



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
 7:30 AM People of the Parish
 9:30 AM Catherine Gorash
MONDAY, AUGUST 26
 9:00 AM Dorothea & Allen Rehkop
 7:00 PM All Families of the Parish
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27
 9:00 AM Stefan Dreisigmeyer, Jr.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28
 9:00 AM Dennis Mosteller
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29
 9:00 AM Steve P. Romeo
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30
 9:00 AM Edward Silvetti
SATURDAY, AUGUST 31
 4:30 PM Betty Worman
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
 7:30 AM Dougie Steele
 9:30 AM Joe Bowers

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In memory of Michael Post requested by his brother Mark.
PEACE CANDLE: For a special intention.
RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Stephen Senderovitz, Jr. requested by Donna Kotansky.
BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of Beverly Toth requested by The Christopher Family.
ALTAR BREAD AND WINE: None requested.

OUR EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS BEGIN TODAY WITH SOLEMN OPENING AT 9:30 AM MASS PRAYER SERVICE – BENEDICTION SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 7:00 PM

MASS FOR THE FAMILY MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 7:00 PM

SOLEMN CLOSING TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 7:00 PM

GUEST HOMILIST FATHER TIMOTHY MARCOE PASTOR - ST. JOSEPH CHURCH DANVILLE, PA

Won't you try to attend at least one of these devotions to the Holy Eucharist?

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 2019

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.
 — *Hebrews 12:12-13*

PARISH SUPPORT OFFERTORY	
August 18, 2019	
Adults	\$3,267.00
Youth	11.00
Loose	321.00
Total	\$3,599.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$1,142.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

PARISH DATEBOOK
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

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

BIBLE STUDY/SHARING will begin for the fall on **September 15, and will meet at 1:30 PM in the church meeting room.** If you have questions, please contact Ann Samsel @570-752-7309 or Rose Yalch @ 570-752-2363, or just attend the first meeting! Everyone is welcome.

MAC & CHEESE AND STEWED TOMATO SALE
 We will hold a mac & cheese and stewed tomato sale after all Masses on the weekend of Aug.31, and Sept. 1st. Macaroni and cheese will be \$8.00 a quart, and tomatoes will be \$2.00 a pint.

OUR MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA begins next Sunday. Please try to attend as we ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us in praying for peace.
MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
 Our novena will be prayed here on

Sunday	September 1	1:00 PM
Wednesday	September 4	7:00 PM
Sunday	September 8	4:00 PM
Wednesday	September 11	7:00 PM
Sunday	September 15	4:00 PM
Wednesday	September 18	7:00 PM
Sunday	September 22	4:00 PM
Wednesday	September 25	7:00 PM
Sunday	September 29	4:00 PM

**SERVICE FORTHE LORD
NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Marston, Eroh
Lector: Wiggins
Altar Servers: 4
Greeters: Panzak, Rinehimer

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Czajkowski, Edwards
Lector: Kalie
Altar Servers: 5
Greeters: M. & B. Samsel

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Samsel, Wharton, Dante
Lector: Wark
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: Reimiller

COVENANT HOUSE

Once again this year, we will be helping the homeless youth at Covenant House. We will be collecting **NEW** clothing for both men and women.

The following are items needed.

Men: All sizes of men's underwear, jeans, black chino pants, black three-button polo shirts, and hoodies. The black pants and polo shirts are especially needed for job interviews and restaurants where they may find jobs.

Women: All sizes of tops, pants, jeans, dress slacks, and underwear.

Also needed are toiletries including: toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, men's and women's deodorant, shampoo (16oz. or fewer), conditioner, body wash, body cream, disposable razors, hair spray, etc.

Boxes will be available in the church lobby from August 25th through September 13th.

Please keep in mind that they are not permitted to accept used clothing. Thank you for your generosity.



SAVE THE DATE

ST. MARY'S is planning a bus trip to **SIGHT AND SOUND** on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, to see

Queen Esther.

Cost is \$110.00 and includes bus, show ticket, and meal at **Shady Maple**. A deposit of \$50.00 is required with your reservation. To reserve a seat, call Pat Rinehimer@570-954-0394.

WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division.

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GRACE AND STRUGGLE

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.

—St. Rose of Lima

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

I never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a great deal about their acts.

—Horace Mann

HOW TO PRAY

Grant us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray as to deserve to be heard.

—Jane Austen