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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24, 2014

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound
in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth
shall be loosed in heaven.”

— *Matthew 16:19*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Ann Dudasko

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 AM Jackie Christopher
7:00 PM People of the Parish (40 Hours)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 AM Father Gordon

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 AM Frances Dent

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 AM Father Paolucci

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 AM Joseph O'Brien

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

4:30 PM Katie Kerbacher

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Paula Robsock

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Paul Kosko requested by sister Helen & Family.

PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Albina “Bina” Gerenza.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Joseph Benscoter.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of Father Joseph Cheponis.

THE ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE: that will be consecrated at our Masses this week is in memory of William “Bill” Decker requested by wife, Jean.

Please note.....

**The Religious Education Office and the
Parish Office will be closed Monday,
September 1st in observance of Labor Day.**

PARISH SUPPORT

August 17 Offering

Adult	\$4994.00
Youth	7.00
Loose	<u>406.00</u>
Total	\$5407.00

Assumption Offering: \$1232.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH DATEBOOK

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

CCD EARLY REGISTRATION WEEKEND

following our 4:30 PM, 7:30 AM & 9:30 AM

Masses; parent-student orientation, September 14th.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, August 31

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Panzak, B & D DeLuca
Lector: Kalie
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: Panzak & Rinehimer

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Curry, Wolfe, Troiani
Lector: Troiani
Altar Servers: 2
Greeters: Becker & Evans

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Yalch, Wharton, Eroh
Lector: Stashko, Ryan
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: J & T Fink

**If you or a loved one is sick or in need of prayer,
Please call**

**Rose Yalch at 570-752-2363 or
Ann Samsel at 570-752-7309**

**Your request will be passed on to the rest of the Bible
Study Group**

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

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**

**Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers
are reminded to vest in the sacristy and
report to the meeting room by 6:45 PM
for the closing of Forty Hours Tuesday,
August 26th**



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

A GOOD TEST

A test of worship is how sensitive it makes me to the needs of those around me.

—Anonymous

THE TRUE MEASURE

When I die, God won't measure my head to see how clever I was. God will measure my heart to see how loving I was.

—Anonymous

PATIENCE

Patience is the companion of wisdom.

--St. Augustine

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
- Wednesday: St. Monica
- Thursday: St. Augustine
- Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

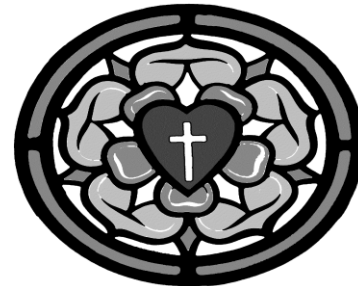


Blessed are you, Peter.

THE ROCK

Peter was Jesus' choice to lead the fragile band of apostles. In today's Gospel, Simon is given a new name—Peter, the "rock." In John's Gospel, Peter is called to be a shepherd. He is expected to lay down his life for his sheep. And tradition tells us that he did just that. But today we think about the durable rocklike quality that Jesus needed in a leader.

Peter was appointed to his leadership position for reasons we are not able to fathom. God knows, and Jesus knew well, that Peter was flawed. We cannot mistake his enthusiasms, though, his manifest love, and his great, exuberant faith. Those virtues saw him through. They are durable, tough, beautiful virtues. They make Peter a sympathetic and lovable person. They provide us with the balance and humor that we need as we consider our own roles in the universal church.



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have looked at the evolution of how Roman Catholics initiate children into the life of the Church. How did customs evolve in the Eastern Church? At one time, Christians in both East and West preferred to celebrate baptism in a community setting, with large numbers of adults and children initiated at Easter. The two branches of Christianity began to split on the proper time to do this.

In the East, water was blessed in abundance on the feast of the Epiphany, which marked, among other things, the baptism of the Lord. Once infant baptism was fixed on that day, local customs marking a birth began to evolve. One celebration was the giving of a name on the eighth day, another was the "purification" of the mother on the fortieth day after birth. In that blessing, re-enacting Mary and Joseph's journey to the temple, the priest took the baby in his arms and placed the child before the altar. Just as Simeon received the child Jesus, so the priest received the new Christian while chanting Simeon's prayer. Later, normally on Epiphany, the priest would baptize, chrismate (confirm), and give a few drops of the Precious Blood to the child in a joyous celebration of the whole community.