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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 2013

Strengthen your drooping hands
and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be disjoined
but healed.

— *Hebrews 12:12-13*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Paula Robsock

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 AM Danny Definis

7:00 PM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 AM Elizabeth Felix

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 AM Cory

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 AM Jack Samsel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00 AM David Wenner

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

4:30 PM John & Mary McLoughlin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:30 AM Nancy Petty

9:30 AM Frank Decker

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK:** In memory of Paul Kosko requested by sister Helen & family.

**PEACE CANDLE:** In memory of Gloria J. Taylor requested by Sab & Ellen Monatesti.

**RESURRECTION CANDLE:** In memory of John Kertesz requested by Sab & Ellen Monatesti.

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE:** For the sick of our Parish.

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THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at our Masses this week are in memory of Bridget & Quentin Belford requested by their family.
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Please note .....

**The Religious Education Office and the Parish Office will be closed Friday, August 30 and Monday September 2 in observance of Labor Day.**

### PARISH DATEBOOK

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

**BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR: 8:00 AM**

### PARISH SUPPORT

August 18, 2013 Offering

|        |               |
|--------|---------------|
| Adults | \$5198.00     |
| Youth  | 2.00          |
| Loose  | <u>381.00</u> |
| Total  | \$5581.00     |

Assumption: \$1,350.00

### MONTHLY REPORT (JULY) INCOME & EXPENSE

|          |                    |
|----------|--------------------|
| Income   | \$33,552.00        |
| Expenses | <u>\$32,751.00</u> |
| Balance  | \$ 801.00          |

Detailed Inspection on Income & Expense available to any parishioner upon request.

Thank you for your generosity.

### SERVICE FOR THE LORD

#### Next Sunday, September 1

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

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

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Curry, Kilcullen, Marston  
Lector: Pierce  
Altar Servers: 2  
Greeters: M & W Andrzejewski

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Yalch, Wharton, Samsel  
Lector: Stashko  
Altar Servers: 3  
Greeters: S & L Lizardi

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS ARE REMINDED TO VEST IN THE SACRISTY AND REPORT TO THE MEETING ROOM BY 6:45 PM FOR THE CLOSING OF FORTY HOURS, TUESDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>**

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I would like to thank everyone that supported me to raise money for my Eagle Scout Project.  
Michael Dyer



If you are interested in being a part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (especially if you are a Catholic adult who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation,) or you just want to know more about the Catholic faith, or you have thought about being a Catholic, begin to consider participating in this year's weeks of study and spiritual preparation. Please call the Parish office @ 759-8113.

**Annual Diocesan Charismatic Day of Renewal** with Father Bill McCarthy, MSA "A Personal Relationship with Jesus; September 21, 2013 – 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Cardinal Keeler Center...Please see bulletin board for more information.

**St. Mary's Church, Holy Spirit Parish, Mocanaqua** invites everyone to our annual homecoming picnic on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 9:30PM with Polka Mass featuring Joe Stanky and the Cadets at 4:00PM. Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 12:30 to 9:30 PM with the Shoreliners. Homemade Ethnic food! Everyone is welcome!

**VOCATION AWARENESS**

"Make straight paths for your feet" Will your path of holiness be as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Raymond LaVoie at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email [vocations@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@hbgdiocese.org).

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**REFLECTIONS ON THE REIGN OF GOD**

A threefold message is developed in today's readings. First, everyone is called to proclaim God's glory and receive salvation. Second, salvation is not for the unprepared. Like a loving parent, God gently corrects and disciplines those who have been called. Often, suffering may be part of the formation process. We learn to accept it as Jesus once accepted his cross. Third, some people who are treated with contempt and disdain by the self-righteous actually do have a place in God's kingdom.

We need to take these lessons to heart. Recall your initial excitement upon hearing God's word. How has the Good News that once struck your fancy taken deeper root in your life? Look again at the crosses you have been given. How are others transformed when they see how you have accepted and grown from your sufferings?

Finally, are there some people you imagine as not invited into God's kingdom? Why do you feel this way about them? For a moment, imagine them on the inside and yourself on the outside. How can this be possible? Always try your best to enter by the narrow gate, gladly proclaiming God's glory.  
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**GRACE AND STRUGGLE**

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.  
—St. Rose of Lima

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Monica
- Wednesday: St. Augustine
- Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was "full, conscious, and active," a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**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  
Harrisburg, PA**