



## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 2014

All things work for good for those who love God.  
— Romans 8:28a

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### SUNDAY, JULY 27

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

#### MONDAY, JULY 28

9:00 AM Ernestine Cicini

#### TUESDAY, JULY 29

9:00 AM Margaret Ladonis (Special Intention)

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

9:00 AM Mary Mazzie

#### THURSDAY, JULY 31

9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00 AM Mona Roskoski

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

**9:00 AM** Beverly Toth  
4:30 PM Christopher Confer

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

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

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK:** In honor of Michael Maziarczyk on the occasion of his birthday requested by Paul & Terry.

**PEACE CANDLE:** In memory of Ann Marie Thomas requested by Donna Kotansky.

**RESURRECTION CANDLE:** In memory of Jackie Christopher requested by the Bible Study Group.

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE:** In honor of Marylou Daddio on the occasion of her birthday requested by the Kutzas.

**THE ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE** that will be consecrated at our Masses this week are in memory of Alex Bognar Jr. given by his family.

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### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Eid al-Fitr (Islamic observance of the end of Ramadan) begins

Tuesday: St. Martha

Wednesday: St. Peter Chrysologus

Thursday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Friday: St. Alphonsus Liguori; First Friday

Saturday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;  
St. Peter Julian Eymard;  
Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

### PARISH SUPPORT

#### July 20 Offering

Adult	\$4494.00
Youth	2.00
Loose	<u>378.00</u>
Total	\$4874.00

#### June Monthly Report

Income	\$32,841.00
Expense	<u>33,654.00</u>
Balance	(\$ 813.00)

Detailed inspection on Income & Expense available to any parishioner upon request.

Thank you for your generosity!

### PARISH DATEBOOK

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

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

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

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

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

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### CCD NEWS

**The 2014-2015 CCD Program year is underway!!**  
The CCD Program Booklet will be available at all of the Masses beginning the weekend of **August 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Early Registration: August 31, 2014 weekend following our 4:30 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Mass, in the Parish Center. We request that all registered students complete the CCD Registration form and the Medical Authorization form each year.

Tuition is \$35.00 for one student and \$55.00 for two or more from one family.

Parent Student Orientation, September 14, 2014.

Catechists, Monitors and Aides will begin formal classroom instruction on **Catechetical Sunday, September 21, 2014**, following the 9:30 AM Mass.

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD

### Next Sunday, August 3

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

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

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Belford, Curry, Wolfe  
Lector: Stashko  
Altar Servers: 3  
Greeters: R & M Crake

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Pierce, Yalch, Wharton  
Lector: Kalie  
Altar Servers: 1  
Greeters: S & L Lizardi

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**OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH** in Slabtown will have their annual parish picnic on Friday evening August 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday evening, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Homemade ethnic foods, good music and all around fun. Come and join us!

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

*BY Rev. William J. Reilly*

“We know that God makes all things work together for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His decree. Those whom He foreknew He predestined to share...those He predestined He likewise called; those He called He also justified; those He justified He in turn glorified...”the reign of God is like a buried treasure...”

St. Paul is very clear on how God works in the lives of those who love Him. We are so often beset by difficulties, family matters, sickness, unemployment, parenting, but as we unite ourselves, bind ourselves with Him, things can work together for good.

It leads me to think about the progressive steps listed by Paul – I was known by the Lord before I was born, I was called to be a disciple. Through my baptism and living the Christian life, I have been justified, and await the fulfillment of His promise, eternal glory. Is there a better image than the gospel parable of the hidden treasure? It is planted deep inside me, but often I must be reminded of His call and the need of my response. As St. Ignatius Loyola prayed “Your love and your grace give to me, and I am rich enough and ask for nothing more.”

## **GO**

Go forth and set the world on fire.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola

## **JACKPOT**

In our lottery- and sweepstakes-obsessed culture, it is common to ask ourselves or others what they would do if they won. In today’s first reading, Solomon certainly hits the jackpot. What prize could be greater than having God Almighty agree to give you whatever you ask for?

Out of all the things he could have asked for, Solomon chose to ask for understanding, and was rewarded with it. We would do well to wonder what we would ask for if God made us the same offer. Actually God does make us the same offer each and every day, by granting us another day of life, a bit of the earth’s goods, some gift or ability, some call to goodness, some portion of the divine will. Each of these is a “prize.” We should stop and examine what we are going to do with our prize: keep it or use it selfishly, or put it at the service of the spread of the gospel?



## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

By the dawn of the fourteenth century, the sacrament of confirmation was ripe for a rescue, since vast numbers of the faithful never received it, and when it was celebrated, it was done so in isolation from baptism and Eucharist. A bishop named William Durandus set out to reclaim this liturgy, but he had a creative touch and added some things into the mix that had never been thought of before. One was a slap. Oddly, he replaced the kiss of peace at the end of confirmation with a slap on the cheek that endured to modern times. This “wake-up call” was related in his imagination to a custom in the military, wherein ceremonies of knighthood and investiture involved a symbolic wound as a sign of willingness to suffer.

Within every congregation today there are people who have memories of fretting through their confirmation liturgies, anxious to know how enthusiastic a slap the bishop would bestow. Durandus loved symbolism and had a reason for every ritual and practice, but his creative spin on the celebration shows how sadly adrift confirmation was from its anchorage in baptism, how far off-course from its home port of the eucharistic community.