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## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 23, 2012

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace  
for those who cultivate peace.

— James 3:18

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Ron Cramer

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

9:00 AM Joseph "Jiggs" DiPasquale

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

9:00 AM Stephen Bennick

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

9:00 AM Mary Steinbacher

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

9:00 AM Patricia & James Rosini

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

9:00 AM Gertrude Beaulieu

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

**4:30 PM** George & Elizabeth Pirnick

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

7:30 AM Gina Melito

9:30 AM People of the Parish

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK:** In memory of Warren  
Maher requested by Rose Chiki.

**PEACE CANDLE THIS WEEK:** In memory of Charlotte  
Michael requested by Rose Mattive.

**RESURRECTION CANDLE:** In honor of our children  
requested by Ann & Joe Kondrcek.

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE:** In memory of Rose Cerullo  
requested by Rose Chiki. .

**THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE** that will be  
consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of  
William (Bill) Decker requested by Stan & Mary Kowalchick.

**WE WELCOME** Tanner Fitch Baltzer who was baptized here  
last weekend. God's blessing on this little one.

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



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### **PARISH SUPPORT**

September 16 offering

Adults \$4988.50

Youth 13.50

Loose 383.00

Total \$5385.00

Thank you for your generosity!

### PARISH DATEBOOK

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**NO YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL**

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** 7:00 PM.

**NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL**

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

#### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30

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

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### SERVICE FOR THE LORD

#### Next Sunday, September 30

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

Eucharistic Ministers: B & D DeLuca, Panzak

Lector: Ferentz

Altar Servers: 4

Greeters: Panzak & Rinehimer

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Pierce, Curry, Kilcullen

Lector: Morrison

Altar Servers: 5

Greeters: M & B Samsel

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Yalch, Samsel, Koser

Lector: Stephens

Altar Servers: 6

Greeters: Carter & Dent

**ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATION 25<sup>TH</sup> & 50<sup>TH</sup>  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY COUPLES**

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in 2012 you are invited to attend a special Mass in your honor to be held at 9:30 AM on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. After the Mass there will be a brunch sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women. Please R.S.V.P. to Diane DeLuca by Sunday, September 30 @ 759-3643.



**A FALL RETREAT** will be held at St. Cyril Spiritual Center, Danville, PA on Monday, October 1, 2012 from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Sister Maria DeMonte, OP will be the presenter of *Simply Surrender: The Little Way of Saint Therese of Lisieux*. The day of prayer is open to women and men of all faiths. Registration is \$40.00 with a deadline of September 24. A full dinner is included. Please call 570-275-3581 or on line [www.sscm.org](http://www.sscm.org).



**A Healing Mass** will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 9 at 7:30 PM at St. John Bosco's church in Conyngham. Father John Campoli will be the celebrant. For more information regarding Father John and his ministry go to his website – [www.hisloveministries.com](http://www.hisloveministries.com)

**OPENING MASS FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH  
WITH BISHOP McFADDEN**

**“All of the Faithful of the Diocese of Harrisburg are invited to join Bishop McFadden in opening the Year of Faith with the solemn celebration of Holy Mass on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 10:00 AM at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Harrisburg. This date marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the start of the Year of Faith.**

**VOCATION AWARENESS:**

“Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield.” Praying for wisdom will help you yield to Christ's choice of you, should He extend to you the gift of a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood. If you are discerning your vocation, call the Office of Vocations (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email: [frrlavoie@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frrlavoie@hbgdiocese.org).

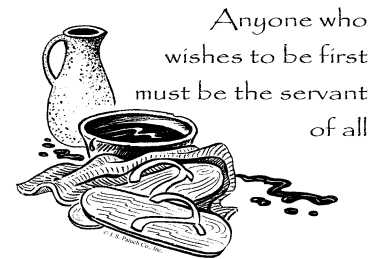
**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wednesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian;  
Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement)  
begins at sunset  
Thursday: St. Vincent de Paul  
Friday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;  
St. Wenceslaus  
Saturday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

On the Byzantine calendar, September 23 is the feast of the Conception of John the Baptist. The Roman and Byzantine calendars have in common the other equinox- or solstice-derived dates of solemnities: December 25, March 25, and June 24. Scholars see strong evidence in the writings of the early Church Fathers for the fixing of these dates from the imagined “anniversary” of Gabriel's appearance to Zechariah at Yom Kippur, which was thought to have coincided with the equinox as a day of “at-one-ment” between light and darkness. The spiritual writer Origen held to this date.

The annunciation to Zechariah then set the date six months later for Mary's conception of Jesus (March 25), and then, of course, for the dates of the births of John (June 24) and Jesus (December 25). Is this “liturgical trivia?” Perhaps. But it's also the best explanation we have for the dating of some of the most important festivals on our calendar. So even though the Roman Church doesn't observe the Conception of John the Baptist, yesterday's equinox can remind us of how our salvation history is closely attuned to God's creation.



**THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP**

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words “child” and “servant,” thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be “handed over” to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status (“who is the greatest”) becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.