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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 26, 2012

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.
— *Joshua 24:15b*

PARISH SUPPORT
Due to bulletin deadlines the Parish Report for August 19th will be in a future bulletin. Thank you.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

7:30 AM Rose Olynick
9:30 AM Frances Dent

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 AM John MacHutchin

7:00 PM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 AM William (Bill) Decker

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 AM Mary Kline

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00 AM Lisa Lutcavage

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 AM Fr. William Seery

4:30 PM Isabella Marsico

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:30 AM Margaret & Edwin Mickler

9:30 AM People of the Parish

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK:** In memory of Eileen Sherwood requested by Aunt Helen Dombkowski & family.

**PEACE CANDLE THIS WEEK:** In memory of Gina Melito requested by Ermine Olah.

**RESURRECTION CANDLE:** In memory of Gina Melito requested by Rose Chiki.

**THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE** that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of Frank Pyles given by Rita & Joselle.

### DECISIONS

There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation's involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won't be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God's word: Take the risk. Decide!

### PARISH DATEBOOK

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS** will be celebrated at 9:00 AM

### ~~~~~ SERVICE FOR THE LORD

#### Next Sunday, September 2

#### **Saturday, 4:30 PM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Koser, B & D Deluca

Lector: Wark

Altar Servers: 6

Greeters: Kubitsky

#### **Sunday, 7:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Kilcullen, Curry, Wolfe

Lector: Pierce

Altar Servers: 4

Greeters: M & B Samsel

#### **Sunday, 9:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Belford, Samsel, Marston

Lector: Morrison

Altar Servers: 5

Greeters: Reimiller & Thomas

### ~~~~~ EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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### ALTAR SERVERS

**ARE REMINDED TO VEST IN THE SACRISTY  
AND REPORT TO THE MEETING ROOM**

**BY 6:45 PM FOR THE CLOSING OF**

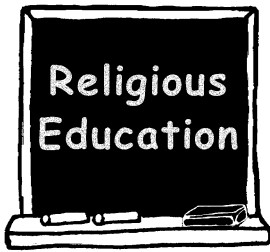
**FORTY HOURS**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>**



Please note.....

**The Religious Education Office and the Parish Office will be closed Friday, August 31 and Monday September 3 in observance of Labor Day.**



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The CCD Program Year begins September 9, 2012 with Orientation and Registration following the 9:30 AM Mass. Classes continue on Catechetical Sunday, September 16, 2012 following the 9:30 AM Mass. We look forward to all

parents and students participating in these events. Catechists receive their catechetical certificates at Mass on Catechetical Sunday. CCD Programs including registration forms are available in the Church lobby and the Parish Center for all students and parents.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA will begin on Wednesday, September 5 @ 7:00 PM and continue for 9 weeks ending on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please plan to attend this devotion to Mary and ask her intercession for world peace.

**MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS**

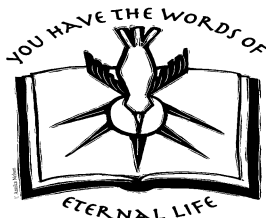
The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving a presentation in your area concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. This presentation will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. This session will be held on September 13, at 7:00 PM, in the Cardinal Keeler Center of the diocesan office building in Harrisburg. No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804, extension 304, or email; [tribunal@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:tribunal@hbgdiocese.org)

**CHARISMATIC DAY OF RENEWAL**

September 15, 2012 at the Cardinal Keeler Center 8:00AM to 3:30 PM - \$20 Registration fee accepted by cash or check at the door.

**VOCATION AWARENESS:**

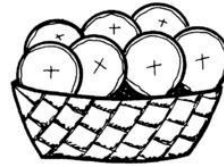
“Choose this day whom you will serve.” Consider as well how you are being called to serve the Lord! If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, Call the Office of Vocations (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or email [frlavoie@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frlavoie@hbgdiocese.org).



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Monica  
Tuesday : St. Augustine  
Wednesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**



The Eucharist was never meant to be only “comfort food,” something that makes us feel warm and satisfied. It is to be bread for the journey, nourishment for the task that God has set for our community and for each one of us. Thus it is not surprising to see some walk away in today’s Gospel, for they understood that recognizing Jesus as the bread of life is a commitment to changing one’s life.

St. Augustine, whose feast we celebrate this week, once observed that in celebrating the Eucharist we become what we receive, the Body of Christ. As we conclude the series of reflections in John’s Gospel on Jesus as the bread of life, it is appropriate to think about the role that the Eucharist plays in our lives and in our parish. It is in the Eucharist that we are nourished and renew our commitment in faith to serve the Lord. How does the parish social ministry carry out that mandate? How do you carry it out in your own life? Is it related in any way to the celebration of the Eucharist? How does celebrating Mass Sunday after Sunday make a difference in your life and in the world?



**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