



Sunday, August 16, 2009

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. - Janelle Raskopf (Birthday Remembrance) - Emmett J. Raskopf, Linda and Dick Groves, Wendon and Ann Raskopf
10 a.m. - Guido DiTullio (Birthday Remembrance) - Jim and Lorraine and Family

Monday, August 17 - Weekday

- 5:30 p.m. - Donald Entwistle (Birthday Remembrance) Merida Pinzon and Paul Entwistle

Tuesday, August 18 - Weekday

- 9 a.m. - Felix J. Fabian (Anniversary of Death) - Wife, Doris

Wednesday, August 19 - Weekday

St. John Eudes, Priest

- 9 a.m. - Robert Woock - Joan and Don

Thursday, August 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
No Mass Today

Friday, August 21

St. Pius X, Pope

- 9 a.m. - Harley Dieter - Rose and Katherine

Saturday, August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 4:30 p.m. - Ralph, Antoinette and Juliet Capiello - The Capiello Family

Sunday, August 23

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. - Dorothy Ritz (Birthday Remembrance) - Husband, Sam
10 a.m. - In Remembrance of Living and Deceased Members of the Cavagnaro Family - Cavagnaro Family Members

The Great Corn Roast: Tuesday, August 18, 3-8 p.m. All you can eat for just \$15 per person and kids under 12 are free. It takes place at Donald Spoth Farm, 2715 Tonawanda Creek Road in Amherst. All proceeds go to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy.

Dear Parish Family,

This week we will weave together the beautiful Feast of Mary's Assumption and the beautiful continued reading from John 6. It was such a blessing to see the beauty of the Nigerian tradition and the deep spirituality of the folks sharing in Sr. Carissima's renewal vows. Ron Teliszak's message about the people and the Church in Haiti also stretched our understanding that being the Body of Christ is an awesome challenge!

We continue to seek Christ in our own lives and that search begins and is guided every time we worship together; Vatican II tells us that Christ is really present in the bread and wine that are for us Jesus' Body and Blood; Christ is really present in the Word of God broken open to feed, nurture and enrich us; Christ is also really present in the assembly of God's holy people gathered together. In all of these three powerful ways we are reminded that we are not alone; that we journey together with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Peace and Love,

Fr. Gary



The orange rose on the altar is given in loving memory (birthday remembrance) of Janelle A. Raskopf, requested by her family, Emmett J. Raskopf, Linda and Dick Groves, and Ann and Wendon Raskopf.

The red rose on the altar is given in loving memory (birthday remembrance) of Guido DiTullio, requested by Jim and Lorraine Sparks.

Camp Blue Skies, an overnight camp for children ages 7-16 who have experienced the death of a loved one, offers age appropriate therapeutic and recreational activities that allow children and teens to interact with professional grief counselors. The camp will be held September 26-27 at Cradle Beach Camp, Angola, NY, for a modest camp registration fee. To register, call the Coordinator of Children's Programs at Life Transitions Center at 716-836-6460, ext. 103.

St. Mary's plates to commemorate our 150th Anniversary are available in the rectory. They are \$10 each.

Table with 2 columns: Collection Name and Amount. Rows include Regular Collection (\$5,383.00), Bldg. & Maintenance (253.00), Summer Collection (574.00), and Total (\$6,210.00).

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

- Monday - 7 p.m.** - S.V.D.P. Meeting
- Tuesday - 3 - 7 p.m.** - Eucharistic Adoration
7 p.m.- Stewardship Meeting
7 p.m. - Justice and Service Meeting
- Wednesday - 7 p.m.** - Choir
- Thursday - 7 p.m.** - Folk Choir

Is fear keeping you from experiencing true joy? Do you trust in the Lord's plan for your life? Enjoy a **Magnificat** breakfast and a spirit-filled opportunity for grace and fellowship. You do not have to be a member to attend an event. You are invited to share a special morning of prayer, witness sharing and praise with guest speaker Claudette Horst, a Catholic woman of grace who answered the Lord's call in her life. The theme of her life's transformation is "Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep" (Luke 15:6). Come to this inspirational gathering on Saturday, September 19, at the Holiday Inn - Amherst, 1881 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, NY, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Contact Gloria at 585-457-3146 or 716-773-5976.

Grief and Spirituality of Dementia: Sister Mary Anne Weldon, RSM, will offer a practical life-giving presentation guiding caregivers one and all on a journey of relating to loving God through the challenges of coping with grief and loss. This unique presentation is part of the lecture series for the bereaved sponsored by the Office of Family Life Ministries and Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Buffalo. The free event will be held on **Wednesday, September 16, from 7 - 8 p.m.** at Mt. Olivet, Kenmore. For reservations or more information, call 817-873-6500.

 Two of our friends are now living at a different residence.

Marge Ruhlmann, Heather Heights, 160 W. Jefferson St., Pittsford, N.Y. 14534
Betty Shaver, Brompton Heights, 275 Brompton Road, Williamsville, NY 14221

Polish Harvest Festival celebrates the spirit of Thanksgiving. The Festival will feature a special Mass, Best Pierogi Contest, Polish food and music. It will be held at Corpus Christi Church, 199 Clark St., Buffalo. Dates for the Festival are August 22 and 23.



PRAY FOR those of our parish community who are sick:
 Kay Hammond, Jason Pawlowski, Katherine Limardi, Tricia Denhoff, Connie Andrews, Kurt Von Voetsch, Helen Harrison, Kathleen Anderson, Connie McCracken, John Gagliari III, Doris Stump, Margaret Kirsch, Marge Ruhlmann, Ellen Gardner, Mildred Delwardt, Voola Bartholomew, Jackie McLaughlin, Zackie Berger, Cecelia Reger, Isabella Serrienne, Cheryl Widmer, Mary Reitz, Jeffrey Gailor, Nathan Gailor, Jim McCullough, Barbara Kress, Christina Bugl, John Schaffert, Brandon Nemece, Leslie Degnan, Donna and Robert Spencer, Sr., June Groff, Jim Fiegel, Ann Marie Micoli, and pray for our Armed Forces here and abroad.

Weekend of August 22-23, 2009
Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, Aug. 22:
4:30 p.m. Pat Sonnenmeier, Bill Roussie

Sunday, Aug. 23:
8 a.m. Jerry Tomaino
10 a.m. Renee Locke, Angela Beightol

Extraordinary Ministers' Schedule

Saturday, Aug. 22:
4:30 p.m. Suzanne Gailor, Vickie Richardson, Merida Pinzon, Lynn Ann Kowalski, Dee Gailor

Sunday, Aug. 23:
8 a.m. Larry Hanel, Aimee Bowerman
10 a.m. Mary Dunn, John and Diane Siuta, Donna Dye-Sholk, Robert Sharkey, Becki Dlugoz, Choir Member

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, Aug. 22:
4:30 p.m. **Emily Stoll**, Elizabeth Eckert, Michael Hart, Dylan Robb

Sunday, Aug. 23:
10 a.m. **Christopher Sharkey**, Elizabeth Powers, Julianna Bonnette, Erin Nicosia

Greeters' Schedule

Saturday, Aug. 22:
4:30 p.m. Mary Nevins, Mary Alice Stroehlein

Sunday, Aug. 23:
8 a.m. Florence Claude, Barbara Buczkowski
10 a.m. Nannette and Ken Harmon, Angela Beightol

NURSERY  SCHEDULE

Mary's Little Lambs Nursery

Saturday, Aug. 22:
4:30 p.m. Carol Anterline, Margie Swan

Sunday, Aug. 23 :
10 a.m. - Kelly Preisch, Traci Meagley

If you are unable to meet your commitment, please arrange for a substitute.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

Proverbs 9:1-6 The authors of Proverbs understood the need for making correct daily decisions, penning sayings reflective of the people of Israel struggling with life's human problems. In this reading, Wisdom is personified, pictured in human form and presenting herself as an inviting hostess who offers food to the simple and the confused. True wisdom nourishes the whole person. It empowers us to leave foolishness and deception behind and respond, rather than react, to the problems of life with the intent of being in a relationship with God. Wisdom counsels us to set "foolishness" aside and partake in the banquet He offers to us, that which we all truly desire - closeness to God and closeness through God to everything and everyone else.

Ephesians 5:15-20 Although Christians today can't live exactly as people did in the first century, in Paul's letter to the Ephesians there are general guidelines that can apply equally to Ephesians of the first century of the Christian era and to disciples living in the modern era. The writer urges Christian disciples to be wise and cautious by making the most of their time, because the present is difficult and challenging and demands wisdom. What shapes a Christian life is the effort to discern the will of God. Senseless and thoughtless actions contradict the lifestyle of Christian disciples. To live intelligently or wisely refers to the kind of wisdom cultivated in the Hebrew wisdom tradition: orienting one's values to those approved by God, rather than acquiring intellectual know-how.

John 6:51-58 During these laid-back days of summer, we are reawakened to the mystery of the Body and Blood of Christ through the words of St. John. Scandalous to the ears of his listeners, Jesus' offering of his flesh and blood as food and drink can be accepted by us if we only acknowledge his very being as the incarnate Word of God. Those who believe in him not only listen to Jesus' message - the external Word - but also consume it as real food and real drink. Equally shocking to his Hebrew listeners was Jesus' claim that the manna of Moses wasn't true bread; although it sustained them in the desert, it did not provide eternal life. Jesus says that he himself is the Word that replaces the manna. The only true bread that comes down from heaven is the Word of love. Believing the Word and consuming that Word as food and drink creates a real union with the body of Jesus and with the community.

Readings for the week of August 16, 2009

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Gary R. Kibler, Pastor
Carol Costello, Pastoral Associate and D.R.E.
Eleanor Wascovich, Parish Secretary
Mickey Pils, Business Administrator
Bessie Provenzano, Housekeeper
Robin Ritz, Maintenance/Custodian

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Altar & Rosary.....Fran Staszak 434-1461
Altar Servers..... Paula Provost 438-0943
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Fred Wascovich 434-3451
Christian Formation..... Sharon Roussie 439-0228
Christian Services Chris Halvorson 625-9420
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Evangelization Committee.....Bernie Winter 433-4071
Extraordinary Ministers.....M/M Chris Prucha 439-0722
Event Fundraising.....Julie Brounscheidel 434-4517
Craig Haseley 438-9031
Finance & Administration Jim Smigelski 433-0849
Greeters.....Mary Alice Stroehlein 433-6106
Knights of Columbus.....Phil Chamot 434-7688
Ladies of CharityPeg Smith 434-3706
Martha-Mary Church Care.....Sheila Winter 433-4071
Ministers of Hospitality
4:30 p.m.....Ed Forness 433-8242
10 a.m.....Gerry Dembrowicz 692-8394
Ministers of the Word.....Vickie Richardson 778-5668
Ministry of ComfortDonna Santarsiero 433-3002
Music Minister.....Melissa Coleman 778-9461
R.C.I.A.....Sr. Carissima Ogbu 434-7276
Sacramental Arrangements..... Carol Costello 433-0340
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Split Club.....Joe Santarsiero 433-3002
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