



## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2013

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for joy and gladness  
all our days.

— Psalm 90:14

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

7:30 AM Elizabeth Felix  
9:30 AM William "Bill" Weaver  
12:30 PM People of the Parish (Hispanic Mass)

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

9:00 AM Angelo Galanti

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

9:00 AM Special Intention of the Lehnowsky Family

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

9:00 AM Jack Dent

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

9:00 AM Dr. Thomas Cretella

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

4:30 PM Martin Connors & Margaret Lyso

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Nancy Petty

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

**PEACE CANDLE:** In memory of Clifford Kline requested by Joselle Kinney.

**RESURRECTION CANDLE:** In memory of Matthew & Florence Kopetskie requested by their family.

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE:** In memory of Clifford Kline requested by John Peterson

**THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE** that will be consecrated at our Masses this week are in memory of Joseph DeFebo given by the Council of Catholic Women.

**OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** to the families of Andrew Haladay and Florence Ciampi. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.



### **PARISH SUPPORT**

September 1, 2013 offering

Adults	\$5445.00
Youth	20.00
Loose	512.00
Total	<u>\$5977.00</u>

Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Appeal payment for September 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

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet at 7:30 PM at their home, 1416 W. Front Street.

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

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

7:00 PM in the church.

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

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**PASTORAL COUNCIL/FINANCE MEETING**

6:30 PM in the meeting room.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR** will be prayed at 8:00

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**DISTRICT CCW MEETING** at 10:00 AM  
St. Columba's in Bloomsburg, PA.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY.** Classes in session.  
10:40 AM to 11:55 AM.

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD**

**Next Sunday, September 15**

**Saturday, 4:30 PM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Belford Panzak, Marston  
Lector: Stephens  
Altar Servers: 2  
Greeters: Panzak & Rinehimer

**Sunday, 7:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Troiani, Curry, Kilcullen  
Lector: Troiani  
Altar Servers: 3  
Greeters: Becker & Evans

**Sunday, 9:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Eroh, Dante, Yalch  
Lector: Wark  
Altar Servers: 4  
Greeters: J & T Fink

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

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**FLOWERS FOR OUR ALTAR**

Your are invited to participate in our Altar Flower Program. A basket of fresh flowers will be placed in front of the altar in memory of your deceased loved ones or for a special intention. Your name will be printed in the bulletin that week if you choose. The church will take care of the procurement of the flowers. The donation is \$75.00. To participate, please call the Parish Office at 570-759-8113.

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**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@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@hbgdiocese.org).

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**The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg** will be giving 2 presentations within the diocese concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, 7:00 PM or October 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Joseph Parish, Hanover, 7:00 PM. No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4808 ext. 304 or email: [tribunal@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:tribunal@hbgdiocese.org).

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day  
Monday: St. Peter Claver  
Wednesday: Patriot Day  
Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
Friday: St. John Chrysostom  
Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset

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**ATTITUDE CHANGE**

Today’s readings ask us to re-think our attitudes and ways. The passage from the book of Wisdom reminds us that, when it comes to understanding, even the wisest person barely scrapes the surface of things.

In Paul’s provocative little letter to Philemon, the apostle praises Philemon for his understanding of the social order—which included slavery—and for his good treatment of Onesimus. Then Paul goes on to drop his bombshell. He tells Philemon that Onesimus is now a Christian and should be treated as such—as a brother, an equal. What was Philemon to think?

Today’s Gospel tells us that if we are to follow Jesus, we must do some serious planning. Then, once all our planning is complete, we have to be willing to accept the fact that our plans are never enough.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.