

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 28, 2013

You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.
— *Colossians 2:12*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, JULY 28

7:30 AM Rudolph Chiki Sr.

9:30 AM Alex Bogнар

MONDAY, JULY 29

9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, JULY 30

9:00 AM People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

9:00 AM Ron Corona Jr.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00 AM Dr. William Calley

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 AM Joseph Kondrcek

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 AM Judy Wilt

4:30 PM Catherine Connors

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

7:30 AM Suzanne Hutnick

9:30 AM People of the Parish

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Vincent Diaugustine requested by Joselle Kinney
PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Joseph Bernocco Jr. requested by Joselle Kinney.
RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Joyce Bulkley requested by Richard & Barbara Marston.
BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In honor of Marylou Daddio's birthday requested by Marge & Joe Kutza.

THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at our Masses this week are in memory of Joyce Bulkley given by Joselle Kinney.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Martha
 Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus
 Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
 Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
 Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
 St. Peter Julian Eymard; First Friday
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

PARISH SUPPORT

The parish support for July 21st will be reported in next weeks bulletin. Thank you.

PARISH DATEBOOK

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

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

FIRST SATURDAY MASS will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, August 4, 2013

Saturday, 4:30 PM

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

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Marston, Monatesti, Wolfe
 Lector: Belford
 Altar Servers: 2
 Greeters: R & M Crake

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Dante, Yalch, Samsel
 Lector: Pierce
 Altar Servers: 3
 Greeters: J & T Fink



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held at St. Mary's July 29 through August 2, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. VBS focus "Lava Lava Island where Jesus Flows" and our theme is "Inspiration Island, Finding the Treasures of God's Love". Ages 5-12. Donation is \$5.00 for 1 child and \$10.00 for 2 or more children. Registration forms are available in the church lobby or on our website.

A WOMAN'S RETREAT is being planned for September 7th here at St. Mary's. It will start at 8:30 AM and end at 4:00 PM. Think about joining in for a day of faith and refreshment. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

Summer News from Holy Family School

Did you know that you can now use *Giant Smart Money Cards* directly at their pumps to pay for gas? **Yes, it just happened.** Now you can not only buy the groceries for the week, but gas up as well. You use it just as you would a credit or debit card. Giant gift cards, along with cards for other outlets and businesses, can be obtained at the school offices during the week. **We thank you for using smart money** gift cards to assist Holy Family Consolidated School.

Holy Family School also collects aluminum cans in the special container near the dumpster in the St. Joseph Parking Lot. The only thing we ask is that you use plastic bags before dumping the cans. Thanks again for your help.

Holy Family School is seeking a part-time **individual for janitorial services** for after school work.

Applicants will need to obtain all diocesan and state clearances. Please contact Mr. Brown, the principal @ 752-7000 ext 151

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH will be having their **annual picnic** Friday Evening, August 2, 2013 & Saturday Evening, August 3, 2013. Check our bulletin board for more details.

VOCATION AWARENESS

"Give us this day our daily bread." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Raymond LaVoie at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or e-mail:

vocations@hbgdiocese.org.

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EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

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:

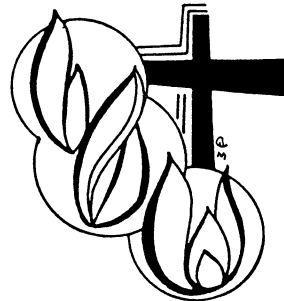
Tuesday, August 27, 7:00 PM.

**Guest Homilist: Rev. John Bednarik, OFM, CAP
Pastor St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Harrisburg, PA**

CHALLENGING GOD

Ancient Judaism held in highest regard those figures in its tradition who were willing to challenge God. This was particularly characteristic of the two patriarchs most highly esteemed, Abraham and Moses. This boldness in addressing God is present in today's story from Genesis, when Abraham attempts to save the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. This resonates with the Gospel passage—the Lord's Prayer—since it was truly bold of Jesus to address the Lord God as "Abba." Our familiarity with this prayer most likely makes us unaware of this.

The boldness of Abraham, Moses, and Jesus in addressing God is an expression of a deep, intimate relationship. We tend to argue most heatedly with and speak most tenderly to those whom we love the most. This very human trait is what generates the wide variety of emotions expressed toward God throughout the psalms. Hopefully our own relationship with God is intimate enough that we don't only come asking for favors or with heads bowed meekly, but also ready to question and argue, to praise joyfully, and to embrace our relationship with God lovingly.



**Ask
and
you
shall
receive**

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.