

Church of the Visitation

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 15, 2015

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY—Weekday

8:00 A.M. Bernice Cartwright
(Req. by Barnhart Family)

TUESDAY—Weekday

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

WEDNESDAY—ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M. Mary Hawthorne
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)

12:05 P.M. Ed Molchany
(Req. by Marguerite Castania)

6:00 P.M. Mary Margaret Bellotti
(Req. by Mark, Donna & Kala Ceryak)

THURSDAY—Thursday after Ash Wednesday

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

FRIDAY—Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 A.M. Florence Cabo
(Req. by Helen & Pat Balagusz)

7:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY—Saturday after Ash Wednesday

11:00 A.M. Valley Pike Manor
Elizabeth Yeager
(Req. by Chris & Chip Hess)

4:00 P.M. Basil Balagusz
(Req. by Family)

SUNDAY—First Sunday of Lent

8:00 A.M. Dolores Faunce
(Req. by Nancy Peretin)

10:30 A.M. Intentions of Parish Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Basil Balagusz
Req. by Family

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 2/16: Gn 4:1-15, 25/ Mk 8:11-13
Tue 2/17: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/ Mk 8:14-21
Wed 2/18: Jl 2:12-18/ 2 Cor 5:20—6:2/
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu 2/19: Dt 30:15-20/ Lk 9:22-25
Fri 2/20: Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15
Sat 2/21: Is 58:9b-14/ Lk 5:27-32
Sun 2/22: Gn 9:8-15/ 1Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15



We are praying for...

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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: Shirley Barbato,
 Sharon Birch, Phyllis Brady, Jack Bulisok,
 Margaret Case, John Correll, Kevin Cyburt,
 Frank Daly, Ida Fallon, Gloria Fenik, Josephine
 Formica, John Frieko, Josephine Gallo, Joseph
 Guydo, Deborah Hockey, Mary Ann Holtz,
 Carol Houghton, Rosemary Kiser, Dorothy
 Kleinosky, Madeleine Krueger, Ron & Robert
 Luden, Bob Mardis, James McCabe, James
 McCaffrey, Loretta Meyers, Ethel Pavlik, Eileen
 Rengh, 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: February 18

WED 6:00 PM Brent Swaltek
February 21-22
SAT 4:00 PM Phillippa & Mia Rastall
SUN 8:00 AM Savannah & Tony Marano
10:30 AM Brent Swaltek & Lauren Kozak

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LECTORS: February 18

WED 8:00 AM D. Krumenacker
12:05 PM P. Molchany
6:00 PM E. Haggerty
February 21-22
SAT 4:00 PM R. Maser
SUN 8:00 AM D. Kozak
10:30 AM E. Haggerty

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: February 18

WED 8:00 AM (Plate) D. Krumenacker,
 G. Krumenacker, K. Carney
12:05 PM (Plate) D. Decker, J. Aspey,
 P. Molchany
6:00 PM (Plate) Ja. Bulisok, J. Correll,
 P. Balagusz

February 21-22

SAT 4:00 PM (Plate) C. Fuska, J. Bulisok,
 H. Balagusz
SUN 8:00 AM (Plate) M. Mihelic, C. Hobbs,
 D. Kozak
10:30 AM (Plate) A. Kozak, C. Pribozie,
 D. Tedjeske

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GREETERS: February 21-22

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) A. Kozak

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INCOME

FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,041.00
Loose	606.06
Solemnity	15.00
Fuel	283.00
Catholic Education	61.00
Initial Offering	40.00
Home Missions	45.00
Ash Wednesday	85.00
Votives	75.00
Parking	247.50
Catholic Register	<u>45.00</u>
	\$5,543.56

Christian Stewards
 and disciples strive
 to realize the ideal
 set forth by Saint Paul
 in today's second reading:
 "whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
 do everything for the glory of God."





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK FEBRUARY 16-22

Barbara Mulvehill, Raymond Riek, George Malec, Kathleen Kirwan, Anthony Oakley, Eva Ragno, Donald Denk, Deborah Forquer, Agnes Hornick, Russell Moore.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION— FEBRUARY SCHEDULE:

February 15- Class
February 22- 10th Grade Parable Retreat 8 -11 AM.

LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

COLLECTION: Please make your check payable to our parish and add the memo “Catholic Education Fund.” Should you want to direct your gift, the special envelope allows for your designation of specific school(s). Extra envelopes are in the vestibule. **Thank you** for your generous response to this collection.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

PRESENTATION:

Deep prayer is the opening of mind and heart, body and feelings, “our whole being” to God. If you would like experience God in this way, you are invited to attend a “Centering Prayer Workshop” at St. Clement Social Hall on Saturday, February 28th from 10:00 AM until 2:30 PM. Sister Dolores Partsch, CSJ, will be the presenter. If you are interested, please call 535-8868 before February 27th. Please bring a bag lunch. There is no fee, but a donation would be appreciated.



Bishop McCort Mini-THON will be held from 8pm Saturday March 14th to 8am Sunday March 15th in the Bach Center gym. Mini-THON is an offshoot of the annual THON held at Penn State, and all proceeds go toward pediatric cancer research.



Registration for student dancers starts on Tuesday, Feb. 10th. The cost is \$20 /dancer. The project is headed solely by students and is not affiliated with Bishop McCort High School. Anybody wishing to contribute financially may make a check payable to Bishop McCort with “Four Diamonds Mini-THON” in the memo line or donate online by going to fourdiamonds.donordrive.com and clicking on “Donate to this event”. For further information or questions, please call Kate McGrath at 814-322-2261.

Cathedral Catholic Academy Athletic Association will be hosting a Basket Party on Sunday, Feb. 22 in the school social hall located at 110 Lindberg Ave. Tickets are \$10 and include 25 chances and a light lunch and beverage. Doors open at 12:30 PM and drawing starts at 2:00 PM. Call the school at 255-1964 for tickets.



JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS

Support Group-

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish is offering a six-week program to discuss positive ideas for coping with loss through death – recent or some time ago. The program begins on Tuesday, February 17 from 1- 3 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Rectory. Call Carroll Green at 255-5478.

IN SYMPATHY: Visitation Parish extends deepest sympathy to the family of Kim Bailey, wife of Allen Bailey. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace with the angels and saints.

The Meaning of Lent

What is the meaning of Lent? Is it a time to do penance? Partly, but not entirely! Is it a time to change our hearts? Definitely!!!

To change one's heart is not easy. It can be very difficult and probably none of us will do a "complete change of heart" in any Lenten season. That's why we need one every year. We need to try again. Jesus criticized those who performed a long list of actions, but never changed their heart. The Church is of the same opinion. When the old Lenten rules were changed by Pope Paul VI in 1966, he did so for just this reason. He was afraid people were becoming more concerned about performances than about changing their hearts. For that reason he had to take the emphasis off "performed acts" as the object and purpose of Lent.

What about "giving up something" for Lent?

When many of us were children, we might remember our giving up candy for Lent. And, it seemed like a real sacrifice. As we grew up, it was often more difficult to decide what special thing to do, to make Lent a special season - to get our attention and to prepare ourselves for deeper sacrifices.

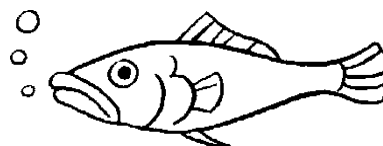
What would help me grow in freedom? That's the question to ask. For some of us, it could be, committing ourselves to give up judging others. For others, it could be giving up a bad habit we've developed. For many of us, the choice may not be to give something up, but to add something to our daily

lives during Lent. We may commit ourselves to extra prayer time or do some service to the poor, once a week during Lent. We may choose to increase our almsgiving to the poor - perhaps related to something we choose not to do, e.g., some might choose not to go out to eat one night a week, and to give that same amount to the poor.

Whether it is fasting, abstaining or other acts of penance, the whole desire we



should have is to use these means to help us grow closer to our Lord and prepare ourselves "to celebrate the paschal mystery with minds and hearts renewed."



Lenten Fish Fries:

St. Benedict Parish in Geistown will hold Fish Fries on: Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20 and 27. Dinners served in the school hall from 3-7 PM. Take-outs available. Orders may be placed from 1-6 PM at 266-9718, Ext 206 or fax to 814-269-4220 until 4 PM. We have **online ordering:** www.stbenedictchurch.org/fishfry We will have it ready when you arrive!

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**The Church of the Transfiguration**, 201 Third St, Conemaugh will hold Fish Fries on Feb. 18, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 3:30 to 6:30 PM. Take-outs are available by calling 535-2698. Baked & Fried. Cost: \$9.50. **Ash Wednesday Fish Fry**, Feb. 18, is TAKE-OUT ONLY!

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Ss. Gregory & Barnabas, will hold Fish Fries featuring Fried or Baked Haddock and Shrimp on Fridays of Lent from 4-7 PM at 480 Luzon Ave in Bon Air and from 3:30-6:30 PM at 120 Boltz St. in Daisytown. Take-outs are available. 539-6213