

Church of the Visitation

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 4, 2015

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— Weekday

8:00 AM Shirley Barbato
(Req. by Jack & Janet Bulisok)

TUESDAY— St. Bruno; Bl. Marie-Rose Doucher

8:00 AM Howard K. Blair
(Req. by Grace Rothmeyer)

WEDNESDAY— Our Lady of the Rosary

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

THURSDAY— Weekday

8:00 AM No Mass

FRIDAY— St. Denis; St. John Leonardi

8:00 AM Matt Kozak
(Req. by Son, Dan Kozak)

SATURDAY— Weekday

5:30 PM Valley Pike Manor
No Mass

4:00 PM James Donahue
(Req. by Bat Tran Family)

SUNDAY— 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Sister Rose Vogel
(Req. by Shirley Machowski &
Charlie Kerrigan)

10:30 AM Intentions of the Parish Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

That we always continue to respect those clothed with the seamless garment of life.

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 10/5: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 / Lk 10:25-37
Tue 10/6: Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 10:38-42
Wed 10/7: Jon 4:1-11 / Lk 11:1-4
Thu 10/8: Mal 3:13-20b / Lk 11:5-13
Fri 10/9: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 / Lk 11:15-26
Sat 10/10: Jl 4:12-21 / Lk 11:27-28
Sun10/11: Wis 7:7-11 / Heb 4:12-13 /
 Mk 10:17-30



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, 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: October 10-11

SAT 4:00 PM G. Mikesic & M. Rastall
SUN 8:00 AM P. Maestra & K. Amendola
10:30 AM J. & M. Kozak

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LECTORS: October 10-11

SAT 4:00 PM J. DiBuono-1
 J. Correll-2
SUN 8:00 AM D. Kozak-1
 M. Flynn-2
10:30 AM P. Molchany-1
 E. Haggerty-2

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE
 EUCHARIST: October 10-11**

SAT 4:00 PM (Plate) *J. Bulisok,
 H. Balagusz, C. Arnone
 (Cup) *N. Vavrek, *C. Fuska, B. Tran, R. Sigg
SUN 8:00 AM (Plate) *K Carney,
 D. Krumenacker, S. Maestra
 (Cup) V. Griffith,*G. Krumenacker, C. Hobbs,
 *M. Mihelic
10:30 AM (Plate) A. Kozak, C. Pribozie,
 *D. Decker
 (Cup) *V. Rosa, *J. Aspey, P. Molchany,
 P. Ambrosini

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GREETERS: October 10-11

SAT 4:00 PM (ST) N. Ward
 (VP) G. & K. Mikesic
SUN 8:00 AM (ST) G. Krumenacker
 (VP) J. Kuswara
10:30 AM (ST) C. Pribozie
 (VP) A. Kozak

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**\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$
 September 27, 2015**

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,866.50
Loose	612.03
Energy	15.00
Catholic Education	11.00
Retired Priests Medical	78.00
St. Vincent de Paul	65.00
Votives	3.00
Parking	70.00
	<u>\$3,720.53</u>

Pope Francis continuously calls us to “go out to the
 peripheries” to care for those “on the outskirts of
 society.” He talks about the “sacredness of each
 human person.”



Pope Francis also raised a
 challenging question that we each
 need to consider seriously: “in
 recognizing the inestimable value
 of human life, we must also
 reflect on how we use it. Life is
 first and foremost a gift.”

God has given us each the gift of life. How will we
 live it?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK OCT. 4-10

Rosemarie Nagle, Joseph Zahoran, Kimberly Oakley, Joseph Barber, Vanessa Hummel, Charles Kerrigan, Shirley Machowski, Michael Flynn, Richard Dunkle, Carter Smitley, Kylee Arms, Shirley Slovikovski

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Oct. 4 - Class, and the 11th Grade Retreat for all students (Parish and McCort), and parents.

The Retreat will be held at St Andrew's. We will begin with 8:00 am Liturgy, then go to the school cafeteria until 11:00 am. The Parent Meeting will be held at 9:00 am in the cafeteria. After the meeting, parents may leave.

Oct. 11 – Class & Opening Mass at 10:30

Oct. 18 – Class

Oct. 25 –No Classes-Home study



If you would like to have a loved one or special intention remembered by providing for the Sanctuary candle, please call the rectory at 536-6110 to reserve your intention.

Family Marian Celebration

– **Mass and Rosary** – Sunday, October 4, at 3 PM, at St. Benedict's Church. The theme for this year's celebration is "Mary, Mother and Queen of Creation". Bishop Mark Bartchak will be the principal celebrant and homilist.



Roast Beef Dinner: with salad bar; 11am-2:30pm, Sunday, October 11, St. John Gualbert Activity Center, Corner of Railroad and Adams St; Adults: \$10; children ages 5 to 10: \$6; Children under 5: free; take-outs available.



Cash Bash: October 24th from 7-9 PM
Doors open at 6 PM. Ss. Gregory & Barnabas Church in Daisytown Hall, 120 Boltz St. \$10 includes food, snacks, beer, & soda. Drawings start at 7 PM/\$150 every 15 minutes. Last drawing 9 PM-\$500 winner. For info call 536-6818.



St. Anthony of Padua Church, Windber
Cavatelli Dinner on Sunday, October 18th from 11:00am – 2:00pm in the Church Hall. Adults/\$9, Children/\$4.50. Take-outs are available.



Wine Tasting Social: St. John Gualbert Cathedral Christian Life and Service Committee on Saturday, October 24, 6-9 pm, at the Cathedral Activity Center, corner of Railroad and Adams Streets. Your \$20 admission (Must be 21 to attend; ID required.) includes five wineries, four specialty vendors, hors d'oeuvres, souvenir wine glass, Chinese raffle and door prizes, For tickets contact St. John at 536-0117 or email amymns@gmail.com Tickets also at B & L Wine Cellars, Country Son Gift Shop, and the Fish Boat Restaurant.



St. Clement Church – win a **Super Bowl 50 Package** for 2 OR \$10,000 CASH! Package includes 2 Super Bowl Tickets, 3 nights lodging, \$1500 travel cash, admission to pre-game party, Super Bowl memorabilia and transport to/from stadium. Winning # is determined by the 1st Pick 4 PA Lottery Drawing on January 1, 2016. Donation is \$10 (two numbers on each ticket). For tickets, call Dave Pavlik @ 243-9446 or St. Clement Rectory @ 255-4422.

St. Patrick Basket Party & Vendor Fair – 625 Park Ave. Sunday, October 25 from 1-4 PM. Doors open at Noon. \$8 includes 25 chances. Themed baskets, vendor sales, lottery tickets, 50/50, door prizes and a hot meal.



Church of the Transfiguration-PIEROGHI SALE- \$6.50/dozen. Being made on Oct. 18 & 19. To order call Irene @ 322-4915 or Pat @ 539-7351.



Pope Francis has captivated the world with his humility, warmth and compassion for each person. Vivid accounts of his tenderness for “the least of these”—the elderly, the imprisoned, those with disfiguring disabilities, the unborn, and many more—seize our attention. Why?

At the heart of each of these interactions is a truth which resonates in our hearts, revealing to us something essential to understanding ourselves and our purpose.

We are loved.

Pope Francis has conveyed that “even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” We see Pope Francis living out the truth of these words in his actions.

We want to be part of a society that makes affirmation and protection of human rights its primary objective and its boast. Yet to women faced with an unexpected pregnancy, abortion is often presented as their only “choice.” A large percentage of children pre-diagnosed as having Down syndrome are never given the chance to live outside their mothers’ wombs. Elderly members of our families fear they will become burdensome and seek physician assisted suicide. We see these and many more of our brothers and sisters pushed to the periphery.

These tragedies go directly against respect for life, and they represent a direct threat to the entire culture of human rights. Rather than societies of “people living together,” our cities risk becoming societies of people who are marginalized, uprooted and oppressed.

What can be done to prevent this? We must draw close to Jesus in prayer and in the sacraments. We must ask the Lord for the grace to see ourselves and others as he sees us—as masterpieces of his creation. When God created each of us, he did so with precision and purpose, and he looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness. We must look at ourselves and at others in light of this truth and treat all people with the reverence and respect which is due.

The Church’s antidote to an individualism which threatens the respect for human dignity is community and solidarity. Are we moved by the suffering of those without shelter? Do we seek to alleviate the fear, confusion and panic that women facing unexpected pregnancies may be experiencing? Do our hearts ache for elderly patients in nursing homes who feel abandoned and unwanted, having no one to visit them?

Our mission is to show each person the love of Christ. As uniquely created individuals, we each have unique gifts which we are called to use to share Christ’s love. We are continually given opportunities to do so in our interactions with the cashier at the grocery store, our spouses, children, friends and even the people we encounter in traffic. Each of these moments is valuable beyond our realization. We may never know how much a simple gesture of compassion may affect someone’s life.

Love and justice must motivate each of us to work for a transformation of our own hearts so that we can transform the world around us. This is the message of Pope Francis. May the Risen Lord put the Gospel of joy in our hearts so that we may bear witness to the greatest love story ever told.

