



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15, 2013

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
— Psalm 51:12

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Nancy Petty

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 AM Betty Lou Turock
2:30 PM Rita Venditti (Berwick Retirement Village)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 AM Patricia Criqui Smith

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 AM Joseph Kondrcek

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 AM Paula Robsock

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

4:30 PM Joseph Hawkins & Catherine Connors

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:30 AM Dorothy Valunas
9:30 AM A. "Bud" Lalli

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Andrew Haladay requested by Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Badalato.

PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Joseph DiFebo requested by Bill & Sally Johnson.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Joseph DiFebo requested by Nora & Howard Beach.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In honor of V. & D. Ragusa's 35th Wedding Anniversary requested by Barbara & Richard.

THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at our Masses this week are in memory of Florence Ciampi given by Marylou Daddio.

OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY to the families of Charles Albertson and Jennie Mullins. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

WE WELCOME Harris James Marshman who was baptized here last weekend. God's blessings on this little one.

To my church Family: Thank you for all your prayers, calls and cards sent to me during the passing of my father, Donald Woodring. **Deb Capozzelli**

PARISH SUPPORT

September 8, 2013 offering	
Adults	\$4925.00
Youth	16.00
Loose	<u>466.00</u>
Total	\$5407.00

Peter's pence: \$937.00

The additional collection next week will be a parish offering for **Debt Reduction**.

Thank you for your generosity.

A NOTE ON LAST FISCAL YEAR

We brought in a lesser amount for Sunday and Holy Day collections than what we had budgeted. As a result, we ended our fiscal year in the red. We are optimistic that our collections will do better this year, and our current year budget calls for that. If your means allow you to increase your giving throughout this year, even by a small amount, I encourage you to do so in hope that our budget for this year will end in the black. Thank you to each of you who support our parish!

Father Tamburro

PARISH DATEBOOK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

THE MONTHLY MASS at the Berwick Retirement Village will be celebrated at 2:30 PM. Visitors are asked to report at 2:00 PM to assist the guests to BRV II for Mass.

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

7:00 PM in the church.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

YEAR OF FAITH – CATHOLICISM

6:30 PM in the church.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, September 22

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Canouse, Troiani, Belford
Lector: Troiani
Altar Servers: 5
Greeters: Torsella

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Edwards, Wolfe, Monatesti
Lector: Kalie
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: M & W Andrzejewski

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Samsel, Wharton, Eroh
Lector: Pierce
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: P & J Kachurka

BIBLE STUDY will be starting again for the fall on Monday, September 16th at 7:00 PM in the meeting room. Everyone is welcome! Any questions please call Ann at 752-7309 or Rose at 752-2363.

VOCATION AWARENESS

“This brother of yours was dead and has come to life.” Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Raymond LaVoie at (717) 657-4804 ext.282 or email:

vocations@hbgiocese.org.

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Annual Fishers of Men Dinner

We are faced with a challenge! Many dioceses throughout the United States are facing the challenge of fewer vocations to the priesthood. We in the Diocese of Harrisburg are faced with a different kind of challenge – the need to provide solid seminary formation for an increasing number of men who are studying for the priesthood. What a wonderful challenge to be blessed with! As we have counted on your prayers for young men considering a vocation to the priesthood, so now we need your financial help in providing seminary formation for them. Please consider attending the Annual Fishers of Men Dinner on October 4, 2013 in the Cardinal Keeler Center at 4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg. Please find more information in the vestibule of the church or go to the diocesan website at www.hbgiocese.org/fishersofmen to RSVP or send a donation to this worthy cause. Let us meet this challenge together!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catechetical Sunday
Monday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Tuesday: St. Robert Bellarmine
Wednesday: Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset
Thursday: St. Januarius
Friday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions
Saturday: St. Matthew

LAVISH FORGIVENESS

Moses appeals to God for compassion in today’s first reading. The point of Moses’ pleas is not to provide a blueprint for pacifying an angry God, but to demonstrate that no matter our sin and its grievousness, God will always forgive.

In his Letter to Timothy, Paul uses himself, the great sinner, as an example of just how great is God’s forgiveness. Finally, today’s Gospel parables create a mural of God’s forgiving love. Like a diligent housekeeper, a good shepherd, a loving father, God goes out of the way to recover the lost and to forgive. By pointing out that the woman leaves her nine silver pieces, that the shepherd leaves his ninety-nine sheep waiting, and the father leaves his elder son upset, Jesus urges us to abandon a stingy view of life. If God can be so generous, so forgiving, and so loving to those deemed unworthy, we must act likewise.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although New Year’s Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd us. In the background is God’s call to consider the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord’s Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but as a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonder of God’s creation, but not disturbing it.

For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord’s Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, not a day of rest. The Lord’s Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday’s ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ.

