



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31, 2014

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.
— *Romans 12:2*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 AM Msgr. Castellano

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 AM Mary Mazzie

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 AM Constance Keffer

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 AM Isabella Marsico

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 AM Michael Scala

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 AM Holy Soul's in Purgatory

4:30 PM George & Elizabeth Pirnick

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:30 AM Margaret Mickler

9:30 AM People of the Parish

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Isabella Marsico requested by her husband.

PEACE CANDLE: For All souls who from their labors rest.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Naomi Bognar requested by Romaine Bognar.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In honor of Christine Baran on the occasion of her 99th birthday requested by Paul & Terry Troiani.

THE ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE: that will be consecrated at our Masses this week are in memory of Dougie Steele given by his family.

WE WELCOME Allyson Good who was baptized here last weekend. God's blessings on this little one.



LABOR

A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil.
—Grover Cleveland

PARISH SUPPORT

Due to bulletin deadlines Parish Support for August 24th will be reported in next week's bulletin.
Thank you.

PLEASE WELCOME

Kate Capato, granddaughter of our parishioners John & Rose Capato, who will be speaking to us after all Masses next weekend, September 6th & 7th.

Kate represents The Culture Project International, which is an initiative of young people set out to restore culture through the experience of virtue. It proclaims the dignity of the human person and the richness of living sexual integrity, inviting our culture to become fully alive.

A free will offering will be taken to help Kate carry out her mission.

PARISH DATEBOOK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

CCD EARLY REGISTRATION WEEKEND following our 4:30 PM, 7:30 AM & 9:30 AM Masses.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

LABOR DAY! Religious Education and Parish Offices closed.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN meeting at 6:00 PM in the parish meeting room. All women of our parish are invited!

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA in the church at 7:00 PM.

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL: 7:30 PM.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

FIRST SATURDAY MASS will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, September 7

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Monatesti, Dante, Marston
Lector: Womer
Altar Servers: 4
Greeters: Torsella

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Edwards, Canouse, Kilcullen
Lector: Belford
Altar Servers: 5
Greeters: M & W Andrzejewski

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Samsel, Wharton, Czajkowski
Lector: Stashko, Robert
Altar Servers: 6
Greeters: J & R Bremmer

DOING GOD'S WILL

The language of Jeremiah as he addresses his yearnings to God—he says, “You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped” (Jeremiah 20:7)—indicates a close and personal relationship with God. It is one the prophet obviously cherishes despite the derision and reproach it brings him. In the Gospel, Jesus indicates a similar bond with his Father. In spite of the difficult challenges presented by following God's will, Jesus is not deterred. Giving up our own worldly cares and dreams, even as we accept pain and suffering, is more than a fair exchange for doing the will of God.

The only way to do God's will is offer our whole selves to God. As St. Paul writes in the Letter to the Romans: “Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind” (Romans 12:2a).



SEPTEMBER

Macaroni & Cheese and Stewed Tomatoes sale in the Parish Center, September 13th and 14th after all Masses. \$8.00 a quart for the Mac & Cheese and \$2.00 a pint for the stewed tomatoes.

OCTOBER

Chicken & Pork Bar B Q by Jason Blanish. Watch the bulletin for more details.

NOVEMBER

Polish Pottery Bingo in the Parish Center, Sunday November 9th.

DECEMBER

Meatball & Sauce Sale in the Parish Center, December 6th and 7th after all Masses.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most memorable images from the pontificate of Pope John Paul II is not his shocked expression as he is hit by a bullet, but rather his tender meeting with his assailant, and his forgiveness. It is far more compelling because, although people are struck by bullets every day, true reconciliation is in relatively short supply. An outside observer might list attempting to kill the pope as an unforgivable sin, but of course we know that forgiveness of sin is woven deeply into our tradition of living as Christ did.

Interestingly enough, the Church took a hard line on these matters early on. Until the second century, people expected Christ's return in the near future, so they deferred judgment to him. Soon, however, bishops began to grant forgiveness for sin after baptism, but only once. What we know as the sacrament of penance takes its life from Jesus' work of reconciliation, but just as scripture shows Jesus forgiving people in one life-changing encounter, so the church granted one chance only. Great sins were the target, such as idolatry, adultery, and murder. Penance was lengthy, difficult, and public, and the bishop was in charge of the process. For the next several weeks, we'll look at subsequent creative and helpful changes in the celebration of this sacrament.

Divine Redeemer Parish will hold a “Vera Bradley Bingo” on Sunday, September 7, 2014 in Divine Mercy Hall, 400 Block of West Cherry Street, Mount Carmel, PA. Doors open at 1:00 PM. Bingo starts at 2:00 PM. Admission is \$25.00 at the door or \$20.00 if you call ahead for seating (570-373-5936). Food and refreshments are available for sale.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Wednesday: St. Gregory the Great
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary