



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5**  
 7:30 AM Tony Sewesky  
 9:30 AM Joseph & Jean Carter  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 6**  
 9:00 AM William Weaver  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 7**  
 9:00 AM Rose DiRienzo  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8**  
 9:00 AM Margaret Spry  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 9**  
 9:00 AM Margaret Kondrcek  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 10**  
 9:00 AM Merl Turzanski  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11**  
 4:30 PM Elizabeth & George Pirnick, Sr.  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12**  
 7:30 AM Deceased Members of the  
 Canonico Family  
 9:30 AM People of the Parish  
 12:30 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory (Hispanic)  
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**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** In memory of Matthew & Florence Kopetskie requested by their family.  
**PEACE CANDLE:** In memory of Elizabeth & George Pirnick, Sr. requested by The Pirnick Family.  
**RESURRECTION CANDLE:** In memory of Carl & Ruth Ridall requested by Ellen & Sab Monatesti.  
**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE:** In memory of Mary Lou Daddio requested by Helen Collins and Family.  
**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE:** In memory of Romaine Bogнар requested by Donna Kotansky.p

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**IT'S RAINING UMBRELLAS**

**We have so many umbrellas in our lost and found that we will be putting them on the table in the church lobby next weekend. Please check to see if your missing umbrella is among them!**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 5, 2018**  
 Do not work for food that perishes  
 but for the food that endures for eternal life.  
 — John 6:27a

<b>PARISH SUPPORT OFFERTORY</b>	
<b>July 29, 2018</b>	
Adults	\$3,672.00
Youth	20.00
Loose	220.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,912.00</b>
<b>Missionary Co-op: \$ 1,379.00</b>	
<b>The second collection next weekend will be for air conditioning.</b>	
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

**PARISH DATEBOOK**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 10**  
**BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR** will be prayed at 8:00 AM for vocations.

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**Be a hero.  
 Save a life.**

**ST. MARY'S CCW WILL BE SPONSORING A BLOOD DRIVE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, FROM 1:00 – 6:00 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER.**  
 Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter St. Mary's to schedule an appointment.

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD  
NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 12**

**Saturday, 4:30 PM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Eroh, Belford  
Lector: Wiggins  
Altar Servers: 4  
Greeters: Kubitsky

**Sunday, 7:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Kilcullen, Czajkowski  
Lector: Kalie  
Altar Servers: 6  
Greeters: R. & M. Crake

**Sunday, 9:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Samsel, Wharton, Dante  
Lector: Wark  
Altar Servers: 5  
Greeters: Reimiller

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**New Ministry Schedules** are available in the sacristy and on the table in the church lobby.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**AFTER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE**, our sacristans are moving on. We can't thank them enough for all they have done for our parish. **If you could spare approximately two hours a week to help in the important work of keeping our church clean, please call the parish office at 570-759-8113.**

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**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS  
SOLEMN OPENING  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 9:30 AM MASS**

**PRAYER SERVICE – BENEDICTION  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 7:00 PM**

**MASS FOR THE FAMILY  
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 7:00 PM**

**SOLEMN CLOSING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 7:00 PM**

**GUEST HOMILIST  
FATHER RYAN FISCHER  
DIVINE REDEEMER CHURCH  
MOUNT CARMEL, PA**

**GOD'S WORK**

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In 1794, a young Irishwoman befriended two widows aboard ship while immigrating to America. They bought a house in Philadelphia and began to live a community life under the direction of a priest. Soon they relocated to Washington. There, the "pious ladies," as the neighbors called them, were asked by their priest friend, by then the president of Georgetown University, to begin a religious community. In 1799 they established a branch of the Visitation Order founded by Saint Jane de Chantal and Saint Francis de Sales in the 1620s.

The unique vision of this order followed a sensible routine, less arduous and more flexible than most traditions, and also accepted widows and older women. Amazingly, this American outpost of the Visitation began without reference to the "rule" of the Order. Most of the European convents had been lost under the "reign of terror," and the rules and customs of the community could not be obtained. A copy of the rule was discovered in 1812, and in 1816 the pope officially established the monastery. By then, some French nuns had regrouped, and they sent a habit and cross to be copied. (No religious wore the habit in public in the United States until after the Civil War.) From the beginning, the Georgetown nuns had an educational mission, even though they discovered in the "rule" that such work was officially off-limits for the contemplative life. In America, the nuns depended on a school for their livelihood, so the rule was adapted. Today, the Academy of the Visitation is a thriving example of excellence in Catholic education, and the adjacent monastery is the oldest monastic foundation in the original thirteen United States.

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**NO HARSHNESS**

Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.

—St. John Kanty