 Nights at First Class Hotel, Breakfast & Dinner daily, Audience with the Holy Father, Tour Escort & Local Guides, Air-Conditioned Motor Coach, Sightseeing & Admission Fees, Daily Mass, Luggage Handling & Flight Bag. Informational brochures can be found in the vestibule of the Church.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER??

Please notify the Rectory Office if you have moved or changed your address/phone number by completing the coupon on the back of the bulletin or by calling the office during business hours @ 536-6110. It is **very important** that we **have this information in order** to keep our records up-to-date.

