

Church of the Visitation

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2015

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

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— SS. John Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

8:00 AM John & Margaret Lison
(Req. by Family)

TUESDAY— St. Paul of the Cross

8:00 AM Elizabeth Kozak
(Req. by Connie Hobbs)

WEDNESDAY— Weekday

8:00 AM No Mass

THURSDAY— St. John Paul II

8:00 AM Clara A. Kenny
(Req. by Mary Claire Kenny)

FRIDAY— St. John of Capistrano

8:00 AM Forrest Barnhart, Sr.
(Req. by Barnhart Family)

SATURDAY— St. Anthony Mary Claret

5:30 PM Valley Pike Manor
No Mass

4:00 PM Dr. & Mrs. William K. Flora
(Req. by Sons)

SUNDAY— 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Stephen & Elizabeth Mekis
(Req. by Margaret Mekis)

10:30 AM Intentions of the Parish Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

Shirley Barbato

Req. by Sam Barbato Family

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:

Mon10/19: Rom 4:20-25 / Lk 12:13-21
Tue 10/20: Rom 5:12, 15b,17-19, 20b-21/
 Lk 12:35-38
Wed10/21: Rom 6:12-18 / Lk 12:39-48
Thu 10/22: Rom 6:19-23 / Lk 12:49-53
Fri 10/23: Rom 7:18-25a / Lk 12:54-59
Sat 10/24: Rom 8:1-11 / Lk 13:1-9
Sun 10/25: Jer 31:7-9 / Heb 5:1-6 /
 Mk 10:46-52



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, David Magro,
 Martha Majoris, James McCabe, Loretta
 Meyers, Anna Miller, Ethel Pavlik, Eileen
 Rengh, Anna Petro, Stephanie Poltrack, Atlas
 Rea, Charlotte Rollins, James Rovon, Barbara
 Russell, 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 24-25

SAT 4:00 PM S. Wachs & P. Maestra
SUN 8:00 AM S. & T. Marano
10:30 AM B. Nagle & B. Swaltek

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LECTORS: October 24-25

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

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE
 EUCHARIST: October 24-25**

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

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GREETERS: October 24-25

SAT 4:00 PM (ST) W. Werzyn
 (VP) M. Werzyn
SUN 8:00 AM (ST) K. Carney
 (VP) K. Garancih
10:30 AM (ST) S. Barbato
 (VP)

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**\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$
 October 11, 2015**

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,581.00
Loose	681.06
Energy	83.00
Catholic Education	10.00
World Mission	5.00
Votives	152.00
Parking	<u>295.00</u>
	\$4,807.06



On World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis writes,
 "Mission is part of the 'grammar of faith,
 something essential for those who listen to the
 voice of the Spirit who whispers 'Come' and 'Go
 forth.' Those who follow Christ cannot fail to be
 missionaries..."

Come Lord! Come with me.
 See with my eyes, hear with my ears, think
 with my mind, love with my heart.
 Work with my hands, my strength.
 Take, cleanse, possess, inhabit my will, my
 understanding, my love.
 Take me where you will, to do what you will, in
 your way. For where you are, there would your
 servant be. Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK OCT. 18-24

Gayle Formica, Jane Stanko,

J. Robert New, Bat Tran, Gail delRosario, John Straczek, Richard Albert, Mary Elizabeth Smith, Robert Forquer, David Krise, Charlotte Rollins, Brenden & Brooks Shuman, Ethel Pavlik



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Oct. 18 – Class

Oct. 25 –No Classes-Home study



It's Turkey Raffle time!

In the coming weeks we will be accepting donations of Cash, Door Prizes, Lottery Tickets, Gift Cards, and items for the Basket of Cheer.

Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule of the church and cash and lottery tickets can be placed in the collection basket. Your help is needed for the success of this event. Thank You.

But What About You-n-Me?

The job gets full attention. The car gets a tune-up. The yard gets mowed. The laundry gets clean. Then the kids get... whatever they need. *When is there time to "check-in" on us as husband & wife?* Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and get the time you both so richly deserve. Rediscover "US." November 13-15 at The Antiochian Village near Greensburg, PA. To sign-up or for more information go to YourMarriagesWorthIt.org



Birthright Basket Party/Spaghetti dinner, Sunday Oct. 18 from 11 – 2 at Johnstown Senior Center on Main St. Entertainment by: The Serenaders. All you can eat spaghetti, 3 meatballs, breadstick, dessert & beverage: \$7, 12 and under \$3.50. Lots of great baskets /gifts to win. All proceeds benefit our pro life work in Johnstown. Call Mary Kay @ 535-5821.



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. 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.



Resurrection Parish Basket Party Sunday, November 8 at Christ the Savior Reception Hall, 307 Garfield St. Doors open at 12:30. \$10 includes lunch, 25 basket chances and eligibility for door prizes. For tickets call 539-5788 ext. 3.



Resurrection Parish "Sweets & Treats" Giant Bake Sale Sunday, October 25, at the corner of 4th Ave. & Chestnut St. From 9 AM to 1PM. Handmade items from our sewing ministry also available.



Arts & Crafts Show: St. John Vianney Church Hall, Mundy's Corner Saturday, October 24th 9 AM-7 PM Sunday, October 25th 11 AM-5 PM



St. Clement Parish will hold its Annual St. Jude Triduum on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, October 19, 20 & 21. Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM and 7 PM each day. On Wednesday, October 21st at 7 PM, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated. Those who are troubled by serious or chronic illness or who are "up in years" are invited to share in the physical and spiritual consolation the sacrament provides. All are welcome!

RESPECT LIFE DINNER

The **27th Annual Respect Life Mass and Dinner** will be held on Sunday, October 25th. Mass will be held at 4 PM at St. Andrew Church with a Turkey Dinner to follow in the School Hall at 5:30 PM. Guest speaker will be Representative Bryan Barbin, who is co-chair of the Pennsylvania House Committee on Pro-Life. Tickets for the Turkey Dinner can be purchased for \$10 at the Rectory or call: Tom Deibert at 288-1113 or Earl Birch at 288-4972.

"What about you?" In his homily during the Mass for clergy and religious in Philadelphia, Pope Francis put this question to the congregation. The question was addressed by Pope Leo XIII to Katherine Drexel, now Saint Katherine Drexel, when she expressed her concern for forgotten people, especially Native and Black Americans. The daughter of a wealthy Philadelphia banker, Katherine desired to use her inheritance to assist people at the margins of the late 19th century U.S. society. In response to the Pope's question, "What about you?," Katherine founded a new religious congregation, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, devoted to education and social services for Native and Black Americans. "What about you"? Pope Francis asked the congregation. His question can be addressed to all of us as we reflect on ways we can respond to the challenges he issued during his visit to the United States. Rather than look to others, "What about you? me? us?"

In today's gospel, Jesus puts a similar question to James and John who ask if they can be seated next to Jesus in his glory: "Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized"? I will offer my life out of love for all people, Jesus is saying, but "What about you?" If you really want to follow me, can you drink the chalice of suffering that I drink? Of course the glory seekers don't get it and confidently respond, "We can." Jesus assures them that they will indeed drink the cup that he drinks. They will learn that it will be the cup of suffering.

So what about us? Jesus makes it clear that we are called to servant leadership: "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your

servant..." The servant leader suffers. As Isaiah foretold: "...through his suffering, my servant shall justify many..." When we take up the challenges offered by Pope Francis related to immigrants and refugees, climate change, economic justice, human trafficking, and forms of violence, we too drink the cup of suffering that Jesus drank. We experience frustration, failure, rejection, indifference and opposition. But we have God's presence always with us, and we have companions on the journey. We must never lose hope. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Hebrews: "So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace for timely help." What about me?

TURKEY RAFFLE



Wow, how time flies...even if turkey's do not...The annual Turkey Raffle is scheduled for Friday, November 13, 2015. As you know (much better than I) this is one of the major fundraisers for Visitation Parish for the year. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are somewhat behind in preparations. Information regarding donations may be found elsewhere in the bulletin. Please note that door prizes may be left in the vestibule of the Church and that basket of cheer items should be brought to the rectory and that instant lottery tickets and cash donations may either be delivered to the Church or placed in the regular collection and be identified accordingly. Cynde Smith will once again be serving as our chairperson for the event. She will be holding an organizational meeting this **Monday, October 19** in the school cafeteria at 7:00 PM. If you are able, please consider volunteering your time to assure the success of this fundraising and community building event.

Parish Council and Finance Council

Thank you to all who participated in the election of the parish and finance councils for our parish. I was so very pleased that we received more than 160 ballots. For me, this demonstrates a great willingness on the parish of the Church community to take ownership of our parish. At the time of the publication of the bulletin, all of the elected members of the parish and finance councils were contacted. As you recall, since I am relatively new to the Visitation Parish family (at least as pastor), I opted to have the individuals who received the most votes to serve on both councils. I have received responses for all of the newly elected members of the parish council. The new council members are as follows

Rose Barger	Kathy Carney	Lynette Corona	Marian Cyburt
Cathy Fuska	Kelly Granich	Dave Kozak	Brain Nagle
Linda Orlosky	Joanne Slater	Rose Sigg	Jeff Smith
Charles Wissinger			

A tremendous thank you goes out to all of these individuals who are willing to serve you and visitation parish. These women and men are YOUR representatives on the parish council. As always you are welcome to bring your ideas and concerns to the pastor; however, you may always approach any of the aforementioned council members to bring these issues to the bi-monthly meetings. Once the results of the finance council are confirmed, they will be published, a schedule will be set, and meeting dates will be provided to them through the beginning of the summer months.

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, November 1-7, 2015. This observance, sponsored by the U.S. bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, is a special time for parishes in the U.S. to foster a culture of vocations for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

National Vocations Awareness Week

National Vocations Awareness Week is designed to help promote vocation awareness and to encourage young people to ask the question: "To what vocation in life is God calling me?" Parish and school communities across the nation are asked to include, during the first week in November, prayer and special activities that focus on vocation awareness.

Please note what an important role that YOU play in fostering and awakening vocations to the priesthood and religious life. A 2012 study, "Consideration of Priesthood and Religious Life Among Never-Married U.S. Catholics," conducted by the Georgetown University-based Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), highlighted the role community encouragement plays in the discernment process. (Full study: www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/survey-of-youth-and-young-adults-on-vocations.cfm)

More information and resources for National Vocations Awareness Week, including a prayer card, suggested prayers of the faithful and bulletin-ready quotes are available online at www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awarenessweek.cfm

