

*Grow
together
until
the
harvest*



Finances for July 12/13, 2008

Loose \$ 227.50 White Offering \$ 2221.00

Total: \$ 2448.50

Envelopes used: 160/537

Last Year: \$ 2448.50

Thank you

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

Mass Schedule

Monday, July 21, 2008

8:00 A.M. - John Subyak, requested by
Austin and Mary Ann Herron

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

8:00 A.M. - Stella Belleba, requested by
Christine Trzeciak

Wednesday, July 23, 2008

8:00 A.M. - Agnes Seiler, requested by
Josephine & Richard Evans

Thursday, July 24, 2008

8:00 A.M. - Anna Richmond, requested by
Tom & Leslie Schwartz

Friday, July 25, 2008

8:00 A.M. - Eldon Berry, requested by
Helen & Family

Saturday, July 26, 2008

5:00 P.M. - Thomas Youkoski, requested by
Kaye Brazinski

Sunday, July 27, 2008

8:30 A.M. - Ann Krawchak, requested by
Dan & Terry Jankowski
10:30 A.M. - Parishioners

Congratulations!

We wish to offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Jennifer Marino on their exchanging of vows. May God Bless this happy couple.

Altar Servers Schedule

Saturday, July 26, 2008

5:00 P.M. - Julianna Bodek and Charlie Bodek

Sunday, July 27, 2008

8:30 A.M. - Zach Erwine and Morgan Melovitz
10:30 A.M. - Kimberly Price and Allison Mendofik

Lector Schedule

Saturday, July 26, 2008

5:00 P.M. - Megan Swartwood and Melissa Welgosh

Sunday, July 27, 2008

8:30 A.M. - Jo Gulvas and Terry Miller
10:30 A.M. - Yvonne Sapak and Michele Clark

Altar and Rosary Society

Congratulations to Ray Zajac, winner of the Altar and Rosary Society's July 4 Lottery.

2nd Collection

On Saturday and Sunday, July 26 & July 27 there will be a second collection for the Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Attention: We are in need of 12 additional volunteers in order to have this luncheon program function as it should. Please **help us to help out** with this wonderful program.

Secular Franciscan Order

We've all heard the statement: "The marines are looking for a few good men". Well so is the Secular Franciscan Order (formerly known as the Third Order Franciscans) who meet at the Oblates of St. Joseph Monastery in Laflin on the third Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM in the chapel. We are looking for a few good women as well as men. Do you need more spirituality in your life, support for that spirituality and the company of others of like mind? The SFOs may be just what you are looking for. Just show up or call Joe O'Hara at 379-2360 for more particular information if you need it. "Pax et bonum". "Peace and all good things" the SFO salutation.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church Bazaar

420 Main Road

Hanover Township, PA

(570) 823-6242

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 18, 19, 20

Friday: 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Sunday: 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Entertainment:

Friday - "Souled Out"

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Stanky & the Coalminers

8:00 p.m. - Abilene

Sunday: The Poets

All homemade foods - Pancake Express for shorter waits

Polish Mass to be offered in St. Ann's Basilica

Mass in Polish will be offered in St. Ann's Basilica, Scranton, at 1:15 P.M. on Saturday, July 26, 2008, the Feast of St. Ann. Congregational singing of Polish hymns will begin at 1:00 P.M. Choir members are invited to the choir loft before the Mass to lead the congregation in singing. Please join us for this Solemn Observance and invite your friends to join you.

St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen

There are hundreds of families that come to the food pantry at St. Vincent de Paul kitchen for food to take home to their children. St. Vincent de Paul kitchen serves food to an average of 200 children every month. If these parents can't buy food for their children, how can they take on the extra costs of school supplies.

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
	Adam Wendalski

St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen is asking for donations of backpacks especially, and notebooks, crayons, markers, pens, pencils, and rulers for children kindergarten to high school. In the past you have been very generous and our people have been very grateful. Last year St. Vincent de Paul kitchen gave school supplies to over 700 children. Supplies can be dropped off at the kitchen, 39 East Jackson Street, or put on the Loaves and Fishes table to be picked up. They plan to distribute the supplies the week of August 18th.

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.

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 20, 2008

"The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness for we do not know to pray as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings" ... "the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed ... the kingdom of heaven is like yeast" ... "explain to us the parable."

Listening to the Word of God today, we are reminded of the role of the Spirit, helping us to respond to God's promptings in prayer. When "I" decide to pray, it is God's grace which moves me in this direction. I pause and ask that the Spirit of God will speak to and through me.

Jesus taught His friends to pray, to speak with His Father as His Spirit comes to us. He taught us specifically to pray for the coming of His kingdom; Jesus' kingdom is the kingdom of grace, of His power, of His presence. It is at work in us at this very moment.

Please remember to pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed, especially, Helen Balliet & Stella Belleba. May their souls and all of the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

CCD Registration

1st weekend of August – CCD Registration for new and long time students. Registration will take place after all Masses. First time students will need to complete the original long form. All others will complete the short form with \$10.00 per student up to 2 students. No more than \$25.00 per family.

The smallest of seeds and the unnoticed yeast, both with the power of life within them, do their work in us. We respond to God's grace. We collaborate in the building of the kingdom. Others may not see what we do, but each person can unleash the power of God's Spirit as we work to extend His kingdom.

The next time you see a roll or bagel with poppy or sesame seeds, think of the smallest of all seeds and the power it contains. The next time you notice the difference of pita bread or a wrap and distinguish it from regular white or rye, remember the teaching of Jesus. That seed, that yeast, is at work in the church and in every one of us.