



**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 7, 2018**

Let the children come to me;  
do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to  
such as these.  
— *Mark 10:14*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7**

- 7:30 AM Dougie Steele
- 9:30 AM People of the Parish
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 8**
- 9:00 AM **NO MASS**
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9**
- 9:00 AM **NO MASS**
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10**
- 9:00 AM **NO MASS**
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11**
- 9:00 AM **NO MASS**
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12**
- 9:00 AM **NO MASS**
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**
- 4:30 PM Julia Mattive
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14**
- 7:30 AM In honor of  
Maureen & Walter Andrzejewski
- 9:30 AM Joseph Rauch, Sr.
- 12:30 PM People of the Parish (Hispanic)

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- SANCTUARY CANDLE:** In memory of  
Ted Dalpiaz requested by his family.
- PEACE CANDLE:** In memory of  
Margaret Ann Murray.
- RESURRECTION CANDLE:** In memory of  
Phyllis DiBattista requested by Joselle Kinney.
- BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE:** In memory of  
Elizabeth & Jackie Christopher requested by  
their family.
- ALTAR BREAD AND WINE:** In memory of  
Dorothea & Allen Rehkop requested by their family.

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**FATHER'S WORKSHOP**

**FATHER TAMBURRO** will be taking the following  
Masses with him while he is at his workshop:  
Margaret Kondrcek  
Pat Kachurka  
Teresa Yatko  
Holy Souls in Purgatory  
David Sadock

**PARISH SUPPORT  
OFFERTORY**

**September 30, 2018**

<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$4,231.00</b>
<b>Youth</b>	<b>28.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>303.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,562.00</b>

The second collection next weekend will be for  
Catholic education. These funds remain in our parish  
and help support our CCD classes and Vacation  
Bible School. Please be generous.

Thank you for your continued support  
and generosity.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**BIBLE STUDY/SHARING:** 1:30 PM in the  
meeting room.

**NO YOUTH CHOIR**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**ADULT CHOIR:** 1:30 PM.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12**

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14**

**CCD CLASSES IN SESSION:** 10:40AM.

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**THANK YOU** to all who have been contributing peanut  
butter. The Nescopeck Food Cupboard has expressed  
appreciation for this much-needed part of their program.  
Please continue to support this worthwhile effort.

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD  
NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14**

**Saturday, 4:30 PM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Czajkowski, Marston  
Lector: Womer  
Altar Servers 1  
Greeters: Panzak, Rinehimer

**Sunday, 7:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Toth, Edwards  
Lector: Ferentz  
Altar Servers: 2  
Greeters: M. & B. Samsel

**Sunday, 9:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Belford, Monatesti, Dante  
Lector: Wiggins  
Altar Servers: 3  
Greeters: Remington

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**THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

will be prayed here on

Wednesday, October 17 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 24 – 7:00 PM

Sunday, October 28 – 4:00 PM

Wednesday, November 7 – 7:00 PM

Please join us as we pray to our Blessed Mother to intercede for peace.

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**CCW NEWS**

**THE MASS FOR COUPLES CELEBRATING  
THEIR 25<sup>TH</sup> AND 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

will be held on **Sunday, October 21, at 9:30.** Invitations will be sent, but if you are not on the church list and would like to come, please contact the church office (570-759-8113) or call 570-854-5214 and leave a message

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**THE PARISH AND CCD OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY.**

**HE EMBRACED THEM AND BLESSED THEM**

Today Jesus stresses how children embody the reign of God. They are trusting and loving and have hearts that are open to love. They are joyful when they are made aware of God’s love for them, and are eager to return that love. This is the model Jesus holds out to us if we want to welcome the reign of God. We need to have open, loving hearts. We must drop our defenses, however we came by them, and welcome Christ’s love for us with joy. This is impossible for us on our own. Only the grace of God will enable us to do this, but that grace is freely and generously given. We have only to accept it.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

One of our great treasures is the way the Church has frequently flourished under unfavorable conditions, like the grape ivy on the mantel that refuses to die no matter how infrequently you water it or open the drapes. Like the apartheid laws in South Africa in the last century, the penal laws of Ireland were aimed at depriving the majority population of basic human rights. The Protestant parliament of Ireland enacted laws limiting the practice of Catholicism. The goal was to force conversion from “popery” to the Church of Ireland, and additional laws took aim at Jews, non-Anglicans, and Quakers.

There were laws against intermarriage, laws against Catholics being lawyers (there was a one-hundred-pound fine), a law granting lifelong income to priests who became Protestant, and a ban on weapons. In fact, until 1793, a Catholic man had to recruit and pay a Protestant man to serve in the local militia in his place! As if family life is not complicated enough in any age, the sons of a deceased father could divide his land equally, unless one became Protestant. In that case all would go to him! When allowed, new Catholic churches had to be built of wood, not stone, be off a main road or city square, have no steeple or bell, and be called a “chapel.” Catholic “Emancipation” was largely secured by 1829, but even up to the founding of the Irish State in the 1920s, some effects of the laws endured. No wonder that poor Irish immigrants to the United States frequently built gloriously beautiful churches as their first act on free soil!

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**BURY YOUR TROUBLES**

When I dig others out of trouble, I find a place to bury my own.

—Anonymous

