

Finances for Aug 16/17, 2008

Loose \$ 132.00 White Offering \$ 1929.00
Total: \$ 2061.00
Envelopes used: 159/537
Last Year: \$ 2476.00
Thank you

Reach out and share your gift

Mass Schedule

Monday, Aug 25, 2008

8:00 A.M. - No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, Aug 26, 2008

8:00 A.M. - No Mass Scheduled

Wednesday, Aug 27, 2008

8:00 A.M. - No Mass Scheduled

Thursday, Aug 28, 2008

8:00 A.M. - No Mass Scheduled

Friday, August 29, 2008

8:00 A.M. - No Mass Scheduled

Saturday, August 30, 2008

5:00 P.M. - Joseph & Mary Lukashewski, requested by
Children in honor of their
60th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, August 31, 2008

8:30 A.M. - Marie Zajac requested by
The Zajac Family
10:30 A.M. - Parishioners

Congratulations & Best Wishes

Bob and Betty Ambrose who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

&

Joseph and Mary Lukashewski who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary next weekend.

May God Bless them with many more years of happiness.

Altar Servers Schedule
August 30/31, 2008

5:00 P.M. - Christopher Lukashewski,

Justin Lukashewski

8:30 A.M. - Curt Yenchik, Cole Rosner

10:30 A.M. - Alyson Klush, Sarah Klush

Lector Schedule

August 30/31 2008

5:00 P.M. - Lukashewski Family

8:30 A.M. - John Baab, Rob Rosner

10:30 A.M. - Joan Davenport, Stephanie Grubert

Military Prayer List

Please pray for all those currently serving in dangerous lands.

Michael Boothe

Paul Konschnik

Jonathan Cupina

Brandon Gething

Charles Dixon

Andrew Lukashewski

John Folmar

Brian Lukashewski

Michael Janosov

Joseph Lukashewski

Christopher Kishback

Michael Rokitko

Peter Dolan

Mark Allen Vital

Adam Wendalski

Parish Sick List

Christopher Badman

William Baker

Luke Charton

James Concannon

Edward Cooper

Henry Davenport

Miriam Dotzel

Dorothy Gandzyk

Irene Gibson

Marion Honhart

Anna Hrevnack

Kim Krakauski

Mike Kutzmonich

Michael John Kutzmonich

Dennis Law

Phyliss Lukashewski

Joseph Lukashewski

Christine Margalis Loretta Mikolajczyk

Anna Miller

Thomas Morrissey Donald Murray

Dorothy Novicki

Andrew Ostrazewski Andrea Padden

Michael Popiak

R.T.

Harry Ratnieks

Gloria Secoski

Helen Sherksnas

Adrienne Wanyo

Saint Theresa's Guild

Saint Theresa's Guild will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 P.M. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. The ladies will begin planning the turkey bingo and the children's Christmas party.

60th Anniversary Celebration

Saint Theresa's Guild will celebrate their 60th Anniversary on Sunday, October 5. The day will begin with the ladies sitting together as a body at 8:30 A.M. Mass, followed by a luncheon at the Alden Manor at 1:00 P.M. Invitations will be mailed to all members. The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00.

Altar and Rosary

The ladies of the Altar & Rosary Society will hold their next meeting on Monday, September 15 at 7:00 P.M. in the rectory meeting room.

CCD

The first day of CCD is Sunday, September 7, following the 8:30 A.M. Mass. All parents and students are asked to meet in

the church. Forms are available in the office for those who still need to register. A shorter form is available for returning students. Cost is \$10.00 for first child, \$10.00 for second child, and \$5.00 for third child. Max cost per family is \$25.

We are in need of Religious Ed teachers for the upcoming year. Please contact Patti Heller at 379-2647 for details.

Blood Drive

There will be a Memorial Blood Drive hosted in loving memory of John Matthew Dean at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 316 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top, PA on Wednesday, August 27 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

25th Anniversary Celebration

Rev. Mark G. Balczeniuk, current pastor of Transfiguration Church, West Hazleton and SS. Peter and Paul Church in Hazleton, invites everyone to come celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood with him on Sunday, November 9, 2008.

Mass: Transfiguration Church at 11:00 A.M.
213 West Green Street
West Hazleton, PA 18202

Reception: (Immediately following Mass & is handicapped accessible):
Holy Family Academy (School)
1700 23rd Street
Hazleton, PA 18201

Please call Transfiguration Rectory at (570) 454-3933 to make your reservation. An acknowledgment will be sent after your reservation is made.

The Knights of Columbus have made arrangements to reserve a bus for this event. Please sign up using the sheet near the cry room. The cost is \$8.00 per person. If there is enough interest the bus will be reserved. Sign up deadline is September 7.

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.

Saint Mary Mocanaqua Picnic

Saint Mary, Mocanaqua will hold their annual picnic August 30 & 31 at Saint Mary Park. Their phone number is 542-4157.

Missions

Thank you for your generous donations for the missions. Our parish collected \$ 1, 037.39. Thank you for your kindness & generosity.

The Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Your generous donations support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and the spreading of the Gospel message through the mass media. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 24, 2008

"Jesus asked His disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is? . . .' 'But who do you say that I am?' . . . Simon Peter said in reply: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God . . .' and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the nether world shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven . . ."

Our friend Peter said some foolish things, but also spoke profound truths. He sometimes challenged the Lord when he walked toward Him on the water, and failed the Lord's challenge in the patio at Jesus' trial. We are Peter.

The conversation, the catechism question of Jesus to the disciples offered opportunities to speak of Jesus' reputation. How was He known? The responses perhaps describe the works of earlier prophets, great persons with special missions. The follow up question required a deeper response. But YOU, who do YOU, say I am? Peter responded with an act of faith and statement of Jesus' role as the Christ, the anointed one of God, the Messiah.

The same question is asked of us today. Who is Jesus for me? I move from the Christ of history to the Anointed One asking me to respond today in my parish community. The kingdom, also expressed by the word "power" or "grace" of the Lord is present in my life and in our community of faith. The same Jesus, who promised to be with the apostles all days until the end of the world, is the Christ present to guide, guard and nourish us in our parish. This is not just a place to worship our God, it is something more. It is where we encounter the living Christ who spoke to Peter, formed His friends, and then sent them to continue His work. We are the building, the dwelling place of God.

In today's second reading St. Paul quotes both Job and the prophet Isaiah. These Old Testament passages emphasize that God's plans are beyond our understanding and He is lacking in nothing. This passage is what's called a "doxology"- a hymn of praise to God.

Upcoming Dates

August 27	Blood Drive
September 7	First day of CCD Classes