

Church of the Visitation

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 26, 2015

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— Weekday

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

TUESDAY— Weekday

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

WEDNESDAY— Saint Martha

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

THURSDAY— Saint Peter Chrysologus

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

FRIDAY— Saint Ignatius of Loyola

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

SATURDAY—Saint Alphonsus Liguori

11:00 A.M. Valley Pike Manor
No Mass

4:00 P.M. Intentions of Helen Balagusz
(Req. by Family)

SUNDAY—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. James Donahue
(Req. by Bat Tran Family)

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE: John Lynch

Req. by 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 7/27: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/ Mt 13:31-35
Tue 7/28: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/
 Mt 13:36-43
Wed 7/29: Ex 34:29-35/ Jn 11:19-27
Thu 7/30: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/ Mt 13:47-53
Fri 7/31: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/
 Mt 13:54-58
Sat 8/1: Lv 25:1, 8-17/ Mt 14:1-12
Sun 8/2: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/ Eph 4:17, 20-24/
 Jn 6:24-35



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: Pat Barnhart, Patrick Brady, Phyllis Brady, Jack Bulisok, Margaret Case, Louise Connelly, John Correll, Kevin Cyburt, Frank Daly, Tom Fabina, Ida Fallon, Gloria Fenik, John Frieko, Josephine Gallo, Joseph Guydo, Eugene & Anna Hipp, Deborah Hockey, Mary Ann Holtz, Carol Houghton, Mary Kenny, Rosemary Kiser, Dorothy Kleinosky, Kathy Kohan, 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: August 1-2

SAT 4:00 PM Jacob Corona
SUN 8:00 AM Savannah & Tony Marano
10:30 AM Brent Swaltek & Olivia Friday

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LECTORS: August 1-2

SAT 4:00 PM C. Vavrek
SUN 8:00 AM D. Krumenacker
10:30 AM E. Haggerty

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE

EUCCHARIST: August 1-2

SAT 4:00 PM (Plate) J. Bulisok, H. Balagusz, C. Fuska,
 (Cup) N Vavrek, P. Cavanaugh, R. Sigg
SUN 8:00 AM (Plate) C. Hobbs, S. Mihelic, M. Mihelic
 (Cup) K. Carney, D. Kozak, E. Hobbs
10:30 AM (Plate) A. Kozak, V. Rosa, C. Pribozie
 (Cup) D. Decker, J. Aspey, O. Standley

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GREETERS: August 1-2

SAT 4:00 PM (ST) G. & K. Mikesic
 (VP) B. Tran
SUN 8:00 AM (ST) M. Carney
 (VP) R. & A. Albert
10:30 AM (ST) Johns Family
 (VP) C. Pribozie

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\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$

July 19, 2015

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,911.00
Loose	691.96
Energy	15.00
Catholic Education	3100
Little Angel items	40.00
Votives	129.00
Parking	<u>170.00</u>
	\$3,987.96



The account of the loaves and fishes is an awesome example of Christian stewardship. We have the ability to re-create this miracle in our everyday lives – if we just share a portion of our time, talents, and possessions with others.

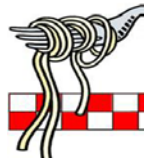


HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK JULY 26 - AUGUST 1

John Oakley, Louise Connelly, Barbara Vedock, Mary Ellen Carney, Donald Worthington, Barbara Carrier, Richard Krumenacker, Sharon Lovette, Deborah McCaffrey, Margaret McGrath, Linda Orlosky, Christopher & Luca Martella

Church of the Transfiguration

201 Third St, Conemaugh
Spaghetti Drive-By
Sunday, July 26.
10:30am - 1:30pm
\$7.00/meal



Trip to – Bloomfield (Pittsburgh)
“Little Italy Days”



with a stop at the Strip District –
Saturday, August 22.
\$30/person. The bus leaves Lodestar at 9:30 AM. For info or reservations call Frances at **266-8547**.



THANK YOU to all who responded to our appeal for altar servers!
It's not too late, there's a new sign-up sheet just waiting for *your* name.

Save The Date:

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will sponsor a day with Dr. Scott Hahn, noted Catholic author and speaker, Saturday, Sept 12, at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Ebensburg. Tickets for the day are \$10 per person which includes refreshments and a boxed lunch. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Laurie at 814-943-1981 ext. 106. www.scotthahn.com



Laurel View Village –
Summerfest Basket Bash

Oakwood Restaurant, Cambridge Place
August 15 – Doors open at Noon. Drawing begins at 1:30. \$15 includes admission, lunch, and 25 tickets. Additional chances are \$5 for 25 chances. No admission tickets sold at the door. Call Pauli or Shelley @ 288-2724.



Help Keep Our Church Grounds Beautiful

A crew is needed to keep up with the weeding and watering around the church and rectory. Call 536-6110.



OMOS Ladies Auxiliary Basket Party
August 16, 2015 @ Christ the Savior Hall
12 Noon – Drawing at 2 pm – More than 100 baskets – 50-50 \$10 admission ticket includes 25 tickets and Light Lunch. Call OMOS Parish office for tickets at 535-7646.



"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."



- Saint Padre Pio

Saint Pius (Padre Pio) Prayer Group:

meets at Saint Clare of Assisi Church in Woodvale on the second Thursday of the month, April through November. Mass begins at 7PM followed by prayers, spiritual reflections, and then a light social in the church hall.



The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Family is invited to participate and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married

Couples on Sunday evening, August 2 at 7:00 pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. Mass will be held indoors in the event of rain. Bishop Mark is the celebrant and homilist. This is a wonderful way to celebrate, encourage and support married couples! Come early, bring food and picnic together.

If you want to improve your life immediately, clean out a closet. Often it's what we hold onto that holds us back.



Families and the Gospel

In today's gospel Phillip worried about "enough food" for the crowd. What is ENOUGH? When does our enough deprive another family of their fair share? Jesus performed today's miracle because one child was willing to share and risk living with less. Can your family live with less so that other families can simply live?



Before you take the kids back-to-school shopping, go through their closets with them to see what things they have outgrown and donate them. This will not only make room for their new items, but can teach them how donating those items will help others.



Just A Little Help Means So Much

The Visitation Conference of the St. Vincent DePaul Society will be collecting items for "Love Boxes" that will be sent to the children of

Haiti as part of the 2015 Sea Container Collection sponsored by the Carmelite Sisters.

Some suggested items for the **shoebox size containers:**

Shampoo	Writing Tablets
Deodorant	Pencils, Sharpeners
Combs, Brush	Pens
Hair bands	Colored Pencils
Toothbrush	Crayons
Toothpaste	Calculators

Other Needs for Children (Ages 6-18):

New or gently used:

Boys & Girls Underclothing & Socks, Shirts & Tops, Jeans & Shorts, Pajamas, Shoes & Sneakers.

Other Needs:

Fabric, Sewing Notions, & Embroidery Thread

A collection box will be available on the weekends of July 25-26 and August 1-2.

All money from the **Poor Box** in the next few weeks will be sent to the children of Haiti.

As always, thanks for your support!

When there is happiness in the home, there is contentment in the community. When there is contentment in the community, there is prosperity in the nation.

When there is prosperity in the nation, there is peace in the world.

~Chinese Proverb from 5000 B.C.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for your prayers and concern. So far this week I have had an MRI of my brain. Surprise! It showed nothing there! I have also had CT scans, abdominal tests, a bronchoscopy, and an echocardiogram of my heart. Double surprise!! I do have one, you know! I am awaiting all results and will keep you posted. In the meantime, I am still feeling a little weak and ask that no one visit so that I may rest. Thanks so much for your understanding, Fr. B.



This weekend, we have guest missionary, Father Augustine Desam. Father will make an appeal to you to support his community's work. Support of missionaries is every Catholic's responsibility. Remember the gospels. Jesus sends His apostles and followers out into the surrounding towns to spread the good news. They are to take no traveling bag, money bag, extra tunic. They are told to seek lodging in a house within the area they visit and to shake the dust

from their feet against that town if they are not welcomed. I know you will welcome Father Desam and provide him with your financial support.

Potluck on the Mountain

One thing we know about a potluck supper, there is always more than enough. Each brings one dish which is multiplied through sharing. In today's scripture readings, an apparently insufficient amount of food to feed a multitude is multiplied and there is food left over. Elisha insists that twenty barley loaves be distributed among a hundred people, and there was more than enough "as the Lord had said." Jesus works with even less food, five loaves and two fish offered by a young boy to feed five thousand. At the end of a busy day, Jesus has the people recline on the grass, picnic style, and serves up a potluck supper. Whether he actually increases the few loaves and fish or encourages people to share the bit they brought for themselves, the miracle is the same—share what you have and there will be enough, even more than enough.

In our world today, millions of people are hungry due to drought, poverty, migration to escape violence. At the same time, tons of food are wasted every day. Caring, sharing, and putting an end to wastefulness will go a long way toward feeding hungry people, wherever they are. At the same time, the human family must address the root causes of hunger, work to reduce poverty and violence, provide assistance to people to cultivate their own food. The lessons of today's scriptures are not limited to feeding the physically hungry. When confronted by spiritual, emotional, and other human hungers, our own gift may seem small and inadequate. This must not be an excuse for not sharing it, trusting in the Giver of all gifts to multiply it so it becomes more than enough.