

Church of the Visitation

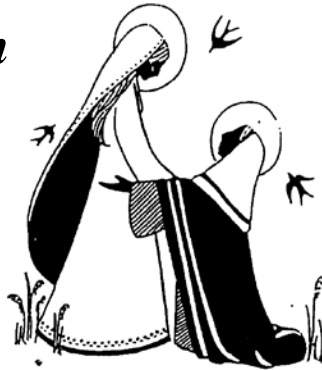
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 13, 2015

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 AM Kenneth Kozak
(Req. by Family)

TUESDAY— Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 AM William Pingatore
(Req. by MM Don Verbano)

WEDNESDAY— Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

8:00 AM No Mass

THURSDAY— St. Robert Bellamine

8:00 AM Elizabeth Dudash
(Req. by Husband, Eugene & Family)

FRIDAY— Weekday

8:00 AM Kathleen Bailey
(Req. by John & Emma Frieko)

SATURDAY— St. Januarius

11:00 AM Valley Pike Manor
George & Evelyn Stein
(Req. by Children)

4:00 PM Ron Mihalacki
(Req. by Wife, Mary & Daughter Emily)

SUNDAY— 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Intentions of the Parish Family

10:30 AM Charles Barbato
(Req. by Sam Barbato Family)

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Father Barry Baroni
By Barbara Vedock

MASSES FOR SUNDAY: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturday 1:00 PM

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 9/14: Nm 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17
Tue 9/15: 1 Tm 3:1-13/ Jn 19:25-27
Wed 9/16: 1 Tm 3:14-16/ Lk 7:31-35
Thu 9/17: 1 Tm 4:12-16/ Lk 7:36-50
Fri 9/18: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/ Lk 8:1-3
Sat 9/19: 1 Tm 6:13-16/ Lk 8:4-15
Sun 9/20: Wis 2:12, 17-20/ Jas 3:16—4:3/
 Mk 9:30-37



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, 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: September 19-20

SAT 4:00 PM S. Wachs & J. Corona
SUN 8:00 AM J.& M. Smith
 10:30 AM M. Durst & L. Kozak

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LECTORS: September 19-20

SAT 4:00 PM P. Balagusz-1
 J. Correll-2
SUN 8:00 AM S. Maestra
 10:30 AM P. Molchany-1
 E. Haggerty-2

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: September 19-20

SAT 4:00 PM (Plate) Ja. Bulisok, N. Vavrek, *J. Correll
 (Cup) B. Tran, R. Sigg, *P. Balagusz, J. DiBuono
SUN 8:00 AM (Plate) D. Kozak, A. Reynolds, *M. Carney
 (Cup) J. Kuswara, C. Hobbs, V. Griffith, *G. Krumenacker

10:30 AM (Plate) P. Molchany, B. Williams, B. Nagle, S. Durst
 (Cup) *C. Williams, O. Standley, *J. Aspey

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GREETERS: September 19-20

SAT 4:00 PM (ST) W. & M. Werzyn
 (VP) F. Petro
SUN 8:00 AM (ST) K. Garanich
 (VP) M. Mihelic
 10:30 AM (ST) S. Barbato
 (VP)

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

September 6, 2015

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,152.50
Loose	768.29
Energy	139.20
Catholic Education	21.00
Retired Priests Medical	16.00
St. Vincent de Paul	41.00
Votives	183.00
Sale of Daycare items	250.00
Parking	<u>260.00</u>
	\$5,830.99



When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK SEPTEMBER 13-19

Anthony Penna, Richard Dunkle, Alexis Kozak, William Maestra, Joseph Guydo, David Kozak, Jennifer Shuman, Joanne Luberto, Anthony Marano, Betty Worthington, Jill BiBuono, Susan Pappas, Theresa Rován, Kira Ocheltree, Paul Schmidt Jr.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Sept. 13 – First Class

Sept. 20 – Class

Sept. 27 – Home study

Sept. 26 -11th Grade Retreat Part 1 (3-8 PM)

VISITATION CHOIR – New members

(Ages 12 and up), are *always* welcome in the Visitation Choir! Please consider joining us in the Choir Rehearsal Room Wednesday evenings (**starting Sept. 16th**) from 7-8 PM. We warm up Sunday mornings at 10 AM in the Choir Room. God will bless you!



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

If you have experienced a significant loss through death – recently or in the past -- and are finding that dealing with your grief is very difficult, you are invited to our

Journey Through Loss Program

It is a six-week series of meetings beginning Tuesday, September 22, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Rectory. For information, contact Carroll Green 255-5478.

The Notre Dame Club of Central PA, in conjunction with Bottle Works, will present the October 2nd **Hesburgh Lecture Series** event: “Notre Dame in the Movies.” The lecture will be FREE and open to the public; it will be held at the Bottle Works in

Johnstown at 6 PM. No registration is required.

Guest Lecturer : Donald Crafton, Ph.D., the Joseph & Elizabeth Robbie Professor of Film, Television & Theatre; Fellow, Nanovic Institute for European Studies, holds Notre Dame’s first endowed chair in film studies. A published author, he has won awards and fellowships from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Hesburgh Lecture Series is named for the late Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC, and 15th President of the University of Notre Dame, in recognition of his personal example as a lifelong learner and as an expression of the respect he has earned from alumni, faculty and others worldwide.

St. Francis University along with the Pennsylvania Association of Catholic College Admissions Officers (PACCAO) invites students and parents to attend a Catholic College Fair on Thursday, October 8th, in the Maurice Stokes Athletics Center on the campus of St. Francis University. The college fair will be open from 9-11AM. Participants will have an opportunity to speak with Catholic college representatives from over 15 Pennsylvania Catholic colleges. Two special interest sessions on 'How to Navigate the College Search Process' and an 'Introduction to the Financial Aid Process' will be held during fair hours. A special mass at 11AM in the Immaculate Conception Chapel will be held following the college fair.

In celebration of Polish Heritage Month, the Polish Heritage Choir is sponsoring its annual Pulaski Day mass on Saturday, October 3, at 4:00 PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Windber. Please join us in this celebration of a Polish Mass and Hymns.



Faith Without Works is Dead

When Gandhi wrote his autobiography in 1947, he titled the book *The Story of My Experiments with Truth*. Gandhi described his "experiments" in the practice of nonviolence and in the practice of simple living, which helped lead him to Truth and to God. Love for another person, for God and for the pursuit of Truth is lived out in action.

Today's reading from Saint James outlines practices to help us live our faith and our love for God. The good works we do demonstrate our beliefs. "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." (James 2:18) Faith is more than religious rituals, prayers, and liturgy. James tells us that faith without good works is dead. Saint Francis is often attributed with echoing this same message with the words: "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words."

Saint Peter was able to reply to Jesus' question "Who do you say that I am" (Mk. 8:29) by accompanying Jesus and observing the works of Jesus. Witnessing how He acted in love with those he encountered convinced Peter to respond, "You are the Christ." (Mk. 8:30)

PA Catholic Conference statement: *Living Will and Health Care Power of Attorney*

Several times over the past few weeks, some more "mature" members of our parish family have asked me about the moral issues surrounding end of life decisions, particularly with regard to living wills and health care power of attorney because of my area of expertise. The link below provides access to the official statement of the PA Catholic Conference.

If you cannot access the internet, I can provide you with a paper copy.

<http://www.pacatholic.org/bishops-statements/living-will-and-health-care-power-of-attorney-2007>

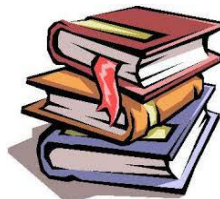
For everything there is a season



For many, this time of year, when summer ends and school begins, feels more like the beginning of a new year than January 1. In fact, Jews and Muslims celebrate their new years in late summer/early fall. But it's Ordinary Time in the Catholic liturgical calendar, and as summer fun winds down and you get back to "ordinary" life, remember to take time to reflect and seek spiritual renewal with the changing season. Cooler weather and shorter days are conducive to turning inward; cultivate light and warmth in your heart. ". . . you are children of the light and children of the day." 1 Th 5:5

A Student's Prayer

Loving Father, I stand before You in the midst of confusion and complexities of life. My future sometimes seems distant and unknown. Give me, O Lord, the vision to see the path You set before me. Grant me the courage to follow Your way, that through the gifts and talents You have given me, I may bring Your life and Your love to others. I ask this through Jesus, Your Son and my Brother. Amen



Resurrection Parish: Spectator Special Ticket

Winner receives 2 tickets to each: Steelers vs. Colts-Dec. 6; Pitt vs. Notre Dame -Nov. 7; Penn State vs. Michigan-Nov. 21; Pittsburgh Penguins-Date & Game to be determined. Cost: \$10 Drawing: October 12 - Evening Pick 3. Call 539-5788 Ext. 3.

Women's Help Center Basket Party

Sunday, September 20, at Richland Fireman's Hall on Scalp Ave. Doors open at 1 PM. Drawing at 2:30. Admission of \$12 includes lunch, 25 basket chances, & raffle ticket for door prizes. Space is limited! Reserve your tickets by calling 536-5361.

