

# Church of the Visitation

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2015

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY— Easter Weekday

8:00 A.M. Edward F. Kenny  
(Req. by Mary Claire Kenny)

#### TUESDAY— St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

#### WEDNESDAY— Saint Catherine of Siena

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

#### THURSDAY— Saint Pius V, Pope

8:00 A.M. Sharon Birch  
(Req. by Tonette Furfari)

#### FRIDAY— Saint Joseph the Worker

8:00 A.M. Nellie DeRosa  
(Req. by Caram & Judy Abood)

#### SATURDAY— Saint Athanasius

11:00 A.M. No Mass  
4:00 P.M. Kathleen Thomas  
(Req. by Dan & Vanessa Hummel)

#### SUNDAY— Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 A.M. Thelma Olenick  
(Req. by Friends)  
10:30 A.M. Intentions of Parish Family

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** Health of Ronald Luden  
Req. by Thomas & Rita Casker

**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 4/27:** Acts 11:1-18/ Jn 10:1-10  
**Tue 4/28:** Acts 11:19-26/ Jn 10:22-30  
**Wed 4/29:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/ Jn 12:44-50  
**Thu 4/30:** Acts 13:13-25/ Jn 13:16-20  
**Fri 5/1:** Acts 13:26-33/ Jn 14:1-6  
**Sat 5/2:** Acts 13:44-52/ Jn 14:7-14  
**Sun 5/3:** Acts 9:26-31/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/  
 Jn 15:1-8



*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, Pat  
 Barnhart, Phyllis Brady, Jack Bulisok, Margaret  
 Case, John Correll, Kevin Cyburt, Frank Daly,  
 Tom Fabina, Ida Fallon, Gloria Fenik, Miriam  
 Flynn, John Frieko, Josephine Gallo, Joseph  
 Guydo, Eugene & Anna Hipp, Deborah  
 Hockey, Mary Ann Holtz, Carol Houghton,  
 Mary Kenny, Rosemary Kiser, Dorothy  
 Kleinosky, Madeleine Krueger, Anne Kucera,  
 Rose Leone, Ron & Robert Luden, David  
 Magro, Martha Majoris, Bob Mardis, James  
 McCabe, Loretta Meyers, Anna Miller, 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, Edward 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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**SERVERS: May 2-3**

**SAT 4:00 PM** Phillippa & Mia Rastall  
**SUN 8:00 AM** Max Smith  
**10:30 AM** Brent Swaltek & Autumn McClain

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**LECTORS: May 2-3**

**SAT 4:00 PM** C. Vavrek  
**SUN 8:00 AM** D. Kozak  
**10:30 AM** J. Luberto

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE  
 EUCHARIST: May 2-3**

**SAT 4:00 PM** (Plate) Ja. Bulisok, J. Correll  
 P. Balagusz  
 (Cup) R. Sigg, J. DiBuono, N. Vavrek  
**SUN 8:00 AM** (Plate) D. Kozak, M. Carney,  
 A. Reynolds  
 (Cup) J. Kuswara, E. Hobbs, D. Krumenacker,  
**10:30 AM** (Plate) D. Boyle, O. Standley,  
 P. Molchany  
 (Cup) S. Durst, A. Kozak, V. Rosa

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**GREETERS: May 2-3**

**SAT 4:00 PM** (ST) D. & V. Hummel  
 (VP) N. Ward  
**SUN 8:00 AM** (ST) R. & A. Albert  
 (VP) G. Krumenacker  
**10:30 AM** (ST) Johns Family  
 (VP)

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**\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$**

**April 19, 2015**

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,689.00
Loose	623.80
Easter Offering	50.00
Energy	5.00
Catholic Education	17.00
Catholic Home Missions	5.00
Votives	<u>54.00</u>
	\$4,443.80



The Good Shepherd  
 loves his flock  
 unconditionally, with no  
 strings attached. May we,  
 as the Body of Christ,  
 reach out to others by  
 sharing our God-given  
 gifts in unconditional  
 gratitude.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR  
PARISHIONERS WHO ARE  
CELEBRATING A  
BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK  
APRIL 27-MAY 2**

John Rosa, Margaret Lison, Ryan Daly,  
Andrew Homyak, Everley Sherry, Phyllis  
Brady, John Gjurich, Joan Marhefka,  
Rebecca Ocheltre, Leona Bukowski, Tara  
George, Sean Rovon, Chet Siembak.



**PARISH RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION SCHEDULE:**

**May 4 - Confirmation practice**  
at St. John at 6:30.

**May 5 – Sacrament of Confirmation** at St.  
John Gualbert at 7 PM. Confirmands and  
sponsors must be there at 6:30.

**IN SYMPATHY:** Visitation Parish  
extends deepest sympathy to the family  
of James McCaffrey whose funeral was  
celebrated on April 18. May his soul  
and all the souls of the faithful  
departed, rest in peace.

***The Society of St. Vincent de Paul***



has operated its **Food For  
Families** program for more  
than 25 years and never has  
the need been greater than it  
is today. Our Food Bank  
supplies 30 food pantries and

other agencies and our Family Kitchen  
serves 150 to 200 meals a day to those in  
need.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food.”  
The society of St. Vincent de Paul began  
with a handful of people trying to live out  
the gospel call to feed the poor. At this  
time we are asking for help to continue our  
mission.

Next weekend, May 2 & 3, Visitation will  
have a **second collection for SVDP  
Food For Families**. Please be generous.



**Windber Research Institute  
& Aces present: Keys for Cancer**

Featuring - Keystone Keys Dueling  
Pianos at Aces on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Doors  
open at 6 pm. Music from  
8-Midnight. Tickets include a  
“Build Your Own Pasta Dinner”

The show is audience interactive taking  
requests. Just enjoy the entertainment or  
dance along with it. There will be a cash  
bar. This is a 21+ event with ID required.  
Seating is limited. Reserve tickets:  
\$30/individual \$55/couple. Call 536-4176  
or 361-6904.

**Today’s gospel** is a  
job description for  
Christian parents. For  
most people the most  
influential shepherds  
in their lives are their  
parents. Every parent  
is called to be a good  
shepherd to freely lay  
down their life for their  
children, to love and  
know their children  
and to lead them so  
they know your voice.



**Growing old with grace**

Ask most Catholics who were the big thinkers  
in church history, and two names come easily  
to mind: Augustine and Thomas Aquinas.  
Most theologians add a third name without  
hesitation: Anselm. A great defender of the  
faith through reason, Anselm had a high  
estimation of the human mind’s capacity to  
discover God. And the older the mind, the  
better:



“As the flesh fails, the  
soul advances; out of  
the body’s infirmity  
springs the soul’s  
health.”

Got time on your hands in retirement? Seek  
wisdom through the power of the Holy Spirit.



We cordially invite you to attend the  
49th ANNIVERSARY CHARTER  
MASS of the SERRA CLUB of  
CAMBRIA COUNTY on Tuesday,  
June 2, 2015 at  
St. Anne Church  
205 Woodstown Hwy  
Davidsville, PA. 15928

The Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 PM with  
the Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak as  
Principal Celebrant and Homilist.  
Dinner will be at The Oakwood Restaurant @  
Laurelview Village at 6:30 pm. If interested,  
please call Pat Balagusz @814-539-7928 by  
MAY 22, 2015.

The SERRA CLUB of CAMBRIA COUNTY is  
a group of catholic laymen and women  
interested in praying for the increase of  
vocations and broadening our understanding  
of our faith. We have many interesting  
speakers, visits from the seminarians, and  
altar server investiture. Won't you consider  
SERRA as a way of being a disciple of Christ  
in the continuation of His ministry on earth?  
Please attend the MASS and join us for  
dinner. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU!

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## **World Day of Prayer for Vocations "Good Shepherd Sunday"**

JESUS SAID: ". . . The sheep hear his voice,  
as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name  
and leads them out . . . he walks ahead of  
them, and the sheep follow him, because  
they recognize his voice."

We recognize that Jesus, the Good  
Shepherd, continues to tend to his flock in a  
variety of very effective and tender ways. For  
us as Catholics, we also acknowledge that a  
unique way he shepherds his people is  
through his priests. In fact, we call our parish  
priests pastors, which is simply the Latin  
word for shepherd.

For the past 30 years we have been praying  
ceaselessly for "an increase in vocations to  
the priesthood." Yet, at times it seems the  
Lord is ignoring our plea, as far too few are  
responding. The problem, of course, is hardly  
that Jesus is not calling. The problem is that  
we are not listening to his voice!

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, gives us the  
most effective strategy in promoting

vocations: We must come to know our  
shepherd so intimately, his voice so  
unmistakably, that we sense his call in our  
gut and follow him.

We best hear the voice of the Good  
Shepherd in silence. The Bible tells us that  
the language God prefers is silence, and the  
atmosphere God best works in is silence. "Be  
still and know that I am God," God whispers.  
"In quiet and confidence shall be thy  
strength," God encourages Isaiah.

The 50 autobiographies of the men entering  
the seminary at the North American College  
in Rome had a common thread: Almost all of  
the men discerned the call to the priesthood  
in silence. It was often during quiet prayer  
before the Eucharist; sometimes during a  
retreat or another period of stillness; maybe  
during a time of quiet reflection after a pivotal  
experience or encounter. For some of them, it  
came in silence on a life-changing episode  
such as a pilgrimage, service project. Never  
did it come as a shout, as a yell, in a panic, or  
in a crowd. No, it came gently, softly, quietly,  
the voice of the Shepherd only to be  
discerned in silence.

And it came from a person to a person.  
These young candidates knew their shepherd  
so well they recognized his soft voice. They  
had come to know him through wonderful  
parents and families, vibrant parishes and  
communities, careful catechesis and uplifting  
liturgy, service to his neglected, and  
immersion in his Word, the support of friends  
and the joy of fellowship, and his Real  
Presence in the Eucharist and merciful  
forgiveness in penance. They had come to  
know this shepherd so well that when, in  
silence, he whispered, "Come, follow me as a  
priest," they recognized him and heard him.

Does it seem too simple? To promote  
vocations we best promote silence. To hear  
his voice we must be quiet. To let him talk,  
we stop talking. Our first vocation, then, is not  
to priesthood, marriage, religious life, lay  
ecclesial ministry, diaconate, the single  
state. No. Our primary vocation is to know  
Jesus, the Good Shepherd, so well, that  
when he whispers to us in silence, we will  
hear his voice and follow his call. Then, we'll  
have all the vocations we need.

~~~ by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan