



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 11, 2013

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
— Psalm 33:20

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

7:30 AM Mickey, Bill & Elizabeth Franczak
9:30 AM Valera M. Valentino
12:30 PM People of the Parish (Hispanic Mass)

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 AM Anna Bandics

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 AM Paula Robsock

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 AM Angelo Tuzzi
7:00 PM Mary Wanzie

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 AM William Sommers
5:00 PM William "Bill" Gray

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 AM Stephen Bodnar

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

4:30 PM Albina Sekulski

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

7:30 AM George Metz
9:30 AM Frances Dent

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK:** In memory of John Kertesz requested by Rose Chiki.

**PEACE CANDLE:** In memory of Steve Kondrcek requested by wife, Margaret.

**RESURRECTION CANDLE:** In memory of Matthew & Florence Kopetskie requested by their family.

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE:** In memory of Irene Nimlo.

**THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE** that will be consecrated at our Masses this week are in memory of Mary Malatesta given by Christianne & Mark Radziewicz.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in memory of George & Elizabeth Pirnick given by their family.  
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Tuesday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Wednesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
Thursday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

PARISH SUPPORT

August 4, 2013 Offering

Adults	\$5404.00
Youth	6.00
Loose	<u>368.00</u>
Total	\$5778.00

Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH DATEBOOK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

EAGLE SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER

4:00PM to 7:00PM, Parish Center.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

is a holy day of obligation. Please see our Mass schedule in the bulletin.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR: 8:00 AM.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, August 18, 2013

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Monatesti, B & D DeLuca
Lector: Kalie
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: Torsella

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Troiani, Curry, Kilcullen
Lector: Pierce
Altar Servers: 2
Greeters: Becker & Evans

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Dudasko, Yalch, Marston
Lector: Morrison
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: Carter & Dent

**NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY AND THE
CHURCH FRONT LOBBY.**

CCD NEWS: This year the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 15, 2013, and will focus on the theme "Open the Door of Faith". Our Catechists (teachers) will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry on this Sunday.



THE ASSUMPTION celebrates Mary's redemption in Christ. As He rose, so He raised her up before the rest of us. Our redemption, though started, has to go on from day to day. Filled with Christ's grace we are called to same total redemption. In Christ we are to rise again. His goodness to us is only limited

by our willingness to respond. In the Eucharist we show thanksgiving, humbly like Mary, proclaiming the greatness of the Lord. If we are hungry for Him, He will give us every good thing. **We celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on Thursday, August 15 with Masses scheduled on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 PM, Friday, August 15 at 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.**

The Maria Assunta will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a procession to begin approximately at 7:00 PM after the 6:00 PM Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Monroe Street. Refreshments will be served at the Maria Assunta after the procession and crowning.

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VOCATION AWARENESS

"Faith is the assurance of that which is hoped for." If you believe in the Giver of the call, you can hope to be true to it. Will you follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Raymond LaVoie at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email vocations@hbgiocese.org.

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PREPARATION

Imagine the following scene: you sit down in your school desk. The teacher walks the aisle, placing the paper before you, face down. You set your watch. You will have exactly one hour to do the test. You turn the paper over. Then it hits you: you never took any notes. You never studied or did even one assignment. For a student, lack of preparation is the nightmare of nightmares.

Jesus talks about the need for preparation in today's Gospel. God is pleased to give us the kingdom, Jesus says. "Gird your loins and light your lamps." See that you are prepared.

Jesus' teaching reminds us of the question once posed to St. Francis de Sales and his companions, who, according to the story, were playing billiards. "What would you do if you knew the end of the world was coming in one hour?" The friends of Francis shared various plottings of how they would get their affairs in order. Most mentioned prayer. Francis shrugged, "I would continue doing what I am doing." Are you ready to meet the Lord?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, today is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God-bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

The Eucharist is the center of our religious observance. It is a special celebration, which has a quality of its own and affects the rest of our lives. To take part in the Solemn 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 25, 9:30 AM Mass

PRAYER SERVICE - BENEDICTION

Sunday, August 25, 7:00 PM.

MASS FOR THE FAMILY

Monday, August 26, 7:00 PM.

SOLEMN CLOSING

Tuesday, August 27, 7:00 PM

GUEST HOMILIST

**Rev. John Bednarik, OFM, CAP
Pastor St. Francis of Assisi Parish
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