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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2014

“If two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”
— *Matthew 18:19*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:30 AM Margaret Mickler
9:30 AM People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 AM William Weaver

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 AM Sister Magdalene

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 AM Michael Monaco

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 AM Victims of Terroristic Acts

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00 AM Anna Mihalik

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

4:30 PM Wendy Harvey

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Jackie Christopher

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Mary Kosko requested by daughter Helen Dombkowski A`nd family.

PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Geraldine Oleksick requested by Kathy DiPippa.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Joseph O'Brien.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of Peggy Oden requested by Richard & Barbara Marston.

THE ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE: that will be consecrated at our Masses this week are in memory of Dorothy Valunas given by daughter Connie.

WE WELCOME Lincoln Michael Cromley and Giavanna Jeanne Hill who were baptized here last weekend. God's blessings on these little ones!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents Day

Monday: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Peter Claver

Thursday: Patriot Day

Friday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Saturday: St. John Chrysostom

PARISH SUPPORT

August 24th Offering		August 31st Offering	
Adult	\$5158.75	Adult	\$4186.75
Youth	11.25	Youth	5.25
Loose	<u>438.00</u>	Loose	<u>391.00</u>
Total	\$5608.00	Total	\$4583.00

MONTHLY REPORT (AUGUST)

INCOME & EXPENSE

Income \$32,081.91

Expense \$30,436.11

Balance 1,645.80

Next week our diocese will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection**, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

Thank you for your generosity!

LENTEN APPEAL payment for September 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL: 3:45 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL: 7:30 PM.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting 6:30 PM in the meeting room.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

CCD: Orientation @ 10:40 AM in the Parish Center Registration following Orientation.

MACARONI & CHEESE and Stewed Tomato Sale in the Parish Center after all Masses.

Mac & Cheese - \$8.00 quart

Stewed Tomatoes - \$2.00 a pint.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, September 14

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Eroh, Belford, Troiani
Lector: Stephens
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: N & D Whitko

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Curry, Wolfe, Dante
Lector: Kalie
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: M & B Samsel

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Yalch, Eroh, Marston
Lector: Wark
Altar Servers: 2
Greeters: S & L Lizardi

BIBLE STUDY



Will resume on Monday, September 15th
at 1:30 PM

in the meeting room.

Have you considered joining us?

If you have any questions you may call

Rose (570-752-2363)

or Ann (570-752-7309)

All are welcome!

Hope to see you there.

Thank you to all who have participated in Boyer's Food Markets Caring & Sharing Rebate Program. We have received a check in the amount of \$249.91 which represents 1% of all purchases. Please continue to use the rebate key tag when you shop at Boyer's to continue our rewards!

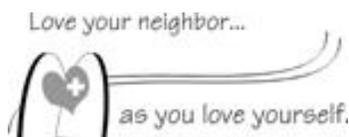
FLOWERS FOR OUR ALTAR

You are once again invited to participate in our Altar Flower Program. A basket of fresh flowers will be placed in front of the altar in memory of your deceased loved ones or for a special intention. Your name will be printed in the bulletin that week if you choose. The church will take care of the procurement of the flowers. The donation is \$75.00. To participate, please call the Parish Office at 570-759-8113.

PRESENCE

Wherever you see another, there I am.

Rabbinical saying



SPEAKING OUT IN LOVE

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken in the presence of Jesus Christ.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The LORD tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he does not speak out to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a "do your own thing" age where moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is rooted in love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As Saint Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We know for certain that the sacrament of penance was a fairly rare event in the life of a Christian in the early centuries, but that everyone had a duty to admit their sins and ask forgiveness before giving thanks in the Sunday Eucharist and receiving Christ's Body and Blood at the table. Everyone today is familiar with this same ancient pattern. We also know about Lent and its journey of renewal, and even those who are returning from summer vacations may speak of a fresh perspective on life and a resolve to do better. Saint Augustine spoke of a third kind of penance, beyond the turning of the catechumens to a different life, beyond the normal everyday fresh starts, to a form that is severe and serious. Certain sins broke faith with the community: the sinners were obliged to give their names to the bishop and were barred from participation in the Eucharist. Augustine mentioned sacrilege, adultery, and murder as the culprits, great wounds for the perpetrator, wounds that were serious, deadly, mortal. Penance was such a frightening prospect that many people delayed their baptism for fear that they would sin, a practice with which Augustine was well acquainted. Pastoral need would eventually call the church to reconsider its practice.