



**Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 7, 2012**

Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.

— *Mark 10:14*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Special Intention – 25th & 50th Anniversary Couples

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00 AM Lisa Lutcavage

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00 AM William "Bill" Decker

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00 AM Frances Bushman

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00 AM Intentions for the Year of Faith

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 AM Julia Sorce

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

4:30 PM Clara McAfee

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Joseph Rauch
12:30 PM Dr. James O'Rourke (Hispanic Mass)

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of William & Elizabeth Decker requested by daughter Nora.

PEACE CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of William & Elizabeth Decker requested by Mary & Stan Kowalchick.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of William Nagy.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of Maureen Ouly requested by Nora Beach.

THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of Marie Emkey given by Leanne Wello.

OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY to the family of Dorothy Valunas. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES to Michelle McCabe & Michael Gray who were married here at St. Mary's recently.

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 Bible Study Group.



PARISH SUPPORT

	September 23 offering	September 30 offering
Adults	\$3796.00	\$4379.00
Youth	14.50	23.00
Loose	<u>340.00</u>	<u>383.00</u>
Total	\$4150.50	\$4785.00

Love of Neighbor: \$1020.00

The Second Collection next Sunday is a parish offering for Catholic Education. Please be generous.

Thank you for your generosity!

LENTEN APPEAL payment for October is now due. For proper credit please send payment & coupon to Diocese of Harrisburg, HCAS-LA, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710.

PARISH DATEBOOK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

BIBLE STUDY/SHARING: 7:00 PM meeting room.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL: 3:45 PM
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet at 7:00 PM at their home, 1416 W. Front Street.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: 7:00 PM.
ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL: 7:30 PM.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT after the 9:00 AM Mass. Adoration continuing until 4:00 PM closing with Benediction.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

FIRST COMMUNION ENROLLMENT
9:30 AM Mass.
CCD: Classes in session 10:40 to 11:55.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, October 14

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Panzak, B & D DeLuca
Lector: Pierce
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: N & D Whitko

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Wolfe, Kilcullen
Lector: Wark
Altar Servers: 2
Greeters: M & R Crake

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Samsel, Wharton, Koser
Lector: Ferentz
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: Reimiller & Thomas

Bishop McFadden to Celebrate Red Mass

Bishop Joseph P. McFadden will be the principal celebrant at the Red Mass on Monday, October 15, 2012, at 12:00 noon at Saint Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg. The Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, JCD, Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown, will be the homilist. All who attend the Red Mass are invited to a reception after the Mass in the Cathedral's social hall. At the Red Mass, lawyers, judges, lawmakers, and public officials gather together to pray for God's wisdom and guidance in their pursuit of justice. The Red Mass originated in medieval England at the time of King Edward I, when the twelve judges of the High Court attended Mass as a group on the opening day of the judicial calendar. Today, the Red Mass coincides with the time period in which the U.S. Supreme Court begins its new term. The Saint Thomas More Society of Central Pennsylvania, an organization of Catholic lawyers, sponsors the Red Mass and reception each year. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

VOCATION AWARENESS:

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them."
Are you being called to bring others to Christ and His Kingdom as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call the Office of Vocations (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email: frlavoie@hbgdiocese.org.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday
Monday: Columbus Day; National Children's Day;
Canadian Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday: St. Denis and Companions;
St. John Leonardi
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

THE BARRIERS THAT SEPARATE US

We live in a society that has many technological avenues for stimulation and entertainment, one in which the urban population exceeds the non-urban. It is curious that loneliness is a prevalent malady. It is easy to reach out and touch someone, we are told. But—in truth—it is not all that easy, and statistics from the mental health field will reinforce that opinion. Today's readings are about the ways in which we can authentically reach out: God touches Adam to create a mate and end his solitude; God-in-Jesus takes on human flesh and death in order that we might come to glory; Jesus reaches out to the children whom the disciples had tried to keep away, showing us the manner in which we must approach the loving embrace that awaits us in heaven. Until that day, however, we must remember that ours is a sacramental church, a church of signs of the love of God. And so we are called to reach out continually to ease the loneliness and the barriers that separate us from one another and, therefore, from the love of Christ.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Using beads for prayer and meditation is an ancient custom, found in many cultures and religions. The Christian rosary dates from the twelfth century, when it provided a way for ordinary Christians to learn about the lives of Jesus and Mary. Alan de la Roche, a fifteenth-century Dominican, preferred "Psalter of Our Lady" to "rosary." This fitting name recalls an explanation of the devotion's origin. Unable to read the one hundred fifty psalms that formed the Church's "official" daily prayer, medieval Christians substituted first one hundred fifty *Pater Nosters*, and later one hundred fifty *Ave Marias*. By meditating on the various mysteries of the rosary while repeating these simple prayers, the faithful could immerse themselves in the whole mystery of the Incarnation and the Resurrection.

The dedication of October to the Blessed Virgin Mary is an appropriate reminder of this venerable form of prayer. Faithful Christians everywhere continue to meditate on the mysteries of the rosary, praying in groups or alone. Why not take advantage of this season to renew your acquaintance with the rosary?



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE will be held at the Jackson Mansion (Old City Hall) 344 Market Street in Berwick; Saturday, October 13, 2012 at Noon. Please bring a chair. For more information contact: Irena Davis 752-1364 or 764-4142.