

Church of the Visitation

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2013

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:00 A.M. Rose Martella

(Req. by George Licastro)

TUESDAY—ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Ray Hartnett

(Req. by Helen & Pat Balagusz)

WEDNESDAY—ST. DAMASUS, I

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

THURSDAY—OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:00 A.M. John Lison

(Req. by Wife & Family)

FRIDAY—ST. LUCY

8:00 A.M. Deceased Members of the
Altimore & Petro Families

(Req. by Francis & Betty Petro)

SATURDAY—ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

NO Valley Pike Manor Mass

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

(Req. by Jack & Janet Bullisok)

SUNDAY—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Parish Family

10:30 A.M. Louis A. Guzzi

(Req. by Sisters)

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In Memory of John H. Lynch, Req. by Wife, Ann Lynch

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 12/9: Genesis 3:9-20/Ephesians 1:3-12/Luke 1:26-38
Tue 12/10: Isaiah 40:1-11/Matthew 18:12-14
Wed 12/11: Isaiah 40:25-31/Matthew 11:28-30
Thurs 12/12: Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Luke 1:26-38 or 39-47
Fri 12/13: Isaiah 48:17-19/Matthew 11:16-19
Sat 12/14: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11/Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Sun 12/15: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10/James 5:7-10/Matthew 11:2-11

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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:

Kim Bailey, Shirley Barbato, Phyllis Brady, Jack Bulisok, Anna Marie Burnheimer, Flo Cabo, John Correll, Frank Daly, Ida Fallon, Gloria Fenik, Matthew Gaborek, Josephine Gallo, Joseph Guydo, Herbert Hess, Anna Hipp, Mary Ann Holtz, Karyssa Homyak, Jim Kirwan, Dorothy Kleinosky, Anne Kucera, Heather Majoris, Bob Mardis, James McCabe, James McCaffrey, Loretta Meyers, Sam Panarella, Kristen Panek, Josh Pavlosky, Anna Petro, Stephanie Poltrack, Melissa Pribozie, Eileen Rengh, Mildred Romano, Marion Saia, Sam Saia, Maria (Petro) Sanders, Helene Seth, John Slovikovski, Gerry Smith, John Sweeney, Joe Taresco, Ed Waddell

If any of the above has sufficiently recovered and can be removed from the list, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUN 5:00 PM Penance Service
MON 6:00 PM Pageant Practice
WED 7:00 PM Choir Practice

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SERVERS: December 14-15

SAT 4:00 PM Phillippa & Mia Rastall
SUN 8:00 AM Max Smith
 10:30 AM Autumn McClain & Angelina Pribozie

LECTORS: December 14-15

SAT 4:00 PM F. Pozun
SUN 8:00 AM P. Barnhart
 10:30 AM E. Haggerty

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: December 14-15

SAT 4:00 PM (Plate) C. Fuska, J. Bulisok, H. Balagusz
 (Cup) B. New, N. Vavrek, F. Pozun

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

10:30 AM (Plate) C. Pribozie, C. Barto, A. Kozak
 (Cup) B. Nagle, D. Boyle, D. Tedjeske

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GREETERS: December 14-15

SAT 4:00 PM (ST) D. & V. Hummel
 (VP) F. Petro

SUN 8:00 AM (ST) G. Krumenacker
 (VP) M. Carney

10:30 AM (ST) J. & L. Slifko
 (VP) Bell Family

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INCOME

NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 1, 2013

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,076.00
Loose	285.68
Energy/Fuel	105.00
Thanksgiving	319.00
Christmas Offering	26.00
Christmas Flowers	36.00
Catholic Education	41.00
Catholic Charities	1.00
Immaculate Conception	16.00
Initial Offering	25.00
Parking Lot Rent	125.00
Total	\$4,055.68

2013 Christmas Club YTD Total: \$2,800

Typhoon Collection: \$552.00

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 9-15: Elizabeth Smitley, Delaney Conway, Patrick Martella, Edward Stofko, Richard Hirsch, James Wenderoth, Janet Skovensky, Mary Pham, Mary Tran, Susan Wachs

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



ALMSGIVING: Please continue to support the Poor Box located in the vestibule of the Church. Monies from the Poor Box go to helping needy families through the Visitation Conference of St. Vincent DePaul. *May the humility, simplicity and love of Pope Francis inspire us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ as a light for the poor and the marginalized.* All donations are greatly appreciated.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—



**DECEMBER
SCHEDULE:**

December 8—Class
December 15—Class
December 22—No Class; Merry Christmas!
December 29—No Class; Blessed New Year!

11th Grade Confirmation Class is held on Sunday evenings at 6:00.



ATTENTION!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! STUDENTS WHO NEED SERVICE HOURS WELCOME! Help is needed at the school **THIS Sunday, December 8th** 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 PAGEANT: If your child would like to participate in the Children's Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass, please sign up in the vestibule of the Church. Pageant practices will take place in the Church. The schedule for practices is as follows:

- **Monday, December 9th – 6:00 PM**
- **Monday, December 16th – 6:00 PM**
- **Monday, December 23rd – 6:00 PM**

Costume fitting will take place on **Thursday, December 19th** at 7:30 PM at the school.

ANGEL TREE: Angel Tree tags are available in the sanctuary of the Church. Please wrap gifts and attach the tag on the outside of the package.



Return wrapped gifts by Sunday, December 15th.

Codes are placed around the church. Any questions, please call the Rectory Office

@ 536-6110.

IN SYMPATHY: Visitation Parish extends deepest sympathy to the family of Ray Hartnett whose funeral was celebrated this past week. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace in heaven with the angels and Saints.

STEELER BASKET: Thank you to those who supported the Steeler Basket give-away. A profit of **\$326** was made.



HOLIDAY COOKIE TRAY & ROLL BAKE

SALE: Resurrection Parish will be having a Holiday Cookie Tray & Roll (Nut, Nut with Raisin, Poppy seed, Poppy seed with Raisin, Apricot) Sale at the Oratory Hall located at the corner of Chestnut Street & 8th Avenue on **Saturday, December 14th** from 9:00 AM-Noon. All items are

homemade. Cookies are \$4.00/Dozen; Rolls are \$10/\$10.50 with Raisins. Any questions, please call Joann @ 539-5788.

BISHOP MCCORT CLASS OF 1964: The 1964 Class of Bishop McCort High School is planning their **50th** reunion to be held in 2014. Graduates are asked to get in touch with Kathy Kirkpatrick Friedel @ 814-266-1339 (kathy3949@aol.com) or John Freidoff @ 717-766-7068 (jfriedoff@yahoo.com).



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday, December 22nd** beginning at 5:00 PM. Please sign up in the vestibule of the Church if you plan to attend.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING

CATHOLIC? If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, please call Maureen Clark @ 255-4531 to register for the RCIA program.



2014 VISITATION SWEEPSTAKES TICKET—MAKES A GREAT

CHRISTMAS GIFT! If you are looking for a gift for that "hard-to-buy-for" person or that "has everything" person, why not give them a gift that keeps on giving—**A 2014 VISITATION SWEEPSTAKES TICKET!**

Tickets are available at the Rectory Office. Please call Suzie @ 536-6110, Ext. 0 if interested in purchasing a ticket as a Christmas gift.

ST. PATRICK'S ADORATION

CHAPEL: St. Patrick's Adoration Chapel is nearing its **15th Anniversary** of 24 hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We begin on Sunday evening at 8:00 PM and have adoration 24 hours a day until Saturday at 10:00 AM. We are in need of people who would commit to one hour every week. If you would be interested, please call Bob Christian @ 536-6450.