

✠ Welcome to St. Mary's of Dorrance ✠
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Finances for August 22/23, 2009
 Total: \$ 2350.00
 Envelopes used: 163/538
 Last Year: \$ 2061.00
 Thank you.



Mass Schedule

Monday, 8-31-09
 8:00 A.M. Edward Lukashewski, requested by
 Margaret Lukashewski

Tuesday, 9-1-09
 8:00 A.M. No Mass Scheduled

Wednesday, 9-2-09
 8:00 A.M. No Mass Scheduled

Thursday, 9-3-09
 8:00 A.M. No Mass Scheduled

Friday, 9-4-09
 8:00 A.M. No Mass Scheduled

Saturday, 9-5-09
 5:00 P.M. Howard Sandrock, requested by
 The Matusick Family

Sunday, 9-6-09
 8:30 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Sarah, requested
 by The Rhee Family
 10:30 A.M. Parishioners

Religious Education

Final Registration

Final registration for the 2009-2010 Religious Education year will take place on August 29 and August 30 after Masses. Short forms (returning students) and long forms (new students) will be in the social hall. Cost is \$10.00 per child. Any children registering after this date will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee. The first day of class is Sunday, September 13.

★ Military Prayer List ★

Richard Beck Rebecca (Ney) Evans
 Matthew Erwine John Folmar
 Cory Mathis

† Parish Sick List †

Loretta Albanese	Dorothy Gandzyk	James Concannon
William Baker	Jennifer Haydt	Henry Davenport
Ron Black	Marion Honhart	Michael Columbo
Anna Hrevnack	Tyler Jaworski	Rose Kutzmonich
Karen Corn	Anthony Maleski	Mike Kutzmonich
Ray Dolan	Bret Melworm	Dorothy Novicki
Dennis Law	John Miller	Harry Ratnieks
Donald Murray	Samantha Selecky	Miriam Dotzel
Alex Ney	Adrienne Wanyo	June Tate
Joseph Evancho	Andrea Padden	Helen Taney
Chris Badman	Susan Doty	Michael Popiak
Tony Day	Emily Zelinka	Kim Krakauski
Rosemarie Malcker	Rita Rokitko	Brian Kingsbury
Andrew Ostrazewski	Karen Bokelman	Joe Hermanofski
Romayne Gajdowski	Rose Steadle	George Yatsko
Cathy Pockevich		

✠ Lector Schedule ✠

Saturday, 9-5-09 5:00 P.M. Patricia Heller

Sunday, 9-6-09 8:30 A.M. Bill Magnotta
 10:30 A.M. Stephanie Grubert

✠ Altar Servers ✠

Saturday, 9-5-09 5:00 P.M. Jeffrey Phillips
 Jaeson Phillips

Sunday, 9-6-09 8:30 A.M. Christopher Lukashewski
 Justin Lukashewski
 10:30 A.M. Morgan Melovitz
 Madison Poharski

Coal Tickets

The Knights of Columbus will be selling COAL or Chance of a Lifetime tickets outside of Church after all of the Masses. They are \$1.00 for one or a book of 8 for \$6.00. Two free in a book. You can win cars, trips, computers, a 50 inch TV, or just take the money. Thank you for all of your support to the Knights of Columbus.

Lost Earring

One of our parishioners lost an earring and she is not quite sure where. It could have been in the parking lot or in the church or even along the grass line in front of the church. If everyone could keep an eye out for the earring, it would be greatly appreciated. If you do find it, please call the rectory. Thanks to all for your help!

VIRTUS Training

A VIRTUS training session is scheduled for our parish community on:

**Thursday, September 24, 2009 at St. Jude's,
Mountain Top
from 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

All employees and adult volunteers who work with children are required to attend this training session. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Please call the following phone number: 570-474-6315 or 474-6327 Liza Kelly to register for VIRTUS training.

LifeLine -Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs... And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. ...Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them [to die]. They share their meals, but not their wives. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law. Christians love all men, but all men persecute them. ...They live in poverty, but enrich many; they are totally destitute, but possess an abundance of everything. They suffer dishonor, but that is their glory. They are defamed, but vindicated. A blessing is their answer to abuse, deference their response to insult. For the good they do they receive the punishment of malefactors, but even then they, rejoice, as though receiving the gift of life.

Entertainment Books

The new Entertainment Books are now on sale.

The cost is \$20.00 and there are many new coupons and great deals that are being offered this year.

Please call the rectory to order!

Catholic Underground

“The Catholic Underground PA, a Eucharistic Holy Hour followed by a “different” kind of coffeehouse, presents Immaculate Art Ministries presentation: “Person to Person; A Mother Theresa Project” on Friday, September 11, 2009 at 7 PM at St. Gabriel’s Church, 122 S. Wyoming St., Hazleton. This project is the fruit of much research and contemplation of Mother’s beliefs on human dignity. Join us as we encounter Jesus in every person just as Mother Theresa did; to seek Jesus in His most distressing disguise! For more information visit www.catholicundergroundpa.com or call 570-403-3094. You won’t want to miss it!”

Special Collection

Today’s special Collection is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Thank you for your generosity.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Looking for a way to make your good marriage even better? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend where you can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones – and focus ONLY on each other. If you’d like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you’ll like the difference this weekend can make!

Upcoming weekends: September 18-20, 2009 in the Reading Area ~ November 6-8, 2009 in Easton ~ February 12-14, 2010 in Bethlehem. Website: wwme-nepa.org
Phone: (800) 787-7679

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2009

“All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights... Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and keep oneself unstained by the world.”

Many of us are not familiar with the letter of James. Written at the end of the first century the author is encouraging the first Christians in living their commitment. Faith is to be an active, permanent commitment, not limited to saying ‘I believe’.

The Word of God has been ‘planted’ in us. Did Jesus not use the same analogy of the places where the seed was sown? That Word is the source of eternal life and salvation. The Word who came into the world came to save us all. That Word is Jesus Christ Himself.

Some church people are described as ‘shakers and doers’ as they put into practice what they have accepted themselves. A simple test to see if I am living my religious belief is to see if I am caring for the widows and orphans, or others in need. I look to see if my charity is genuine as I reach out to others.

Today as I reflect upon the Word of God, I ‘humbly’ ask God to direct it to that part of my life where there is need for change.