



**Finances for July 19/20, 2008**

Loose \$ 86.50 White Offering \$ 2338.00

Total: \$ 2424.50

Envelopes used: 163/537

Last Year: \$ 2290.50

Thank you

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

Mass Schedule

**Monday, July 28, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - John Jacobs, requested by  
Brother, Joseph

**Tuesday, July 29, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Caroline Berjewski, requested by  
Mrs. Anna Armstrong and Peggy

**Wednesday, July 30, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Chester Grodzicki, requested by  
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Gurbatowski

**Thursday, July 31, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Tony Wisniewski, requested by  
Kay Swingonski and Eileen

**Friday, August 1, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Thomas Adamski, requested by  
Eleanor Schwartz

**Saturday, August 2, 2008**

5:00 P.M. - Reverend Terrance Pinkowski, requested by  
Margaret Lukashewshi

**Sunday, August 3, 2008**

8:30 A.M. - Diane Buchholz, requested by  
Mendofik Family  
10:30 A.M. - Parishioners

Altar Servers Schedule

Saturday, August 2, 2008

5:00 P.M. - Gabrielle Konopczyk, Ryan Konopczyk

Sunday, August 3, 2008

8:30 A.M. - Curt Yenchik, Cole Rosner  
10:30 A.M. - Alyson Klush, Sarah Klush

Lector Schedule

Saturday, August 2, 2008

5:00 P.M. - Norbert Dotzel, Jr., Norbert Dotzel, Sr.

Sunday, August 3, 2008

8:30 A.M. - John Baab, Rob Rosner  
10:30 A.M. - John Welgosh, Brittany Nagle

Called to Holiness and Mission

Preliminary Recommendations Summary

Southern Region

**Parishes:** Our Lady Help of Christians, Dorrance; St. Jude, Mountain Top; St. Patrick, White Haven

Recommendations

Given the various sizes of the parishes in your cluster, we recommend that you study the following options and in your response respond with **one** that will make better use of priestly presence in your cluster:

Model Two: Linked Parishes with all three parishes St. Jude, Mountain Top; Our Lady Help of Christians, Dorrance and St. Patrick, White Haven to be served by one pastor with assistants.

Or

Model Four: In Solidum (Team) with all three parishes St. Jude, Mountain Top; Our Lady Help of Christians, Dorrance; St. Patrick, White Haven to be served by a team of priests.

Or

Model Two: Linked Parishes between St. Jude, Mountain Top, and Our Lady Help of Christians, Dorrance, while another Model Two: Linked Parishes between Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Freeland, and St. Patrick, White Haven.

We further recommend that:

1. You activate the finance and pastoral councils to be more effective.
2. You explore the sharing of pastoral staff.

*I ask you to study carefully these Preliminary Recommendations. Our Cluster Core Committee will be formulating a response to these Preliminary Recommendations. This response is due by October 1. Our Parish and Cluster Core Committee will be arranging meetings for you to discuss these Preliminary Recommendations between now and this date. Therefore your understanding of these Recommendations is most important.*



### 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.

### 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	

### 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
Joseph Lukashewski	Adrienne Wayno
Loretta Mikolajczyk	

### CCD Registration

*1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

### "Entertainment Books"

The new "Entertainment Books" will be arriving in August. Please call the rectory to place a pre-order. The books will cost \$20.00. The rectory number is 868-5855.

### Pennsylvanians for Human Life

The Pro-Life Center (Crisis Pregnancy Center) in Wilkes Barre extends their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in the Baby Bottle project.

**Lifeline** - The Church...is called to proclaim the gift of life, to serve life, and to promote a culture of life, ...The proclamation of life, life in abundance must be the heart of the new evangelization. For true life—our salvation—can only be found in the reconciliation, freedom and love which are God's gracious gifts.

### A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.

### **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 27, 2008**

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who were called according to His purpose. For those He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son ... those He predestined He also called, those He called He also justified; and those He justified He also glorified ... the kingdom is like a treasure ... pearl of great price ... a net."

St. Paul, as he does often in his letters, provides a litany or a description of the process for our growth in the Christian life. We have no doubt that we love God. If that were not the case we would not spend time in prayer, at worship, or even reading this reflection. We have been called, as He knew us from our mother's womb. He wanted us to be part of His life today, the image of Jesus Christ. We have been justified by the blood of Christ and glorified, made holy by His grace. How important we are in the eyes of God!

But Paul speaks to us of God's purpose. Do we take time to wonder about what God wants of us? What does He want me to do? Who is in need of my gifts? God has given me gifts for the use of all. We call it grace.

The grace of God is the treasure of Matthew's gospel. It is the pearl of great price. While we struggle to grow in our life in the church, the image of the net speaks of the difficulties, temptations which surround us, but God's saving grace will see us through. We ask for the gift of grace today and with Solomon, for the gift of an understanding heart. What does the Lord ask of me at this time? Jesus asked: "Do you understand all these things?"