

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK:

Mon 12/22: 1Sm 1:24-28/ Lk 1:46-56
Tue 12/23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/ Lk 1:57-66
Wed 12/24: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16/
Lk 1:67-79
Thu 12/25: Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18
Fri 12/26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Mt 10:17-22
Sat 12/27: 1 Jn 1:1-4/ Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Sun 12/28: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Col 3:12-21/
Lk 2:22-40

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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: Patricia Adams, Kim Bailey, Shirley Barbato, Sharon Birch, Phyllis Brady, Jack Bulisok, Flo Cabo, John Correll, Kevin Cyburt, Frank Daly, Ida Fallon, Gloria Fenik, John Frieko, Josephine Gallo, Joseph Guydo, Deborah Hockey, Mary Ann Holtz, Carol Houghton, Rosemary Kiser, Dorothy Kleinosky, Madeleine Krueger, Bob Mardis, James McCabe, James McCaffrey, Loretta Meyers, Ethel Pavlik, Anna Petro, Stephanie Poltrack, Atlas Rea, Charlotte Rollins, James Rovon, Marion Saia, Maria (Petro) Sanders, Joseph Serafin, John Slovikovski, John Sweeney, Joe Taresco,

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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SERVERS: December 24-25

WED 4:00 PM Nick Gjurich & Quinn Larkin
8:00 PM Jacob Corona
THUR 10:30 AM Lauren & Mackenzie Kozak

SERVERS: December 27-28

SAT 4:00 PM Noah Rastall & Jacob Corona
SUN 8:00 AM Max Smith
10:30 AM Autumn McClain, Angelina & Ariel Pribozie

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LECTORS: December 24-25

WED 4:00 PM Students
8:00 PM C. Vavrek
THUR 10:30 AM P. Molchany

LECTORS: December 27-28

SAT 4:00 PM R. Maser
SUN 8:00 AM D. Krumenacker
10:30 AM E. Haggerty

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE

EUCCHARIST: December 24-25

WED 4:00 PM (Plate) M. Clark, B. Nagle, P. Balagusz
(Cup) K. Carney, M. Carney, C. Pribozie
8:00 PM (Plate) N. Vavrek, Ja. Bulisok, J. Bulisok
(Cup) D. Kozak, C. Vavrek, S. Mihelic
THU 10:30 AM (Plate) B. Williams, C. Williams, C. Barto
(Cup) D. Tedjeske, J. Aspey, P. Molchany

December 27-28

SAT 4:00 PM (Plate) J. Bulisok, H. Balagusz, C. Fuska
(Cup) N. Vavrek, B. New, R. Maser
SUN 8:00 AM (Plate) C. Hobbs, J. Kuswara, G. Krumenacker
(Cup) A. Reynolds, M. Carney, D. Kozak
10:30 AM (Plate) A. Kozak, C. Pribozie, B. Nagle
(Cup) J. Aspey, C. Williams, B. Williams

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GREETERS: December 24-25

WED 4:00 PM (ST) Corona Family
(VP) B. Tran
THU 10:30 AM (ST) E. & C. Barto
(VP) M. Wissinger

December 27-28

SAT 4:00 PM (ST) D. & V. Hummel
(VP) F. Petro
SUN 8:00 AM (ST) M. Carney
(VP) R. & A. Albert
10:30 AM (ST) E. & C. Barto
(VP) J. Bell & Family

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INCOME

DECEMBER 13-14, 2014

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,882.00
Loose	970.27
Energy/Fuel	220.00
Religious Retirement	67.00
Christmas Offering	25.00
Christmas Flowers	218.00
Holy Day	568.00
Toy Sale	230.00
Parking	70.00
Votives	10.00
	\$6,260.27

2014 Christmas Club YTD Total: \$2,348



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
PARISHIONERS
WHO ARE CELEBRATING A
BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK
December 22-28:**

Sara Johns, Aaron Skovensky, Marion Sroka,
Carole Barto, Scott Lorditch, Owen Standley,
Phillippa Rastall, Patricia Bernardo, Mary Byrne,
Noah Rastall, Joseph Ragno, Rosemary Kiser,
Joanne Ostrich, Gloria Rager, Richard Adams,
Lois Slivinsky.



**PARISH RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION—**

DECEMBER SCHEDULE:

December 21—Class

December 28—Christmas Vacation

January 4—Class



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:

will be held at 3:30 on Wednesday,
December 24.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:

Question: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen, had a twelve year old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal? Answer: HOLY! Two lessons in today's gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."



Some of us, might be looking forward to Christmas yet feel that, in spite of our best efforts to make Advent different this year, there is still something missing, we still feel unready for Christmas. Our best preparation for the Holy Night and

Joyful Morning is for us to reflect upon how Jesus came. He came in the midst of scandal and conflict. He came in poverty. He was rejected before he was born. He was hunted down. And he grew up in obscurity. He did not shun our world and its poverty and conflict. He embraced it. And he desires to embrace us today. Right where we are. Right where we are feeling least "religious" or "ready". If we let him come into our hearts we will enter Christmas "joyful and triumphant" as never before.

Come, Lord Jesus.



God chose the lowly shepherds to bring the good news of the Savior to others. How can you, as a baptized believer, proclaim Jesus to others in your daily living?



My First Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless Christmas Trees around the world below,
with tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,
for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
but the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.
I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
for it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.
I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart,
but I am not so far away. We really aren't apart.
So be happy for me dear one. You know I hold you dear,
and be glad I'm spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you a special gift, from my heavenly home above.
I send you a memory of, my undying love.
After all "LOVE" is the gift, more precious than pure gold.
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.
Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do,
for I can't count the blessing or love He has for each of you.
So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear,
Remember, I am spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

Author Unknown

This Christmas, please take a moment to remember the following members of the Visitation Parish Family who are celebrating their First Christmas in Heaven:

Eleanor Carter	Esther Bumbernick	Rose Wieczorek
Dean Costlow	Isabel Swope	Marian Zettle
Darren Dudash	Carmella Serafin	Vera O'Donnell
Charles Moonly, Jr.	Samuel Saia	Ronald Mihalacki
Samuel Panarella	George Bischof	

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Rose Martella
(Req. by Ed Shearer)

TUESDAY— LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 A.M. Margie Giannone
(Req. by Miriam Flynn)

WEDNESDAY— VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

4:00 P.M. Dr. Frank Carney
(Req. by Cathy Carney)
8:00 P.M. Ruby, Flemming, Dorian,
Armstrong, & Sakmar Families
(Req. by Theresa Ruby Armstrong)

THURSDAY— THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:30 A.M. Intentions of the Parish Family

FRIDAY— ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

NO MASS

SATURDAY— ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

11:00 A.M. Valley Pike Manor – NO MASS
4:00 P.M. Donald Dillon
(Req. by Wife, Dorothy)

SUNDAY— THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Parish Family
10:30 A.M. Nancy Yesh
(Req. by Daughter, Connie
Pribozie)

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In Memory of
Thomas Gahagan Jr. Req. by Cathy,
Chuck & Richard Mangus

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.