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MASSES FOR THE WEEK
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:30 AM Margaret & Edwin Mickler
 9:30 AM People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 AM Lisa Lutcavage

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 AM Gertrude Beaulieu

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 AM Grace Kern

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 AM Gladys & Sterling Shuman
 60th Wedding Anniversary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 AM William (Bill) Decker

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

4:30 PM Martin Connors

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:30 AM People of the Parish
 9:30 AM Cameron Kishbaugh
 12:30 PM Special Intention (Hispanic Mass)

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Gladys & Sterling Shuman requested by Joe & Marge Kutza.

PEACE CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Margaret Lyso requested by her niece Rose.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Warren Maher requested by the Blue Army.

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



DOERS OF THE WORD

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is

classified among the so-called “catholic” (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today’s text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the “first fruits” of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the “word” as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become “doers” of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally

important to do the “works” of love, for example, by caring for the “orphans and widows in their affliction.”

**Twenty-second Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 September 2, 2012**

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

— James 1:21b

PARISH SUPPORT

	8/19/2012		8/26/2012
Adults	\$ 4,578.50	Adults	\$ 5,341.75
Youth	13.50	Youth	21.25
Loose	<u>354.00</u>	Loose	<u>394.00</u>
Total	\$ 4,946.00	Total	\$ 5,757.00

Assumption \$ 1,239.00

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Through your generosity, we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world.

Thank you for your generosity!

LENTEN APPEAL payment for September 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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR will be prayed at 8:00 AM.
FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9

CCD ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION:
 10:40 AM in the parish center.

PLEASE NOTE.....

The Religious Education Office & the Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day

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

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.

CCW NEWS

September's Women's Council meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, September 12 @ 6:00 PM. As usual, these meetings are open to all the women of St. Mary's parish. Please join us for our first meeting back from summer break! <http://stmaryccw.webs.com/>

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

VOCATION AWARENESS:

"Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves." Jesus is the Word who calls you to serve Him in truth. Is He inviting you to priesthood or the consecrated life? Call the Office of Vocations (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email: frrlavoie@hbgdiocese.org.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Gregory the Great; Labor Day
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FORGIVERS

A happy marriage is a union of two good forgivers.
—Anonymous

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, September 9

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Yalch, Canouse, Eroh
Lector: Stephens
Altar Servers: 2
Greeters: N & D Whitko

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Edwards, Pierce
Lector: Ferentz
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: Becker & Evans

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Dante, Monatesti, Dudasko
Lector: Kalie
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: J & R Bremmer

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



Labor Day

originated in 1882 in New York City under the aegis of the Knights of Labor. Congress made it a legal holiday in 1894. Observing it this week gives us a good opportunity to reflect on the Catholic Church's

social teachings for the last century or so. On May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* on the condition of the working classes and labor. In doing so, he initiated a century in which Catholic teaching became more and more involved in the social issues of the day.

Unfortunately relegated to the shadows while the bright lights of controversy shine on other issues, Catholic social teaching remains largely unknown to many Catholics. It is the Catholic Church that championed such notions as a fair day's pay for a fair day's work, and continues to uphold the dignity of the human person against attacks from governments and corporations. Nearly every pope since Leo XIII has issued teachings on the subject. Take some time this Labor Day to familiarize yourself with some aspect of the Church's social teachings. In doing so, you will be taking responsibility as a member of the Body of Christ to commit yourself to the care of your neighbor.

THE ORIGINAL CURRENCY

Labor was the first price, the original purchase-money that was paid for all things. It was not by gold or by silver, but by labor, that all wealth of the world was originally purchased.

—Adam Smith