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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 12, 2012

I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

— John 6:51

MASSES FOR THE WEEK SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

7:30 AM Saverio Guigliano
9:30 AM People of the Parish
12:30 PM Mary Wanzie (Hispanic Mass)

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 AM William (Bill) Dyer

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 AM Angelo Tuzzi
7:00 PM Mary Wanzie

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 AM Harold Smith
7:00 PM Gertrude Beaulieu

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 AM Bill Decker

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 AM Edmund Chesney

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

4:30 PM Deceased members of the Zajac Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Andrew & Alvina Kishbaugh

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of George & Eleanor Dudasko requested by Marge & Joe Kutza.

PEACE CANDLE THIS WEEK: In honor of Joe Kutza requested by Ann & Joe Kondrcek.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Matthew & Florence Kopetskie requested by their family.

THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of Steve Kondrcek given by his wife, Margaret.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this week are in honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of George & Eleanor Dudasko.

OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY to the family of Warren Maher. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES to Jonathon & Elizabeth Barnett who were married here recently.

CIVIL DISCOURSE

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.” These words bring us up short! What could we be doing to grieve the Holy Spirit? Alas, the same things that the Ephesians were doing in the time of Paul, that is, fighting, shouting, reviling each other with fury, anger, and malice. Just tune in to talk radio some day or observe some “road rage” on the expressway. If we who are partakers of the Body of Christ can treat one another this way, what does that mean about our belief in Christ’s message of peace and reconciliation? The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity. It is communion with God and with each other. A good first step would be to speak civilly to each other, even in disagreement!

PARISH SUPPORT

August 5 offering

Adults	\$4,434.00
Youth	13.00
Loose	514.00
Total	\$4,961.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH DATEBOOK

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

We celebrate the Feast of the Assumption today. It is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Check Masses for the week.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR will be prayed at 8:00 AM.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, August 19

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Canouse, Dante, Belford
Lector: Kalie
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: Gay & Torsella

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Curry, Marston, Kilcullen
Lector: Belford
Altar Servers: 2
Greeters: Becker & Evans

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Eroh, Samsel, Wharton
Lector: Pierce
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: J & T Fink



PRAYER CHAIN

If you or a loved one is sick or in need of prayer please call

Rose Yalch at 752-2363

or Ann Samsel at 752-7309

Your request will be passed on to the rest of the Bible Study Group

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Maria Assunta Society will lead a procession through the streets of Berwick on Saturday, August 18th. All are welcome to attend Mass at St. Joseph Church, Monroe Street @ 9:00 AM. The procession, which includes a Living Rosary, will begin after Mass. Following the procession, there will be a Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and singing of Marian hymns. The St. Joseph Festival, which will be held on the Maria Assunta grounds, will be open after the crowning of the statue.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL students will be walking in the Maria Assunta Assumption Procession on Saturday August 18th. We ask that students try to attend Mass at 9:00 AM at St. Joseph Church. The procession will follow Mass at 10:00 AM. **Current students, incoming students and Alumni are all welcome to attend.** Current students can wear their maroon tie-dyed shirts and kaki shorts, otherwise any appropriate attire can be worn. Hope to see you there!

MASS OF HEALING

“Father John A. Szada, Jr., Pastor of Divine Redeemer Church, Mount Carmel will celebrate a Mass of Healing with Anointing of the Sick and Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 6:00 PM in Divine Redeemer Church, Avenue & Poplar Streets, Mount Carmel PA. All sick of the area, those who serve as caregivers, and all who work in the health care service are invited to attend this Mass.” For more information, please contact the parish office at 570-339-3450.

VOCATION AWARENESS:

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit.” Your faithful response to your vocation gives joy to the heart of God. Perhaps priesthood or consecrated life awaits you. Call the Office of Vocations (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email frrlavoie@hbgdiocese.org.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Tuesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
Wednesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;
Eid al-Fit'r (Islamic feast of the conclusion of Ramadan).



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The roots of this week's feast of the Assumption can be traced back at least to the fifth century, when it is noted in the Armenian lectionary. Celebrated in Jerusalem, the feast in honor of the *Theotokos*, the Mother of God, became the principal feast of Mary throughout the Christian world. The place of celebration was at the tomb of Mary in Gethsemane and was therefore known as the “Dormition of Mary.” In some cultures this feast is celebrated today with a resting statue of Mary, much like a wake service of modern times.

The liturgy of this feast provides images of “the place of your rest” in Psalm 132, and reverence for the Ark of the Covenant that held the signs of the Promise. Like that Ark, Mary is for us the ark of the Savior, the one who bore the Son of God. When the doctrine of the Assumption was defined in 1950 the Gospel reading for the feast was changed to include the verses of Mary's song, the Magnificat. The scripture readings for both the vigil Mass and the Mass of the day speak to us of life after death as well as the path to be followed in order to reach it. The key to this promised immortality is found as we take to heart the words of the vigil's Gospel, “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”



EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Devotions is an act of allegiance, of self identification and commitment to our Lord. Our participation can help us grow into the realization that the Eucharist should be the summit of our lives to which everything is directed and from which everything flows. Come and Celebrate among us.

SOLEMN OPENING:

Sunday, August 26, 9:30 AM Mass

PRAYER SERVICE: BENEDICTION:

Sunday, August 26, 7:00 PM.

MASS FOR THE FAMILY:

Monday, August 27, 7:00 PM.

SOLEMN CLOSING:

Tuesday, August 28, 7:00 PM.

Guest Homilist: Rev. John D. Schmalhofer
Pastor St. Vincent DePaul Parish
Hanover, PA