

Church of the Visitation

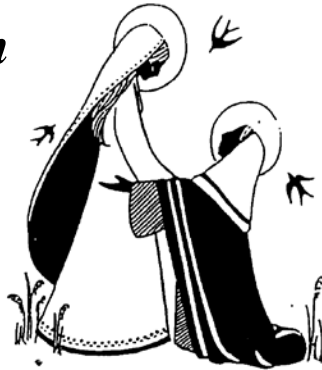
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23, 2015

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— St. Bartholomew

8:00 A.M. Fr. Barry Baroni
(Req. by Pat Barnhart)

TUESDAY— St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

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

WEDNESDAY— Weekday

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

THURSDAY— St. Monica

8:00 A.M. Michael & Ethel Fuska
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)

FRIDAY— St. Augustine

8:00 A.M. Michael Kozak
(Req. by Family)

SATURDAY—The Passion of St. John the Baptist

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

4:00 P.M. Paul Torchia
(Req. by Greg & Theresa Tama)

SUNDAY— 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. Intentions of the Parish Family

10:30 A.M. Mary Barbato
(Req. by Sam Barbato Family)

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Michael & Ethel

Fuska

Req. by Cathy Fuska

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 8/24: Rv 21:9b-14/ Jn 1:45-51
Tue 8/25: 1 Thes 2:1-8/ Mt 23:23-26
Wed 8/26: 1 Thes 2:9-13/ Mt 23:27-32
Thu 8/27: 1 Thes 3:7-13/ Mt 24:42-51
Fri 8/28: 1Thes 4:1-8/ Mt 25:1-13
Sat 8/29: 1 Thes 4:9-11/ Mk 6:17-29
Sun 8/30: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,
 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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 Hipp, Deborah Hockey, Mary Ann Holtz, Carol Houghton, Mary Kenny, Rosemary Kiser, Dorothy Kleinosky, Kathy Kohan, Madeleine Krueger, Anne Kucera, Rose Leone, Robert Luden, David Magro, Martha Majoris, 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, 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 29-30

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

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LECTORS: August 29-30

SAT 4:00 PM J. DiBuono
SUN 8:00 AM S. Maestra
10:30 AM E. Haggerty

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: August 29-30

SAT 4:00 PM (Plate) J. Bulisok, H. Balagusz, C. Fuska
 (Cup) N. Vavrek, C. Arnone, P. Cavanaugh
SUN 8:00 AM (Plate) D. Krumenacker, E. Hobbs, M. Clark
 (Cup) K. Carney, G. Krumenacker, V. Griffith
10:30 AM (Plate) J. Aspey, S. Durst, A. Kozak
 (Cup) D. Tedjeske, B. Williams, C. Williams

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GREETERS: August 29-30

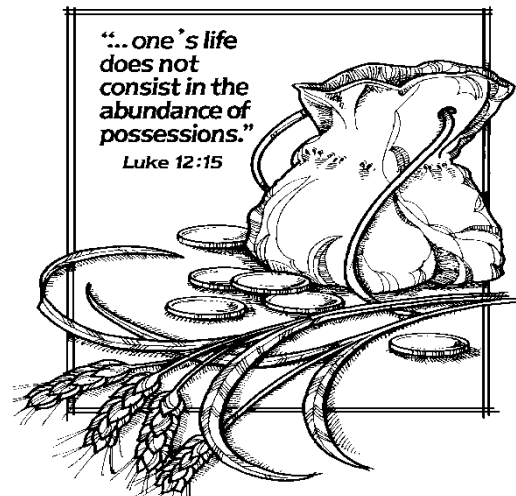
SAT 4:00 PM (ST) D. & V. Hummel
 (VP) N. Ward
SUN 8:00 AM (ST) R. & A. Albert
 (VP) G. Krumenacker
10:30 AM (ST) Johns Family
 (VP)

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**\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$
 August 16, 2015**

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,183.05
Loose	563.00
Energy	5.00
Assumption	486.00
Catholic Education	30.00
Votives	148.00
Parking	35.00
	<u>\$4,450.05</u>

Christian stewards eagerly decide to serve the Lord, *not* the destructive “gods” of society – Materialism, relativism, individualism, and consumerism.



“...one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”
 Luke 12:15



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK AUGUST 23-29

Barbara Harshberger, Ann Sakmar, Dawn Thompson, Christopher Homyak, Mia Rastall, Lisa Kozak, Lauren Bell, Madison Podrebarac, Donald Scholly

Join us for the recitation of the Holy Rosary

each week on Saturdays at 3:30 PM before Mass and on Sundays at 10:00 AM before Mass.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The new school year will begin on Sunday, September 13, 2015.

Classes are from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. First Grade Students, and new students not enrolled in the program, please call Maureen Clark to register.

Our **TEACHERS MEETING** will be held on Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30 PM, in the school's Ministry Room. I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

Maureen Clark, DRE

Educational Assessments

All parents of students at Catholic schools subsidized by Visitation Parish will be receiving a letter this week to schedule an appointment to meet with Fr. Slovikovski and a parish representative in order to sign a memorandum of understanding. Formal details will be explained in the letter regarding each family's commitment to the parish. Failure to respond will result in loss of the parish subsidy for the student(s).



Calling On All High School Students And Younger (age 12 and up)...

we need you in the Visitation Choir. Rehearsals are on

Wednesdays from 7:00-7:45 PM. Practices begin on September 16th. It's a great way to learn about music **and** earn service hours. It's fun to sing with other people so come by and check it out. The more people—the better the choir! Even if you can't make every rehearsal, just show up at 10:00 AM on Sunday morning. We go over all the music for the Mass at that time. God will bless you and I thank you for your consideration.

~~Mark Ed
Music Director

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 contact Laurie at 814-943-1981 ext. 106. www.scotthahn.com

The Church of the Transfiguration will be having a bus trip on Tuesday, September 8, to the Meadows Casino. The bus will depart at 8:30am. Cost is \$32 and includes \$30 in Slot Play. Call Sharon at 536-1732 or Andy at 322-3287

St. John the Baptist Parish Festival-Sunday, Aug. 30 at the New Germany Grove. Chicken & Ham Buffet Dinner w/Homemade soup from 11:30-3:30. Adults \$10 – Children \$5. Live entertainment, games, bingo, baskets, and food. Come and join the fun!

Thank You



**Planning, Cleaning, Cooking,
Sewing, Phoning, Hosting...**

**A big "Thank You" to so many
parishioners who helped in countless
ways at the time of Fr. Baroni's funeral.**

**No wonder Father loved Visitation
Church and, most especially, the
Visitation parish family!**

SAVE THE DATE:

On Wednesday, September 9, 2015 we will celebrate the "month's mind" for Fr. Baroni with the celebration of Mass at 7 PM. A light reception in the school cafeteria will immediately follow the mass. Please join us for this event where we celebrate Fr. Baroni's move from time to eternity in the context of two things that were close to his heart: The Eucharist and a parish social.

Parish Website

In the coming months, we will be attempting to update our parish website (posting of weekly bulletin, downloadable parish forms, diocesan announcements, etc). We are seeking a volunteer to assist with these updates. Please call the rectory if you are qualified and willing to serve the parish in this important ministerial tool for the 21st century.




Hall/Cafeteria Rental

We are currently developing a policy for rental of the school gymnasium and cafeteria to be implemented by September 1, 2015. In the interim, anyone wishing to rent the school facilities should call the rectory and speak with Fr. Slovikovski.

Families and the Gospel:

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult," He did not back down. In our families it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

FAMILY RITUAL



As the summer crops are harvested and gathered in to be shared, take time to reflect upon the scripture verse of Matthew 9:37. Jesus says "the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few!" A kitchen table discussion question: How does this verse apply to our family's daily lives? Do we recognize the need for laborers in the vineyard of our faith? What can we do as a family to help harvest souls for God?

I'm no hero!

Each saint in the canon, like every hero in the Bible, begins his or her vocation with an emphatic objection to God's call. This makes perfect sense to most of us, who would gladly echo Gideon's response when summoned to be the next champion of his community. "I'm no savior! Try next door." It's not false modesty on our part. We know our limitations too well, so it helps to keep this in mind: So does God. When God comes calling, the invitation always comes with the grace to fulfill it.

But Gideon answered him, 'Please, my lord, how can I save Israel?'

The Lord answered, "You can do it because I will help you." Jgs 6:15-16

Dear Lord,

Guide us on our faith journey, that we may always be open to your calling in our lives. Open our eyes and ears that we may earnestly seek your will, trusting that you have a perfect plan for our lives. Help us, Lord, to bear the fruit of faithfulness in our daily lives, so that we may point others to you, the Faithful One. Amen.





Bishop Bartchak has formally appointed Fr. John Slovikovski as the pastor of Visitation Parish. Until the estate of Fr. Baroni is settled, he will be living between the Cathedral in Altoona and Visitation Parish. Please welcome Father John as he begins this new ministry as our pastor. We will welcome Fr. John with a "meet & greet" social following the masses of the weekend of September 5/6. Details will be announced in next week's bulletin.

A brief biography on Fr. John Slovikovski

Fr. John is a native son of the Church of the Visitation of the BVM, attending parochial school here for 8 years. He was ordained in 1996 after having attended Saint Vincent Seminary where he earned both an M. Div. and an M.A. in systematic theology. His list of assignments is as follows

1996-1998: Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona

1998-2000: Vice Principal and Chaplain, Bishop Carroll High School, Ebensburg
Sacramental Minister, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Residency at Saint Patrick Church, Moxham

2000-2009: Chaplain, Campus Minister, and part-time faculty, Mount Aloysius College
(with residency at Saint Patrick - 2000-2004)

2004-2009: Pastor Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Duncansville

2009-2012: Teaching and Seminarian Formation at the Catholic University of America and Theological College, Washington DC and St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD.

2011: Earned Ph.D. in systematic and moral theology from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh

2012-2015: Part-Time Faculty, Saint Francis University, Loretto and Director of On-going Formation of the Clergy for the Diocese (both positions currently held) with residence and sacramental ministry at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona

2015: Appointed Pastor of Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Fr. John will begin teaching at Saint Vincent Seminary in the spring of 2016 in addition to the additional commitments mentioned above. He also contributes regularly to scholarly theological journals and is currently working on a book on ethics and ordained ministry.