



**Finances for September 6/7, 2008**

Loose \$ 130.25 White Offering \$2847.00  
 Total: \$ 2977.25  
 Envelopes used: 187/533  
 Last Year: \$ 2787.25  
 Thank you

*Don't forget the Works of the Lord!*

**Mass Schedule**

**Monday, September 15, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Steve Lizbinski, requested by  
 Mr. & Mrs. John Matusick

**Tuesday, September 16, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Michael Kubasek, requested by  
 Wife and Children

**Wednesday, September 17, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Mary Woods, requested by  
 James Mellon

**Thursday, September 18, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - John Kania, requested by  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Levandoski

**Friday, September 19, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Vincent B. & Michael A. O'Hara,  
 requested by Joseph, Brother

**Saturday, September 20, 2008**

5:00 P.M. - Erich Rogall, requested by  
 Marianne Binkowski

**Sunday, September 21, 2008**

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

**Altar Servers Schedule**

**Saturday, September 20, 2008**

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

**Sunday, September 21, 2008**

8:30 A.M. - Zack Erwine, Morgan Melovitz  
 10:30 A.M. - Kimberly Price, Allison Mendofik

**Lector Schedule**

**Saturday, September 20, 2008**

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

**Sunday, September 21, 2008**

8:30 A.M. - Mary Lapsansky  
 Phil Lapsansky  
 10:30 A.M. - Joan Davenport  
 Stephanie Grubert

**Military Prayer List**

*Please pray for all those currently serving in dangerous lands.*

Michael Boothe	Brandon Gething
Jonathan Cupina	Andrew Lukashewski
Charles Dixon	Brian Lukashewski
John Folmar	Joseph Lukashewski
Michael Janosov	Michael Rokitko
Christopher Kishback	Michael Sanders
Peter Dolan	Mark Allen Vital
Paul Konschnik	Adam Wendalski

**Parish Sick List**

Christopher Badman	Marion Honhart	Donald Murray
Richard Briggs, Sr.	Kim Krakauski	Dorothy Novicki
William Baker	Mike Kutzmonich	Andrea Padden
Dee Dee Black	Michael J. Kutzmonich	Andrew Ostrazewski
Luke Charton	Dennis Law	Michael Popiak
James Concannon	Phyliss Lukashewski	R. T.
Edward Cooper	Joseph Lukashewski	Harry Ratnieks
Henry Davenport	Christine Margalis	Gloria Secoski
Miriam Dotzel	Anna Miller	Helen Sherksnas
Joseph Evancho	Loretta Mikolajczyk	Adrienne Wayno
Dorothy Gandzyk	Thomas Morrissey	

**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.

Congratulations to Josephine Dalkawicz, winner of the Altar and Rosary September lottery. The ticket number was 953.

**Candlelight Rosary**

On Tuesday, October 7 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. It is also our parish feast day.

At the same time, everyone is welcome to help celebrate the Altar and Rosary Society's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please call the rectory (868-5855) to make reservations.

**Knights of Columbus Gun Raffle**

The Knights of Columbus will have a gun raffle on Thursday, September 18 in our church social hall. Come and join us for hot dogs and refreshments. Tickets will be available after all of the Masses. An instant on line background check will be done so you can take your gun home with you. For questions, please call Marc Mickowski at 868-8566.

### **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Saint Theresa's Guild will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Bazaar Meeting**

There will be a "wrap up" bazaar meeting on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30 P.M. in the rectory meeting room. All are invited to attend.

### **Entertainment Books**

Entertainment is only \$20.00 and we still have a few copies left. With the purchase of each book, you will 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.

### **Public Safety Mass**

The Mass for the Protection of Those Who Work in Public Safety will be celebrated on Sunday, September 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton. The celebration of this Mass gives us the opportunity to ask God to keep those who serve in public safety safe from all harm. We will also pray for the souls of all who have fallen in the line of duty.

### **Celebration Mass and Breakfast**

In Thanksgiving of Sixteen Years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, St. Jude's Parish, Mountaintop, is planning their 16th Anniversary on October 11th at the 9:00 A.M. Mass. Everyone is invited! The Principal Celebrant and Speaker for this year is Rev. Paul A. McDonnell, O.S.J. Fr. Paul serves as the Provincial Superior of the Oblates of St. Joseph Order, (Penna. Province), located in Laflin, PA. An Anniversary breakfast will follow the Mass at King's Restaurant in Mountaintop. Reservation deadline for the breakfast is October 3rd and the price is \$10.00 payable to St. Jude's Parish. To make your reservation please contact Gloria at 868-5346 or Maureen at 868-8014. Payment should be made prior to the deadline at the Parish Center.

### **Rosary Rally**

On Saturday, October 11 at 12 noon a Rosary Rally will take place in the parking lot of Mr. Z's Food Store, located on Route 309 in Mountain Top. All are invited to attend.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- October 4 - Blessing of the Animals Mass
- October 5 - St. Theresa's Guild 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Alden Manor, 1:00 P.M.
- October 7 - Candlelight Rosary  
St. Mary's of Dorrance Feast Day  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Altar & Rosary  
Covered Dish, Social Hall
- October 9 - Lector Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
- October 16 - Bazaar "wrap-up" meeting - 7:30 P.M.

### **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Phil. 2:1-11**

Today's second reading probably sounds familiar. It should—we read half of it two weeks ago. The verses we hear for the first time this week are a call from St. Paul to imitate the humble example of Jesus in our relationships with one another. If Christ—who was divine and, therefore, perfect—didn't exalt Himself over others, how can we—who are sinners—think we are better than our brothers and sisters?

### **25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 14, 2008**

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that he who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him" ... "He emptied Himself... becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

The church today marks a special day centered upon the cross of Christ. How often in interviews, successful persons – teachers, athletes, astronauts – speak of the need to be focused, to maintain direction and achieve a good end.

For Christians the focus is on the cross of Christ. From the day of our baptism until today, we were signed with a cross on our forehead, we blessed ourselves in the form of a cross, we look upon a crucifix in the church or on our bedroom wall, it said something to us. The cross of Jesus Christ is a source of strength, the sign of love, and hope for believers.

Throughout the gospel of John he cites people who believe in Christ because of His words and deeds. The Cana event, the visit with the Samaritan woman, the challenge to Martha to believe, and yes, even after the resurrection, all reflected on the new found belief of the people He met. In the beginning of the gospel John tells us that "whoever believed in Him He gave the power to become children of God."

Our belief today is found in the saving power of the cross. May we make this sign on our person with devotion, the touches on our head, lips and heart with care, the blessing we give our children in a prayerful way, or even looking at the cross atop our church, may all allow us to acknowledge the power found in the cross of Jesus Christ.