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## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 17, 2014

Observe what is right, do what is just;  
for my salvation is about to come,  
my justice, about to be revealed.

— Isaiah 56:1

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**

7:30 AM Yvonne Seesholtz

9:30 AM People of the Parish

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 18**

9:00 AM Cecelia Gaughan

2:30 PM Ralph Marsicano (Berwick Retirement Village)

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 19**

9:00 AM Antoinette Bach

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20**

9:00 AM Vincent Moller

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 21**

9:00 AM Richard Criqui

#### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 22**

5:00 PM People of the Parish

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 23**

4:30 PM Deceased of the Zidek & Nice families

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Ann Dudasko

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK:** Special Intention  
for Bishop Gainer.

**PEACE CANDLE:** In memory of Joseph O'Brien  
requested by the Kutza family.

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

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE:** In memory of Jerry  
Toomey.

**THE ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE:** that will be  
consecrated at our Masses this week is for the success  
of our Forty House.

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**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA** will  
begin on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
and continue for 9 weeks ending on  
Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Please  
plan to attend this devotion to Mary  
and ask her intercession for world  
peace.

### **PARISH SUPPORT**

#### **August 10 Offering**

Adult	\$5024.75
Youth	49.25
Loose	<u>318.00</u>
Total	\$5392.00

Air Conditioning: \$1374.00

Thank you for your generosity!

We have received a letter from the Mission Office of  
the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer;  
thanking us for the kind assistance and support that  
was given to Father Andrzej Makowski who hosted  
the Mission Appeal at St. Mary's.

### PARISH DATEBOOK

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 18

**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.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

**BLOOD DRIVE** – sponsored by the **CCW**  
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the parish center.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

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

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

**OPENING OF EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS**  
after the 9:30 Mass.

**CCD PROGRAM TEAM** will meet in 7<sup>th</sup> grade  
Classroom @ 11:00 AM.

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### SERVICE FOR THE LORD

#### Next Sunday, August 24

#### **Saturday, 4:30 PM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Troiani, M & E Canouse  
Lector: Belford  
Altar Servers: 5  
Greeters: N & D Whitko

#### **Sunday, 7:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Curry, Edwards, Czajkowski  
Lector: Wark  
Altar Servers: 6  
Greeters: R & M Crake

#### **Sunday, 9:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Samsel, Wharton, Yalch  
Lector: Needed  
Altar Servers: 4  
Greeters: Reimiller & Thomas

**A LETTER FROM**

***Our Parish Advocates for Persons with Disabilities***

Dear Parishioners-We want to make you aware of the fact that there are brand new copies of “Welcoming People with Disabilities, So All May Encounter Christ” available for your use. Two copies have been placed in the main lobby of the church and the remaining two copies have been placed in the parish center lobby. In addition, there will be a Mass celebrating the gifts of people with disabilities on November 1, 2014, beginning at 5 PM at St. Pius X in Selinsgrove, PA. Mark your calendars! Lastly, we are here to help! If we can be of assistance, please let us know. We want each of you to be able to participate in and enjoy each Mass to the fullest. There are many assistive devices which we can access through the diocese, as well.

Sincerely, Abbie Morrison (570-380-3307)

Holly Morrison (570-380-3305)

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. John Eudes

Wednesday: St. Bernard

Thursday: St. Pius X

Friday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Rose of Lima; Blessed Virgin Mary

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**EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS**

The Eucharist is the center of our religious observance. It is a special celebration, which has a quality of its own and affects the rest of our lives. To take part in the Solemn 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 24, 9:30 AM Mass**

**PRAYER SERVICE – BENEDICTION**

**Sunday, August 24, 7:00 PM**

**MASS FOR THE FAMILY**

**Monday, August 25, 7:00 PM**

**SOLEMN CLOSING**

**Tuesday, August 26, 7:00 PM**

**GUEST HOMILIST**

**Rev. Michael P. Reid**

**Pastor Saint Katharine Drexel Parish**

**Mechanicsburg, PA**

**CALLED TO ACT IN GOD’S NAME**

“Let all the nations praise you!” (Psalm 67:4) today’s psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a “put up or shut up” challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with “Behold!” (Matthew 15:22) “Behold!” is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus’ followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In many church buildings constructed in the early twentieth century, there is a window or statue of Pope St. Pius X. Often, these windows were purchased with coins collected by grateful children, since in 1910 a decree admitted much younger children to First Communion. Before then, only teenagers were customarily confirmed and then admitted to the Eucharist. What we often think is ancient practice in fact sometimes has fairly shallow roots, in this case only ten decades. For centuries, Communion had marked the end of formal religious education, but a hundred years ago, Pius X located it at the point at which a child could express a desire for the sacrament and receive it with understanding. In 1917 a new code of canon law determined that age to be about seven, and this practice was observed almost everywhere until the beginning of the Second Vatican Council forty years ago.

In a growing number of dioceses, recent practice has restored the sacramental order that Pius X’s generous decree upset, and increasingly confirmation is celebrated before First Communion. But the gift Pius gave to the children of the Roman Church remains firm: everywhere we admit children to the Lord’s table. Where the traditional order has been restored, seven-year-old children are confirmed before First Communion.

**MY HOUSE...**



**A HOUSE OF PRAYER.**