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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 6, 2013

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
— *Psalm 95:6*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:30 AM Douglas Steele
9:30 AM 25th & 50th Anniversary Couples

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00 AM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00 AM Florence Ciampi

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00 AM Barbara Javick

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00 AM Dorothy Valunas

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00 AM Paula Robsock.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:30 PM George & Elizabeth Pirnick

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30 AM Michael "Mickey" Franczak
9:30 AM People of the Parish
12:30 PM Frank Decker (Hispanic Mass)

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Marjorie Albert requested by Alice Thomas.

PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Joseph Di Febo requested by Joe & Marge Kutza.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Florence Ciampi requested by Rose Chiki.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of Gerry Toomey.

THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at our Masses this week are in memory of John Gentil given by Sab & Ellen Monatesti.

MARRIAGE BANNS III ARE ANNOUNCED for Nicole Arlene Dohl and Kenneth Leroy Wenner III.

OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY to the family of Katie Kerbacher. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Robert Broyan given by The Broyan Family.

PARISH SUPPORT

September 22, 2013 Offering	
Adults	\$4964.75
Youth	20.25
Loose	<u>484.00</u>
Total	\$5469.00

Debt Reduction: \$1650.00

September 29, 2013 Offering	
Adults	\$4457.50
Youth	16.50
Loose	<u>362.00</u>
Total	\$4836.00

MONTHLY REPORT (AUGUST) INCOME & EXPENSE

Income	\$29,452.00
Expenses	<u>\$39,759.00</u>
Balance	\$(10,217.00)

Additional offering next Sunday is a parish collection for Catholic Education. As usual please be generous.

LENTEN APPEAL payment for October 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

BIBLE STUDY/SHARING: 7:00 PM in the meeting room.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL: 3:45 to 4:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

7:00 PM in the church.

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL: 7:30 to 8:15 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

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



THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY. IN HER HONOR HER STATUE IS PLACED IN THE CHURCH LOBBY.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, October 13, 2013

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Panzak, B & D Deluca
Lector: Ferentz
Altar Servers: 4
Greeters: Panzak & Rinehimer

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Troiani, Curry, Canouse
Lector: Troiani
Altar Servers: 5
Greeters: Becker & Evans

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Dante, Eroh, Marston
Lector:
Altar Servers: 2
Greeters: S & L Lizardi

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THE 2013 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE will take place on October 12, 2013 outside of St. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, 700 Warren Street in Berwick. Father John Seniw, Pastor of St. Cyril's will lead the rosary. **Please bring a chair.** For more information call Irena at 570-764-4142.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be participating in the Columbus Day Parade, Sunday October 13th! The parade will begin at 1:00 PM at the Maria Assunta on Monroe Street in Berwick. Please meet at the MA at 12:30 PM. Please contact Elwood Boone if you are able to attend.

VOCATION AWARENESS

"God did not give us a spirit of cowardice." Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you beyond your fearful hesitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Raymond LaVoie at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email vocations@hbgdiocese.org.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday: St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

INCREASE OUR FAITH

Today's Gospel passage falls under the category that has come to be known as the "hard sayings" of Jesus. Hard to understand, hard to apply to life today. The Apostles' request, "increase our faith," is in response to a previous "hard saying" about how frequently we are called upon to forgive others. Curiously, Jesus seems rather unforgiving in responding to their request, or in describing the manner in which they are to serve others.

Jesus uses exaggerations to wake us up to how God is present in our lives, and how we are urged to live if God is with us. None of us is called upon to uproot trees or cast mountains into the sea. The faith we have is adequate for the task we are called upon to do: spread the gospel by our witness. And living that witness is done not for self-gratification or recognition, but out of the joy of helping the world to hear the Good News.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes human relationships go awry, but Christ's choice for us is irrevocable. In marriage celebrations, the Church always recalls God's faithfulness to help prepare married couples for enduring the inevitable rough spots. The Byzantine liturgy does this by adorning the couple with crowns that remind them of the martyr's crown. The couple therefore takes on a vocation of witnessing to the sacredness of life in all of its suffering and joy, and of keeping their eyes fixed on the banquet of heaven.

In Eastern theology, people have a liturgical vocation to give God praise, and marriage fits within that plan. It is not so much saying prayers that counts, but becoming prayer. Interestingly, in this liturgy the couple never utters a word other than joining in the community's chants; there are no marriage vows as such. There is therefore not a hint of our Western Christian sense that marriage is a legal contract. Rather, it is all about living out one's baptismal vocation, embracing the cross, pouring oneself out in love, and opening to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on Friday, October 4, 2013.