

# Church of the Visitation

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## ALL SAINTS

November 1, 2015

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY— All Souls Day

8:00 AM All Masses are for  
12:05 PM The Commemoration of  
5:30 PM All the Faithful Departed

#### TUESDAY— St. Martin de Porres

8:00 AM Vera O'Donnell  
(Req. by Family)

#### WEDNESDAY— St. Charles Borromeo

8:00 AM No Mass

#### THURSDAY— Weekday

8:00 AM Clair & Isabel Swope  
(Req. by Dick & Gaile Krumenacker)

#### FRIDAY— First Friday

8:00 AM Richard Flynn  
(Req. by Wife, Mariam & Children)

#### SATURDAY— First Saturday

5:30 PM Valley Pike Manor  
Kevin & Marian Cyburt  
Anniversary  
4:00 PM Intentions of the Parish Family

#### SUNDAY— 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Gertrude Reynolds  
(Req. by Family)  
10:30 AM Donald Houghton  
(Req. by Family)

#### SANCTUARY CANDLE:

Zlata Prohaska & Parents  
Req. by Nada Prohaska

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 11/2:** Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 5:5-11 / Jn 6:37-40  
**Tue 11/3:** Rom 12:5-16b / Lk 14:15-24  
**Wed 11/4:** Rom 13:8-10 / Lk 14:25-33  
**Thu 11/5:** Rom 14:7-12 / Lk 15:1-10  
**Fri 11/6:** Rom 15:14-21 / Lk 16:1-8  
**Sat 11/7:** Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27 / Lk 16:9-15  
**Sun 11/8:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16 / Heb 9:24-28 /  
 Mk 12:38-44



*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, 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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**Nov. 2 – All Souls Day**

**8:00 AM** Lector: M. Flynn  
 (Plate) A. Reynolds (Cup) M. Clark, K. Carney  
**12:05 PM** Lector: D. Krumenacker  
 (Plate) C. Pribozie (Cup) G. Krumenacker,  
 R. Sigg  
**5:30 PM** Lector: P. Molchany  
 (Plate) J. Correll (Cup) P. Cavanaugh,  
 H. Balagusz (Server) J. Corona

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**SERVERS: Nov. 7-8**

**SAT 4:00 PM** J. Corona  
**SUN 8:00 AM** P. Maestra & K. Amendola  
**10:30 AM** M. Durst & O. Friday

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**LECTORS: Nov. 7-8**

**SAT 4:00 PM** P. Balagusz-1  
 C. Vavrek-2  
**SUN 8:00 AM** M. Flynn-1  
 S. Maestra-2  
**10:30 AM** P. Molchany -1  
 O. Standley-2

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**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Nov. 7-8**

**SAT 4:00 PM** (Plate) C. Fuska, C. Arnone,  
 \*J. Bulisok  
 (Cup) \*H. Balagusz, P. Cavanaugh, B. Tran,  
 \*J. DiBuono  
**SUN 8:00 AM** (Plate) D. Kozak, \*M. Clark,  
 A. Reynolds,  
 (Cup) C. Hobbs, M. Mihelic,  
 \*G. Krumenacker, \*V. Griffith  
**10:30 AM** (Plate) \*J. Aspey, C. Pribozie,  
 P. Molchany  
 (Cup) P. Ambrosini, V. Rosa, \*A. Kozak,  
 \*S. Durst

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**GREETERS: Nov. 7-8**

**SAT 4:00 PM** (ST) G. & K. Mikesic  
 (VP) J. Spangler  
**SUN 8:00 AM** (ST) R. & A. Albert  
 (VP) K. Garanich  
**10:30 AM** (ST) S. Barbato  
 (VP)

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**\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$  
 October 25, 2015**

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,784.00
Loose	589.06
Energy	10.00
Catholic Education	15.00
World Mission	12.00
All Saints	5.00
Votives	31.00
Parking	<u>65.00</u>
	\$3,511.06

As we gather together this month to give thanks to God for all our Blessings, take time to think about how you and your family can purposefully and intentionally be a Blessing to others! Make a plan!





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK NOV. 1-7**

Donald Hornick, Mary Russo, Laura Slifko, Hattie Dunkle, Ashley Zahoran, Brian Nagle, Grace Smith, Dolores Barto, Mary Ann Holtz, Patricia Price, Fr. John Slovickovski, Nancy Taresco, Mary Ann Wissinger, Connie Hobbs, Eileen Rengh



**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Nov. 1-Class Nov. 22- Class  
 Nov. 8-Class Nov. 29- Thanksgiving  
 Nov. 15-Class Vacation

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade required services are:  
 Tuesday, Nov. 3-Practice for First Confession  
 Sunday, Nov. 8-Parent meeting & student retreat in the church at 6:30-8:00 PM.

**ANNUAL VISITATION PARISH TURKEY RAFFLE**



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Doors Open @ 6:00 PM  
 Raffle Begins @ 7:00 PM  
 Visitation School Gym  
 Food & Beverages Provided  
 Door Prizes, Baskets  
 Admission: \$3.00

**We are in need of:**



**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.

**Volunteers** are also needed. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. For the success of this event, we need YOU! Thank You.

**Carmelite Community of the Word Pre-Christmas Fair and Spaghetti Dinner**

The Carmelite Community invites you to our Annual Pre-Christmas Fair and Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, November 8, at Bishop Guilfoyle High School in Altoona. Festivities begin at 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Dinner ends at 2:00 PM. Dinner is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. There will be games to play, prizes to win, and items to buy at the Baked Goods and Handiwork Booths, as well as Santa's Flea Market. Cash Raffle prizes from \$100 to \$1000! Raffle tickets are 3 for \$5. This event supports the Carmelite Community of the Word sisters' spiritual, educational and ministerial needs.



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
 St. Clement Church/CCA  
 Goucher St. & Lindberg Ave.  
 Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> -

7:00 AM-Noon Adults \$6 /Children 12 and under \$3.50. Take outs available.

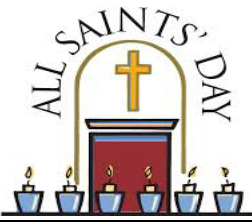
St. Clement Parish will be holding a **Textile Recycling Drive** Fundraiser on Friday, November 6 from 3-6 PM, Saturday, November 7 from 9 AM-4 PM, and on Sunday, November 8 from 11:30 AM-6 PM.



Acceptable items: all Clothing including Coats & Jackets Socks, Belts, Shoes, Boots, Purses, Hats; Bedding: Comforters, Sheets, Blankets; Towels, Draperies & Table Linens, Soft Toys, Stuffed Animals. All items should be clean, dry & bagged or boxed. All proceeds benefit Mission Work. Thank you for your support!

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.





All Saints' Day, which began most likely as All Martyrs' Day, can be traced to the earliest Christians. By the third century, the followers of Christ were annually honoring their brothers and sisters who had given their lives (been martyred) while witnessing for and defending Jesus Christ. Typically, on the anniversary of a martyr's death, those living would gather to remember and offer prayers at the tomb or place where the deceased had died. From the third century the anniversary of a martyr's death, called his 'birthday,' was commemorated at his grave by a celebration. The belief among the first Christians, which continues today, is that believers who died defending Christ were borne by angels to heaven and are face to face with the living God, in the presence of the beatific vision. In those first centuries there were more and more Christians who accepted death rather than deny Christ or worship false gods. Others who had publicly confessed their Christian faith (confessors) and somehow survived the Romans were also honored. Thus the number of martyrs and confessors became greater than the opportunities to give each one an anniversary celebration, and the need for a common feast day was recognized. On Nov. 1, 735, Pope Gregory III dedicated an oratory in St. Peter's Basilica to house the relics of the apostles, martyrs, saints and confessors. Thereafter, Nov. 1 became, at least for the churches in Rome, the feast of All Saints. Christians have annually been acknowledging the collective lives of all martyrs and saints for over 1,200 years. Today, All Saints' Day is a solemnity and holy day of obligation on which the universal Church honors the martyrs, the saints and the confessors, including all known and unknown, who have gained the reward of heaven.

“Come you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

Matthew 25:34

### All Souls' Day

Offering prayers for those who have died is ancient in origin. In the Old Testament's Second Book of Maccabees, written around 100 B.C., Judas Maccabeus orders his army to pray and offer sacrifices on behalf of their fallen comrades. Tombs found in the Roman catacombs are inscribed with prayer requests for the deceased.

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, or All Souls' Day, evolved long after All Saints' Day. Sometime between 998 and 1030, St. Odilo, the abbot at the Benedictine Monastery in Cluny, France, encouraged all the monks to pray for the souls of those who had died, those waiting the joys of heaven. He instituted this commemoration on the day after All Saints' Day, and soon other religious orders and churches began, on that same date, to annually remember all who had died.



This day we remember those whom we have known and loved and have gone before us, those who nourished us, loved us, and in some way have made us who we are today. Even with their faults and failings, we loved them and their passing has left an emptiness in our homes and in our hearts. Take a moment now in silence and one by one remember them.

*Jesus, dear Savior,*

*On this day we prayerfully remember all our loved ones who have died. Please give them comfort and hope and may they be at peace, knowing that they will rest in God's arms eternally.*

*Thank you for our memories of them and for the time we shared. We ask You, through their intercession, to deepen our faith, strengthen our hope and increase our love that we, too, may someday stand before you, ready to enter Your Holy Kingdom. Amen.*