

Church of the Visitation

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2014

Rectory Office Hours: 8 AM - 3 PM Monday-Thursday

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Deacon John Sroka
(Req. by Anna Marie Pfeil)

TUESDAY— ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. John M. McGrath
(Req. by Wife, Margaret)

WEDNESDAY— LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

THURSDAY— LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Patricia Roman
(Req. by Mary Ann & Pat Romano)

FRIDAY— LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Deceased of the Ruby,
Flemming, Armstrong & Dorian
Families
(Req. by Theresa Armstrong)

SATURDAY— LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

11:00 A.M. Valley Pike Manor
Regina Krajewski
(Req. by Dolores Swintosky)
4:00 P.M. William & Mary Agnes Benford
(Req. by Jack & Janet Bullisok)

SUNDAY— FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Parish Family
10:30 A.M. Stephen & Elizabeth Mekis
(Req. by Rose Silka)

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Christmas
Remembrance for Frank & Elizabeth
Mateljan Req. by Daughter, Barbara Vedock

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 12/15: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/ Mt 2:23-27
Tue 12/16: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/ Mt 21:28-32
Wed 12/17: Gn 49:2, 8-10/ Mt 1:1-17
Thurs 12/18: Jer 23:5-8/ Mt 1:18-25
Fri 12/19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/ Lk 1:5-25
Sat 12/20: Is 7:10-14/ Lk 1:26-38
Sun 12/21: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16/
 Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38

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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, Sharon Birch, Phyllis Brady, Jack Bulisok, Anna Marie Burnheimer, Flo Cabo, Saura Colesi, Louise Connelly, John Correll, Kevin Cyburt, Frank Daly, Ida Fallon, Gloria Fenik, John Frieko, Matthew Gaborek, Josephine Gallo, Joseph Guydo, Anna Hipp, Mary Ann Holtz, Carol Houghton, Jim Kirwan, Rosemary Kiser, Dorothy Kleinosky, Anne Kucera, Ronald Luden, Heather Majoris, Martha Majoris, Bob Mardis, James McCabe, James McCaffrey, Loretta Meyers, Ethel Pavlik, Josh Pavlosky, Anna Petro, Stephanie Poltrack, Atlas Rea, Eileen Rengh, Charlotte Rollins, James Rovon, Marion Saia, Maria (Petro) Sanders, Joseph Serafin, Helene Seth, Owen Sheridan, John Slovikovski, John Sweeney, Joe Taresco, Ed Waddell, Saura Zolesi

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

WED 7:00 PM Choir Practice
THUR 6:30 PM Pageant Practice
SAT 5:00 PM Children's Christmas Party

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SERVERS: December 20-21

SAT 4:00 PM Phillippa & Mia Rastall
SUN 8:00 AM Savannah & Tony Marano
 10:30 AM Brent Swaltek & Carson Boyle

LECTORS: December 20-21

SAT 4:00 PM J. Correll
SUN 8:00 AM S. Mihelic
 10:30 AM J. Luberto

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: December 20-21

SAT 4:00 PM (Plate) J. Bulisok,
 J. Correll, P. Balagusz
 (Cup) P. Cavanaugh, B. Tran, N. Vavrek

SUN 8:00 AM (Plate) D. Krumenacker,
 M. Clark, E. Hobbs
 (Cup) K. Carney, S. Mihelic, M. M. Mihelic

10:30 AM (Plate) J. Aspey,
 B. Nagle, C. Pribozie
 (Cup) D. Boyle, P. Molchany, A. Kozak

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GREETERS: December 20-21

SAT 4:00 PM (ST) J. Spangler
 (VP) G. & K. Mikesic
SUN 8:00 AM (ST) G. Krumenacker
 (VP) M. Mihelic
 10:30 AM (ST) C. Pribozie
 (VP) M. Wissinger

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INCOME

DECEMBER 6-7, 2014

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,550.91
Loose	596.36
Energy/Fuel	89.00
Catholic Education	21.00
Thanksgiving	15.00
Extraordinary donation	1,000.00
Religious Retirement	36.00
World Mission Sunday	3.00
Catholic Register	10.00
Initial Offering	10.00
Christmas Offering	101.00
Christmas Flowers	151.00
Holy Days	486.00
Bulletin Ads 2015	3,165.00
Toy Sale	124.00
Parking	230.00
Votives	139.00
	\$10,241.27

2014 Christmas Club YTD Total: \$2,204



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
PARISHIONERS WHO**

**ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY
THIS WEEK December 15-21:**

Susan Wachs, Irene Chovanec, John Correll, Patrick Formica, James Golias, Jacqueline Kuswara, Lauren Ozog, Jacob Corona, Victoria Kelly, Toby Kordell, Andrew Nosko.

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!



Call to Action – Your Neighbors Need your Help! When we come together to help those most vulnerable, we do the work of Christ. For families living in poverty, the Christmas season is a time of year when the bills are piling up, heating costs are rising, and the stress is overwhelming. One in three households in our eight-county Diocesan area is struggling to afford basic human necessities. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown embraces the responsibility of supporting these individuals and families through heating assistance, emergency financial assistance, affordable counseling services, and emergency shelter services. Faithful parishioners can answer the call to love and care for their neighbors in

need by supporting Catholic Charities with contributions of any size made online at www.catholiccharitiesaj.org or by mail to: GUILD OF GUARDIANS C/O CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC 1300 12TH AVENUE P.O. BOX 1349 ALTOONA, PA 16603
A new giving society, the Guild of Guardians, was recently developed to make a bigger impact on Catholic Charities' efforts to fight poverty on a local level. Members of the Guild of Guardians commit \$1,000 annually, and can make monthly or quarterly payments toward their pledge. Membership is open to individuals, families, and groups within our parish. Catholic Charities relies on generous support from our parishioners to keep our doors open to those in need, and to provide them with help and hope. **Contact our executive director Jean Johnstone at jjohnstone@dioceseaj.org or (814) 944-9388,** or visit www.catholiccharitiesaj.org to learn more.



**PARISH RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION—**

DECEMBER

SCHEDULE:

- December 14—Class**
- December 21—Class**
- December 28—Christmas
Vacation**
- January 4—Class**

**PARISH
PENANCE SERVICE**

**Sunday, December 14th
5:00 PM**

**Please plan to attend
as a family.**



CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS

PAGEANT: Practice will be held on Thursday the 18th at 6:30 PM in the church.



CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Visitation’s Children’s Christmas Party will be held on **Saturday, December 20th** after the 4:00 PM Mass. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule of the Church. Please sign up if planning to attend. Thank you!

AN ADVENT OF CHRISTMAS

CONCERT: will be held at 7 PM on Saturday, December 20 at St John Gualbert Cathedral. The program will feature the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir, Cathedral Catholic Academy Chorale, Hilltop Brass and Vivace Strings. Admission is free and open to the public.

A THANK YOU NOTE:

Thank you for your donation to the Park Ave. Food Pantry. With our pantry low on food, this will help to feed our families for the holiday season. We thank you for choosing our pantry.
~~Ann McKinney

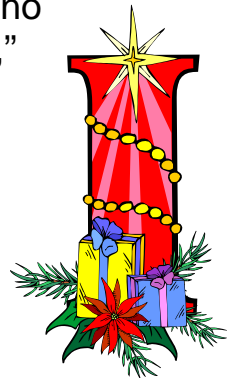


FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:

The gospel reports “there is one among you whom you do not recognize.” It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, late suppers, cars that won’t start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at Mass, “The Lord is with you,” are not a hope, they are a fact.

Restore Cheer Where It Has

Vanished: Many older people who live alone don’t bother decorating their homes for Christmas for several reasons: “Christmas is for kids,” “It’s too much trouble,” There’s no one to see the decorations,” “It costs too much money,” “I’m too tired.” Before Christmas, think about the elderly people you know and consider delivering a gift such as a table decoration, a poinsettia, a simple manger scene or the gift of your time. Any of these gifts can brighten a room or an apartment and put the quiet holy spirit of Christmas in place of the loneliness that often marks the season for the elderly and alone.



Just as the pink candle of the Advent Wreath shining on in Joy, may we “shine on” as we share our blessings in cheerfulness and gratitude.

for the poor and the marginalized. All donations are greatly appreciated.



**LITTLE ANGEL
LEARNING**

CENTER: The Little Angel Learning Center at Visitation Church has openings for children ages 6 weeks to school age. Large individual classrooms for each age level; full-size gymnasium for large motor skill activities; hot meals and snack included in daily fee; CCIS accepted; school-age summer program; loving, caring and qualified teachers and staff; hours 6:00 AM-6:00 PM. For more information and to schedule a tour, please call Barbara @ 535-2341.

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*

**2014 VISITATION HOLIDAY
SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS:**

This week is the **FINAL** week of our **40-week** Sweepstakes Ticket.



Please check to see if your ticket is paid up-to-date. **Any ticket holder who is delinquent for three consecutive weeks is ineligible to win prize money.** Thank you!