

✚ Welcome to St. Mary's of Dorrance ✚

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We extend our warmest welcome to all visitors who have joined us for today's Eucharistic Celebration! Why not bring someone to Church with you next weekend to introduce them to our wonderful, welcoming, forgiving, and loving Lord Jesus... and to our warm, friendly parish family of St. Mary's of Dorrance.



Finances for October 4/5, 2008

Loose \$ 123.25 White Offering \$ 2492.00

Total: \$ 2615.25

Envelopes used: 181/536

Last Year: \$ 3177.25

Thank you

Mass Schedule

Monday, 10-13-08

8:00 A.M. Dan Jankowski, requested by Tom and Pat Osisek

Tuesday, 10-14-08

8:00 A.M. Special Intention, requested by Terry Rhee

Wednesday, 10-15-08

8:00 A.M. In memory of Grace Potelunas, requested by Helen Bachanas

Thursday, 10-16-08

8:00 A.M. Edward Lukashewski, requested by John Helstowski and Family

Friday, 10-17-08

8:00 A.M. Helen Mylet, requested by Joan and Henry Davenport

Saturday, 10-18-08

5:00 P.M. Erich Rogall, requested by Steve Narsavage

Sunday, 10-19-08

8:30 A.M. Living and Deceased Members of the Altar and Rosary Society celebration of our 75th Anniversary.

10:30 A.M. Parishioners

✚ Military Prayer List ✚

Please pray for all those currently serving in dangerous lands.

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

✚ Parish Sick List ✚

- Christopher Badman, Richard Briggs, Sr., William Baker, Luke Charton, James Concannon, Henry Davenport, Miriam Dotzel, Joseph Evancho, Dorothy Gandzyk, Marion Honhart, Mike Kutzmonich, Terry Jankowski, Kim Krakauski, Dennis Law, Phyliss Lukashewski, Joseph Lukashewski, Mary Beth Malys, Anna Miller, Donald Murray, L. C., Alex Ney, Dorothy Novicki, Andrew Ostrazewski, Andrea Padden, Michael Popiak, R. T., Harry Ratiniaks, Gloria Secoski, Adrienne Wanyo, Stephanie Locke

Lector Schedule

- Saturday, October 18 - 5:00 P.M. - Norbert Dotzel, Sr., Norbert Dotzel, Jr. Sunday, October 19 - 8:30 A.M. - Mary Lapsansky, Phil Lapsansky 10:30 A.M. - Bonnie Sapak, Christine Dolny

Altar Servers

- Saturday, October 18 - 5:00 P.M. - Julianna Bodek, Charlie Bodek Sunday, October 19 - 8:30 A.M. - Zach Erwine, Morgan Melovitz 10:30 A.M. - Kimberly Price, Allison Mendofik

Our Grateful Faith Diocesan Annual Appeal 2008 Our Grateful Faith Diocesan Appeal supports the Deacons and Retired Clergy of the Diocese! Your gift to the 2008 Annual Appeal will help support those whose dedication and services to our Diocese have enriched us all.

Roast Beef Dinner

Our annual Roast Beef Dinner will take place on November 1 from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. The cost of \$8.00 from twelve to adult, \$3.50 for children and under five years are free. There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance of the Social Hall for donations. ***Volunteers are needed!***

Altar and Rosary Society

The next meeting for the Altar and Rosary Society is on Monday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory meeting room.

The Altar and Rosary will celebrate their Communion Sunday on October 19th at 8:30 a.m. Mass. All members are asked to meet in the quiet room in the rear of the church. **Following Mass, the Altar and Rosary members will meet for breakfast at the Rise and Shine Restaurant** in Mountain Top. Please call the rectory if you would like to make a reservation with the group.

St. Mary's Softball Game and Picnic Potluck

There will be a Softball Game and Picnic Potluck at St. Mary's Church on October 25th at 12:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a picnic covered dish. Please bring any extra softball mitts, bats, etc., that can be shared with the group. (Rain date: October 26 @ 12:30 p.m.). Please call the rectory for more information.

On October 23, 2008

Beyond Violence, Inc. Is planning a Candlelight Vigil Walk in memory of murder victims of Domestic violence and Sexual Assault.

The walk will start at 6:00 p.m. at Beyond Violence and end at City Hall for our Candlelight Vigil Program.

Anyone interested in participating, please call 759-0298

Year of St. Paul

In today's second reading when St. Paul says, "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me," he is highlighting the fact that when it comes to the hardships of daily life, it is Jesus who is his source of strength. He knows that, on his own, he is not strong enough to bear these difficulties, thus his humility.

Second Collection

On the weekend of October 18 and 19, the second collection will be for Mission Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Holy Redeemer High School

Holy Redeemer High School (159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre 829-2424) will hold its Open House for incoming students presently in grades 8,7 and 6 and their families on Sunday, October 26, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Tours will be given from 1 to 2 p.m. with a formal program at 2:30 p.m. and finale and refreshments at 3:15 p.m. Administrators, teachers, coaches, parents and students will be available to provide information and answer your questions. Begin to build a successful future at Holy Redeemer High School—the School which provides a strong Catholic tradition, instills a sense of purpose and reinforces the values taught at home. Learn about the spiritual, academic, athletic, extracurricular and social benefits for your son/daughter. Scholarships and tuition aid are available for qualified students. Busing is available from most local school districts.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 12, 2008

"On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples, a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines... the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a great wedding for his son... everything is ready, come to the feast"... "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me."

Artists use oils to paint pictures. Composers use lyrics and notes to create musical scores. Poets combine words to express themselves. Teachers convey a message through the use of images. The banquet motif of Isaiah and the parable of Jesus are artistic, musical and poetic expressions so clear and easy to understand.

This year has been marked with soaring food price increases. Food riots have broken out in countries where starvation is the norm. Countless numbers have been added to our food pantry beneficiaries because of economic conditions. The hoped for banquet of Isaiah is an image of hope not a lived reality for so many. But the parable includes all of us, the invited and those who have just arrived. We are called to sit at His table, on earth and at the heavenly banquet.

Whether we enjoy a magnificent feast or enjoy simple rice and beans, we are reminded that the Lord is the one who provides for all our needs, even in our want. Paul tells us he knows how to live in abundance and in need, because it is the Lord who provides.

Reflecting on the words of scripture and my own lifestyle, I ask if I can live more simply, so that someone else might live? Can I give something of myself, so that someone might have who has nothing? The richness of the images challenges me to respond to someone else who is the Christ who wishes to strengthen me.