

The Catholic Church of the Visitation

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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THANK YOU NOTE FROM FR. TOM WANTLAND: Fr. Wantland sent us a kind thank you note concerning his visit to our parish on January 17th. Excerpts are as follows:

“Thanks for the opportunity of visiting your two parishes to raise the level of consciousness and support for those in the third world countries. Your people were very warm, welcoming, and interested in the work at hand... Finally, know that the people are making the transition from Fr. John to you during this grieving period and that they are growing to appreciate and love you as the days move along. Enthusiastic people with good spirit! Thanks again for allowing our visit”.

PARISH CLOSING: Our efforts to communicate about the Mass cancellation two Sundays ago appeared to be successful. Only one set of tracks was visible in the snow. To assist us in communicating more effectively with you in the future, please visit our website (www.visitationcatholicchurch.org) to register your email address. Our plan is to use the site in the future to communicate events of immediate significance.

HAITI RELIEF DONATIONS: A new law allows you to claim donations for Haiti relief made between January 11th, 2010 and before March 1st. You have the option of deducting these contributions on either your 2009 or 2010 tax return. Contact the office if you need a special contribution letter to claim the deduction in 2009.

USED CRUTCH COLLECTION FOR HAITI: There is a serious need for crutches in Haiti as a result of the recent earthquake. If you or your neighbors have a pair that is not in use, you may donate them in February. A container will leave for Haiti, with items such as this, approximately March 1st. Leroy Homan (776-7426) has agreed to pick them up or you may bring them to church and give them to Leroy after Mass on Sundays.

FRANCIS DE SALES is conducting a French Caribbean Gala on Saturday, February 20th at 5PM. Tickets are \$20 each or 2 for \$35 and must be purchased in advance. Please see the bulletin board or website (www.visitationcatholicchurch.org) for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Masses are at 9AM here and 5:30PM at Frances de Sales. On Wednesday, February 24th we will have our first of four Wednesday Soup and Station celebrations. We begin at 6PM with the Stations followed by a short talk on a Lenten theme by the Station's presider. Immediately thereafter we dine on soup and bread provided by two parishioners each. The other dates for our celebration are March 3rd, 10th, and 17th. If Wednesdays are an inconvenient night for you, Frances de Sales holds a similar celebration on Tuesday nights. A sign-up list for those who desire to donate soup and/or bread is located at the rear of the church.

THANK YOU NOTE: The Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center has sent us a thank you letter for our Angel Tree program donations this past Christmas. It contains statements of thanks from the inmates many of which are poignant expressions of heartfelt thanks. The letter is posted on the bulletin board.

BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: Catholic Charities has announced several events – The 2010 Bishop’s Humanitarian Award, a need for FAMIS volunteers, job openings, and Lower United Methodist Church is sponsoring a mission trip to New Orleans and sponsoring a silent auction on Saturday, February 20th at the golf course. Please see bulletin board for details on all of these topics.

MESSAGE FROM HAITI: Last week we received the following message from Deacon Ben Johnston, The Chair of The Haiti outreach Program.

To the good people of Visitation Church

Just wanted all to know that with your parish’s donation of \$2,629 and other donations of \$2,000, yesterday, I bought around \$10, 000 of pain medicine and other prescription medicine that is to be loaded on our charter flight scheduled to depart Tuesday at 5AM from Knoxville directly to Port Au Prince. The charter flight was also donated as is the time of the 17 doctors and nurses on the 4 surgical teams going.

2009 INCOME TAX STATEMENTS: If you desire to receive a statement of your 2009 donations, please sign the list located on the table in the new wing next to the envelopes and calendars. Statements previously requested are available for pickup in the same location.

YEARBOOK PHOTOS: I will begin taking yearbook photos of different groups; knitters, lectors, counters, sacristans, etc. If your group has a meeting planned, please call me at <?XML:NAMESPACE PREFIX = SKYPE /> (804)815-6917 (804)815-6917 or email at baysands@hotmail.com to let me know so that I can show up to take a picture. Otherwise, I will be taking them after Mass. If you have 2009 photos you would like to share in the yearbook, please email a full resolution photo to covpictures@gmail.com. Thank you, *Leslie Krom*

CANCER CAUSE: We still have headscarves to give out to those members of the parish who are suffering from the after effects of chemotherapy. Please contact Mary Jacobs (435-9803) to obtain one. Recipients will be kept confidential. We are still collecting headscarves.

Pastoral Care: To help us be attentive to the needs of the sick and homebound in our parish, the pastoral care team asks that you call Lynne Richardson (776-0949), or the church office (758-5160), when a member of your family enters the hospital or nursing home or is homebound for any reason. We will follow up to be certain that the spiritual needs of your family member are addressed.

CARE NOTE CHATTER: Young and old will like this one. “When Your Pet Dies”, care note in the foyer of the church. From those scary feelings, saying goodbye, giving that last hug and more. Try it, for now and the future.

RCIA: If you know anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith please call Louise Petralia at (804) 435-9027 (804) 435-9027. Catholics and non Catholics are invited to attend the Adult Ed discussions.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fr. John Boddie

PARISHIONERS: Maryanne Grubbs, Edna Duel, Jeanne Lessner, Jean Golembicki, Margo Couzens, Elizabeth Gallagher, Theresa and Alice Foley, Virginia Banks, Barbara Keck, Tyra Freed, Genie Kauffman, Audrey Sidoli, Jean Harris, Michael Pollard, Sal & Lori Messina, Clara Thorne, Mary Pinchbeck, Lucy Hock, Chris Henkel, Beryl O’Connor, Elsie Zent, Ron Beville, Allen Hines, Chris Morrell, Tom and Lynn Shepherd, Jodie Riley, Ed Mahoney, Jim Dreelin, Jennifer Harris.

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS: Theresa Reamy, The Walton Family, Peyton Baynes, Grover Hodge, Timothy Wilkins, Michelle Gray, Denis Popp, James Parker, Catherine Hall, Robert Wilkins, Paul John & Paul James Schwedler, Kathy Reamy, Cathy Schueckler, Harry Sikora, Neil Hodge, Cindy Drinkwater, Jerry Howerton, Robbie Beasley, Doris Green, Shirley & Jim Rundle, Joanne Hensley, Ruth Gascoigne, Larry Gullickson, Esther Fraley, Leo Elenz, Robert M. Marks, James & Carroll Morton, Evan Smith, Eugenia Smith, Cliff Theiss, James Butler, Rachel Polhamus, Donnell Greene, Gary Baker, Tracey Dobbins & Family, Ray Depew, Joe Hock, Carla Wilkins, Darrin “Pudd” Hillman, Patrick Davis, Judy Wyant.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS: Carson Higgins, Chester Kauffman, Charlotte Groves, Elizabeth Xavier, Nick Klaiber, Sally Kingsley, Rev. Bill Sigler, Judy Ward, Ralph Valdrighi, Dylan Bibro & family, Marlon Parker, Deborah Mitchem, Elizabeth Panzer, Sandy Bruce, Samantha Butry, Bob Schockney, Dottie Dea, Kay Anderson, John & Violet Brooke, Lynn Hinkel, Maggie Prietz, Kathryn Hand & Family, James Pitts, Nikola Traynor, Missy Morris, John Thomson, Mac McLure, Pat Winklemayner, Larry Medeiros.