



Finances for August 23/24, 2008

Loose \$116.75 White Offering \$2440.00
 Total: \$ 2556.75
 Envelopes used: 182/537
 Last Year: \$1937.03
 Thank you

Seek God!

Mass Schedule

Monday, September 1, 2008

8:00 A.M. - No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, September 2, 2008

8:00 A.M. - Bernard Bartchak, Jr., requested by
 John and Rita Kania

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

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

Thursday, September 4, 2008

8:00 A.M. - John Zisko, requested by
 Joseph Fillman

Friday, September 5, 2008

8:00 A.M. - Rev. Robert Shilala, requested by
 Margaret Lukashewski

Saturday, September 6, 2008

5:00 P.M. - Marie Zajac, requested by
 Barb and Tom Kopetskie

Sunday, September 7, 2008

8:30 A.M. - Parishioners
 10:30 A.M. - Thomas and John Hidock, requested by
 Children

Congratulations & Best Wishes

We wish to congratulate and offer our best wishes to Joseph and Mary Lukashewski who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Welcome to our Parish Community

Welcome into the Church Noah Wade Smith son of Brian & Erin Smith, grandson of Mary Ann Smith and great grandson of Joseph & Mary Lukashewski.

Altar Servers Schedule

Saturday, September 6, 2008

5:00 P.M. - Willy Swartwood
 Dakota Hollock Sinclair

Sunday, September 7, 2008

8:30 A.M. - Abby Wasiakowski
 Leigh Anne Machowski
 10:30 A.M. - Christopher Welgosh
 Matthew Mendofik

Lector Schedule

Saturday, September 6, 2008

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

Sunday, September 7, 2008

8:30 A.M. - Maureen Baab, William Magnotta
 10:30 A.M. - Yvonne Sapak, Michele Clark

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	Anna Hrevnack	Thomas Morrissey
William Baker	Kim Krakauski	Donald Murray
Luke Charton	Mike Kutzmonich	Dorothy Novicki
James Concannon	Michael John Kutzmonich	Andrea Padden
Edward Cooper	Dennis Law	Andrew Ostrazewski
Henry Davenport	Phylliss Lukashewski	Michael Popiak
Miriam Dotzel	Joseph Lukashewski	Harry Ratnieks
Dorothy Gandzyk	Christine Margalis	R.T.
Irene Gibson	Anna Miller	Gloria Secoski
Marion Honhart	Loretta Mikolajczyk	Helen Sherksnas
		Adrienne Wanyo



The office will be closed on
 Monday, September 1!

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Rom: 12: 1-2

In today's second reading St. Paul reminds us that, for Christians, the moral life is a form of spiritual worship. "In the liturgy and the celebration of the sacraments, prayer and teaching are conjoined with the grace of Christ to enlighten and nourish Christian activity. As does the whole of the Christian life, the moral life finds its source and summit in the Eucharist sacrifice" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2031).

Altar and Rosary Society

All members of the Altar and Rosary Society are requested to meet in the cry room before 8:30 A.M. Mass on September 21.

The next meeting for Altar and Rosary will be on Monday September 15th at 7:00 P.M. in the rectory meeting room.

Pray the Rosary in Celebration of the 75th Anniversary

On October 5th at 6:00 P.M., the rosary will be prayed in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. Afterwards, a covered dish meal will be enjoyed in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to help celebrate the Altar and Rosary Society's 75th anniversary. Please call the rectory (868-5855) to make reservations.

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.

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.

Entertainment Books

The new "Entertainment Books" have arrived. We are selling Entertainment 2009 to raise funds for our parish. Packed with money-saving coupons for dining out, travel, entertainment, shopping and much more. Entertainment is only \$20.00. You'll not only save a lot of money with Entertainment, you'll also help us reach our fund-raising goal. To purchase Entertainment, call the rectory at 868-5855 or drop in at the rectory to pick up a copy.

Upcoming Dates

- September 1 - Labor Day, Office Closed
- September 7 - First day of CCD Classes
- October 4 - Blessing of the Animals Mass
- October 5 - Pray the Rosary - 75th Anniversary, Altar and Rosary followed by Covered Dish, Social Hall
- October 5 - St. Theresa's Guild 60th Anniversary Alden Manor, 1:00 P.M.

Attention Prayerful Single Men

There is a great retreat for those considering the monastery as a monk coming up October 3-10th or October 10-17th at the famous Gethsemani Trappist Abbey. (You can attend just the weekend portion at those times if that suits your schedule better). Get clarity for your vocation and meet a lot of new friends in Jesus!! Please join us. No Charge. Food and room are free! If you wish to take a bus or plane to Louisville, Ky., the monks will even pick you up no charge. Call 1-800-221-1807 for more info.

Attention Prayerful Single Women

There is a great retreat for those considering the convent as a nun or sister coming up at the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth, Sept. 26-28th in Williamsport, Pa. Get clarity for your vocation and meet a lot of new friends in Jesus!! Please join us. No Charge. Food and room are free!! If you wish to take a bus or plane Williamsport, Pa., we will even pick you up no charge. Call 1-800-221-1807 for more information.

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 assessable)

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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Jesus said to His disciples: 'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.' ... 'Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good, pleasing and perfect.'"

As people walk the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, through the narrow marketed streets, they eagerly reach out to help carry the cross. Several times at the stations, the cross is passed to a new set of hands. People want to accept the cross of the Lord.

It should be no surprise that Jesus gave us the threefold option of denial, acceptance and following. Since the Good Friday when He walked alone, with our sins as His burden, Christians have accepted the challenge. Today we are reminded of His gracious invitation once again. When we observe the cross on the steeple of our church or in the sanctuary, when we make the sign of the cross as we bless ourselves when entering the church or beginning our prayer, we are saying "yes" to the Lord, to support the burdens of others, and continue our walk with Him.

In this way we carry out the will of God. We do what needs to be done, what in His eyes is good, pleasing and perfect. As we accompany Him, it is His grace which supports us.