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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16, 2012

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:30 AM Monica Pesarchick
9:30 AM People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 AM James Kearney
2:30 PM **NO MASS AT THE RETIREMENT VILLAGE**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 AM William (Bill) Decker

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00 AM Judy Decker

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 AM Lisa Lutcavage

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 AM Irene Nimlo

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

4:30 PM Edward Shalata

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Ron Cramer

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Leonard Cerullo requested by Jean & Dolores.

PEACE CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Frank Spencer requested by Joselle.

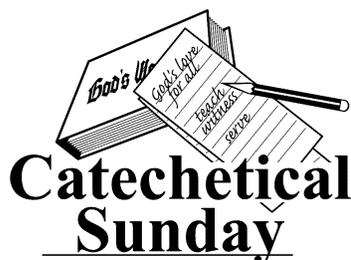
RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Carl Kutza Jr.

BLESSED MOTHER MEMORIAL CANDLE: In memory of Doug Steele requested by Roberta Blass.

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

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

MARRIAGE BANNS I ARE ANNOUNCED for Michelle McCabe and Michael P. Gray, both of our parish.



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PARISH SUPPORT

September 9 offering	
Adults	\$4347.50
Youth	9.50
Loose	<u>185.00</u>
Total	\$4542.00

Peters Pence: \$804.00

The second collection next Sunday will be a parish offering for Love of Neighbor.

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH DATEBOOK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

NO MONTHLY MASS at the Retirement Village.
BIBLE STUDY/SHARING: 7:00 PM meeting room.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL: 3:45 PM.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

CCD: Classes in session 10:40 to 11:55.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: St. Robert Bellarmine;
Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5773 begins at sunset)

Wednesday: St. Januarius

Thursday: Ss. Andrew Kim Taegön and Paul Chông Ha-sang and Companions

Friday: St. Matthew

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Autumn begins

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, September 23

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Canouse, Dante, Eroh
Lector: Kalie
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: Torsella

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Monatesti, Wolfe, Edwards
Lector: Ferentz
Altar Servers: 2
Greeters: M & W Andrezejewski

Sunday, 9:30 AM

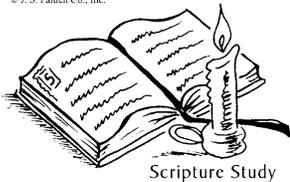
Eucharistic Ministers: Eroh, Marston
Lector: Pierce
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: J & T Fink



ALTAR SERVERS

We are asking boys and girls who are members of St. Mary's Parish, and who are in third grade to become altar servers for our weekend Masses and other devotional services. Please call the parish office at 759-8113 to enroll your son or daughter.

BIBLE STUDY/SHARING will begin on Monday, September 17th at 7:00 PM in the meeting room. We extend an invitation to all to join us in sharing God's word, especially in this "Year of Faith".



Scripture Study

Annual Fishers of Men Dinner

We are faced with a challenge! Many dioceses throughout the United States are facing the challenge of fewer vocations to the priesthood. We in the Diocese of Harrisburg are faced with a different kind of challenge – the need to provide solid seminary formation for an increasing number of men who are studying for the priesthood. What a wonderful challenge to be blessed with! As we have counted on your prayers for young men considering a vocation to the priesthood, so now we need your financial help in providing seminary formation for them. Please consider attending the Annual Fishers of Men Dinner on October 5, 2012 in the Cardinal Keeler Center at 4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. Please find more information in the vestibule of the church or go to the diocesan website at www.hbgdiocese.org/fishersofmen to RSVP or send a donation to this worthy cause. Let us meet this challenge together!

VOCATION AWARENESS:

"Who do you say that I am?" The One who calls is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Call the Office of Vocations (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email: frrlavoie@hbgdiocese.org.

IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL



From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although New Year's Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd in. In the background is God's call to consider our schedules, the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord's Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonders of God's creation, but not disturbing it.

For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord's Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, and not a day of rest. The Lord's Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday's ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ.