



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 2013

God . . . wills everyone to be saved
and to come to knowledge of the truth.

— 1 Timothy 2:4

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:30 AM Dorothy Valunas

9:30 AM A. "Bud" Lalli

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 AM Ted Armillay

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 AM Dolores Yavor

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 AM People of the Parish

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 AM Mary Wanzie

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 AM Geraldine Romeo

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

4:30 PM Deceased members of the Pirnick Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:30 AM Marian Tavcar

9:30 AM Jack Dent

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Eileen Sherwood requested by Aunt Helen and family.

PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Charles Albertson requested by Marylou Daddio.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Joseph DiFebo requested by Mary & Stan Kowalchick.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: Special Intention.

THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at our Masses this week are in memory of Anna & Edward Petroski given by Sharon & John Yasneski and family.

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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Frances McKiniry given by daughter Anna.

PARISH SUPPORT

September 15, 2013 offering

Adults	\$4636.00
Youth	51.00
Loose	351.00
Total	<u>\$5038.00</u>

Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH DATEBOOK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

NO YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

7:00 PM in the church.

NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, September 29

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: B & D DeLuca, Panzak

Lector: Ferentz

Altar Servers: 2

Greeters: N & D Whitko

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Kilcullen, Curry, Pierce

Lector: Stephens

Altar Servers: 4

Greeters: R & M Crake

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Dante, Marston, Canouse

Lector: Belford

Altar Servers: 5

Greeters: Carter & Dent

A TASTE OF THE PARISH will be held at Christ the King Church in Benton, Sunday, October 6, 2013 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00/person. Come and enjoy sampling favorite foods created by different chefs. For more information call the Parish office at 570 925-6969.

YEAR OF FAITH PILGRIMAGE IN DANVILLE

The Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius is the culmination site of a Year of Faith Pilgrimage which will be held at Villa Sacred Heart in Danville, PA on Sunday, October 6 from 1 to 4 PM. At 1 PM a presentation on the mission and ministry of Saints Cyril and Methodius will be given. A Living Rosary will follow that will include an outdoor procession ending in the Basilica. Msgr. Thomas Derzack, National Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Federation will offer a reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude the Pilgrimage. For more information call 570-275-3581.

HEALING MASS

Father John Campoli will celebrate a Healing Mass on Thursday, October 10th at 7:30 PM at St. John Bosco Church in Conyngham. For more information regarding Father Campoli and his Ministry, please visit his website: www.hisloveministries.com



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All this holds true not only for Christians, but for all men of good will in whose hearts grace works in an unseen way. For, since Christ died for all men, and since the ultimate vocation of man is in fact one, and divine, we ought to believe that the Holy Spirit in a manner known only to God offers to every man the possibility of being associated with this paschal mystery.

Such is the mystery of man, and it is a great one, as seen by believers in the light of Christian revelation. Through Christ and in Christ, the riddles of sorrow and death grow meaningful. Apart from His Gospel, they overwhelm us. Christ has risen, destroying death by His death; He has lavished life upon us so that, as sons in the Son, we can cry out in the Spirit; Abba, Father!

-Gaudium et Spes, 22

VOCATION AWARENESS

“Who will entrust to you the true riches?” The riches of truth belong to those who are faithful to Christ and their vocation. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Raymond LaVoie at (717) 657 4804 ext. 282, or email vocations@hbgdiocese.org.

TIMING

It is never the wrong time to do the right thing.

—Anonymous

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Autumn begins
- Monday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
- Thursday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
- Friday: St. Vincent de Paul
- Saturday: St. Wenceslaus; Blessed Virgin Mary St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions



PRIORITIES

In the first reading, the prophet Amos rages against all those whose greed is so great that they would close their eyes and hearts to the needs of the poor among them. To

make a buck is one thing, Amos is saying. To make it on the backs of the helpless is quite another.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of our charge and duty to pray. He issues a call to more expansive prayer—prayer that should mark the daily life of Christians.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes the wholehearted effort of a crafty servant who sees “downsizing” heading his way. Jesus finds him a marvel and puzzles over why such cleverness is limited to the world of commerce. Jesus wonders why those who seek a “position” in the reign of God lack such wit and wherewithal.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.



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