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## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 3, 2014

All you who are thirsty,  
come to the water!

— Isaiah 55:1a

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

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

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00 AM Jackie Christopher

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 AM **NO MASS**

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 AM William Weaver

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 AM Frank Balducci

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

9:00 AM Dennis Tuza (Special Intention)

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

4:30 PM Anna E. Mihalik

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

7:30 AM Rosemarie Melchiorre  
9:30 AM George & Eleanor Dudasko  
62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
12:30 PM Rev. Joseph C Hilbert (Hispanic Mass)

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK:** In honor of all living members of our parish.

**PEACE CANDLE:** For peace in the Middle East.

**RESURRECTION CANDLE:** In memory of the deceased members of our parish.

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE:** In memory of all our benefactors.

**THE ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE** that will be consecrated at our Masses this week are for all the military in our parish who are serving and have served.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are in honor of George & Eleanor Dudasko's 62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. John Vianney  
Tuesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major  
Wednesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord;  
Hiroshima Memorial Day  
Thursday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan  
Friday: St. Dominic  
Saturday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross;  
Blessed Virgin Mary;

### PARISH SUPPORT

#### July 27 Offering

Adult	\$3932.25
Youth	14.75
Loose	<u>323.00</u>
Total	\$4270.00

Missionary Co-op \$1073.00

The additional collection next week will be an offering for **Air Conditioning.**

Thank you for your generosity!

**LENTEN APPEAL** payment for August 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

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

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

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

The 2014-2015 CCD Program Booklet will be available at all of the Masses.

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### SERVICE FOR THE LORD

#### Next Sunday, August 10

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

Eucharistic Ministers: B & D DeLuca, Dante  
Lector: Pierce  
Altar Servers: 6  
Greeters: Kubitsky

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Troiani, Kilcullen, Edwards  
Lector: Troiani  
Altar Servers: 4  
Greeters: Becker & Evans

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Canouse, Samsel, Wharton  
Lector: Belford  
Altar Servers: 5  
Greeters: P & J Kachurka

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Have you eliminated your landline? Do we have your cell phone information? Please call the parish office @ 750-759-8113 so we can update that information.



**THANK YOU SO MUCH** for your continued charity in supporting our ongoing **peanut butter for the food cupboard project!** God bless you for your help in feeding the hungry.

**The Maria Assunta** will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a procession to begin approximately at 6:30 PM after the 5:30PM Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Monroe Street. Refreshments will be served at the Maria Assunta after the procession and crowning. All our parishioners are welcome.

**AGAPE** will have its 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Palooza Event, Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 for 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Bloomsburg Town Park. For more information call AGAPE at 570-317-2210.

#### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS **HIS WORD TODAY**

*BY Rev. William J. Reilly*

“Jesus said to them: ‘There is no need for them to disperse. Give them something to eat yourselves. We have nothing here,’ they replied, ‘but five loaves and a couple of fish’ ‘Bring them here’ He said...He took the five loaves and two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed and broke them and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the people.” Notice what led Jesus to provide for the crowd. He saw the people and ‘His heart was moved with pity.’ Jesus’ disciple saw a need and suggested that He send them on their way. That was not in Jesus’ plan. He wanted them to act and learn. It is a scene, easy to picture. Crowds looking for Jesus with various desires. Some looked for His teaching, others for His healing, maybe others for His friendship or grace. The scene might be repeated today in a stadium or a special church. As pilgrims go to the Blue Army or Divine Mercy shrines they bring along their lunch and have a tailgate meal. Maybe that was why there were the five loaves and two fish. Using descriptive words which we hear at Mass, Jesus took, looked up, broke and gave people what they needed. He did this as He pitied them, He knew their need. It is no different today when we gather for Eucharist. Discover again the richness of Christ’s presence in the Eucharist to feed and nourish our spiritual lives.

#### **PRAYER AND HUMILITY**

Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.

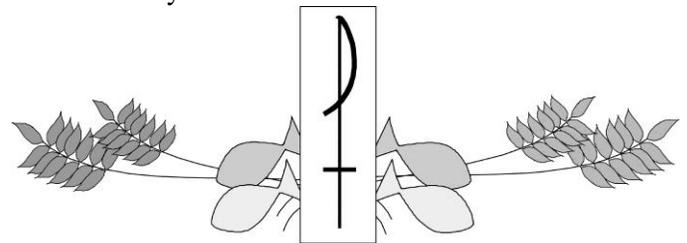
—St. Dominic

#### **GRACE IS EVERYWHERE**

Grace is everywhere. People of faith act on this belief. As Christians we are called to reach deeply into ourselves and find God’s presence there. We are called to reach outside ourselves and find God there, too.

The reality of grace has sustained and nourished people beyond numbering. The church never tires of telling the story of the loaves and fishes. It is narrated no less than six times in the four Gospels. We imagine the hesitant apostles reaching into the baskets and finding bread, always more bread. We anticipate the ending. The apostles will wear out before the bread runs out.

At another time and place, Isaiah also spoke of an abundance, this time of water, sweet honey, and rich milk. Always, always God is a gift-giver, and we the receivers. Our response is doxology, or praise. In the second reading Paul provides the words and attitude. Praise is everywhere.



#### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Most parishes are now aware of the catechumenate and the journey of new faithful in the RCIA, but this form of sacramental initiation disappeared from view in the thirteenth century along with many other ancient practices. Life back then was hard, and often too short, and priests were increasingly insistent about the responsibility of parents to baptize children in danger of death. Since everyone in that society was under unimaginable threat from famine, warfare, and plague, the liturgical rites changed quickly. Everyone was in danger of death all the time. No longer were babies immersed in fonts, being lowered into the water, although the ritual books never backed down from immersion. Infusion was the new way, a simple pouring of a few drops of water on the child’s forehead.

The catechumenate collapsed, being reduced to the recitation of the Creed and an Our Father at every baptism. Amazingly, any provision for adult baptism was shelved, so that as late as the 1950s, a person being baptized was presumed to be an infant, unable to answer for him or herself. Questions of creed and commitment were put to the godparents, not to the person being baptized. Even Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, famous adult converts, remained mute at their baptisms while their sponsors answered for them. In hindsight all this appears strikingly odd, yet it was accepted as the way things were. We have good reason to give thanks for the vigorous reforms of the last fifty years!