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went
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to sow
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seed

Finances for July 5/6, 2008

Loose \$ 128.00 White Offering \$ 2159.00
 Total: \$ 2287.00
 Envelopes used: 162/537
 Last Year: \$ 3053.00
 Thank you

Invite a friend back home to St. Mary's, tell them we miss them.

Mass Schedule

Monday, July 14, 2008

8:00 A.M. - Marion Martini, requested by
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Adams

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

8:00 A.M. - Aloysius Skwarek, requested by
 Jo Ann Lapinski

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

8:00 A.M. - Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Zugarek, requested by
 Daughters

Thursday, July 17, 2008

8:00 A.M. - John Aciukewicz, requested by
 Marie Shafura

Friday, July 18, 2008

8:00 A.M. - Leo Haydt, requested by
 Margaret Lukashewski

Saturday, July 19, 2008

5:00 P.M. - Chester P. Zabinski, requested by
 James, Isolde and Carolyn

Sunday, July 20, 2008

8:30 A.M. - Marie Zajac, requested by
 Joe & Karen Zajac
 10:30 A.M. - Parishioners

Altar Servers Schedule

Saturday, July 19, 2008

5:00 P.M. - Joshua Phillips, Jeffrey Phillips and
 Jaeson Phillips

Sunday, July 20, 2008

8:30 A.M. - John Sidonis, Christopher Lukashewski and
 Justin Lukashewski
 10:30 A. M. - Kevin Cardoni, Jacob Cardoni

Lector Schedule

Saturday, July 19, 2008

5:00 P.M. - Norbert Dotzel, Sr., Skye George

Sunday, July 20, 2008

8:30 A.M. - Mary and Phil Lapsansky
 10:30 A.M. - Joan Davenport, Stephanie Grubert

Altar and Rosary Society

Altar and Rosary Society members are asked to meet at the front entrance to the church on Sunday, July 20 for Communion Sunday.

There is no Altar and Rosary meeting on July 21.

Corporal Works of Mercy

Father Mark has requested that the Altar and Rosary Society reintroduce the *noteworthy and praiseworthy* practice done years ago of offering **lunch** to families after the funeral of a loved one. This is truly an act of love for the grieving and is therefore living out the **Corporal Work of Mercy** of comforting the sorrowful.

This is not just an act of the Altar and Rosary Society, but a work for the **entire parish** to participate in. Please fill out the form below so a rotating list of volunteers can be established. You will not be committing yourself to providing something for every lunch. We would like all parishioners to be available for this Christian work.

Any questions?? Please call Pat Osisek at 868-5479 or Susan Miller at 868-6983.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Donation of food: _____

Dessert: _____

Volunteer to set tables or serve _____

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The stress and anxieties of family life are like “thorns which choke off” any opportunity to reflect on God’s presence in our lives. Notice in today’s gospel Jesus “left the house” so He could connect with His Father. Grasp 5 minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

Parish Life//Resource Center

The Office of Parish Life//Resource Center, 400 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton has a variety of resources and media for your spiritual development and catechetical needs. Topics such as Sacraments, Saints, Social Justice, Respect Life and Family Life are found in a variety of media are directed to all age levels. The center is available to parishioners during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; or call the Resource Center at 207-2284, fax 207-2204. We can also be reached on line at www.dioceseofscranton.org for assistance in selecting materials. For those at a distance, materials can be delivered UPS. We are always here to serve you.

Military Prayer List

Please remember our Military currently in dangerous lands.

Michael Boothe	Paul Konschnik
Jonathan Cupina	Brandon Gething
Charles Dixon	Andrew Lukashewski
Peter Dolan	Brian Lukashewski
John Folmar	Joseph Lukashewski
Michael Janosov	Michael Rokitko
Christopher Kishback	Mark Allen Vital
i	Adam Wendalski

Parish Sick List

Come to us, O risen Savior, faithful physician of our bodies and souls, and grant relief to our sick and aging who suffer.

Helen Balliet	Loretta Mikolajczyk
Christopher Badman	Thomas Morrissey
Edward Cooper	Donna Lynn Myers
Henry Davenport	Donald Myers, Sr.
Joe Evancho	Dorothy Novicki
Dorothy Gandzyk	Andrew Ostrazewski
Irene Gibson	Andrea Padden
Marion Honhart	Michael Popiak
Anna Hrevnack	R.T.
Kim Krakauski	Gloria Secoski
Michael John Kutzmonich	Helen Sherksnas
Phyllis Lukashewski	Adrienne Wayno

Camp St. Andrew - Father/Son Weekend

Take advantage of this opportunity to spend a weekend outdoors with your son. We will start the weekend on Friday evening with check in, an ice cream social and some introductory activities. On Saturday and Sunday, activities will include fishing, archery, hiking, kayaking, canoeing, softball, basketball, whiffle ball, horseshoes and a campfire. Mass will be offered on Saturday.

Friday, July 18 - check in @ 6:00 - 6:30

Sunday, July 20 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. clean cabins, check out.

Cost: \$185.00 (\$60.00 each additional son)

Call 570-226-4606 for details

Help Wanted

Office Manager/Secretary

This full time position will provide supervision and general secretarial support at Holy Cross High School in Dunmore. The successful candidate must be detail oriented and will be expected to type, operate most standard office machines, file, handle telephone calls, prepare office mailings and manage a small office staff. A minimum of three (3) years of demonstrated clerical knowledge of and commitment to the Catholic Church’s teachings, mission, vision and values. Please send letter of interest, a complete resume and salary requirement by no later than July 18, 2008 to:

Mr. James Burke
Diocesan Director of Human Resources
300 Wyoming Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 13, 2008

“Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful ... so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it” ... “but the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty fold.” Water has power to save. Where water is lacking, so is life. Water can cause death as seen with Katrina, Olga their many named hurricane sisters and brothers. The violent storms of the new year on our west coast all come to mind as we listen, not just hear the word of Isaiah today.

On a weekly basis the lector states “the Word of the Lord” and we provide the appropriate response. The presiding priest or deacon calls for our affirmation in faith that the Good News is God’s Word. As we do so routinely, our consideration should call us deeper into what has been read and proclaimed. Like the seed the Word is to find a fertile dwelling place in me, and produce the fruit for which the Lord sent it in the first place.

As I listen attentively, I ask three questions: What is being said? To whom is this Word addressed? How can I put it into practice? The first is answered in the homily, the second is myself as God speaks to my heart. The third, I reflect upon and decide just how I will put it into practice.

At this time of the year when our gardens are rapidly growing and farmers are preparing for their harvest, we can look at our spiritual lives, asking that the Word be fruitful.