

# Mass Intentions

**09/04/10-Saturday-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**

4:30pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)  
 5:00pm Maureen Moss by George & Mary Plunkett (Church)

**Gift Bearers: Family**

**09/05/10-Sunday-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
 8:40am Rosary (Chapel)  
 9:00am Stella Jubinski by James & Barbara Jasper (Church)

**Gift Bearers: Ushers**

**09/06/10-Monday-Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am Antoinette Pratt by M/M Ron Suman (Cemetery-Weather Permitting-Bring a Chair)

**09/07/10-Tuesday-Weekday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am Rosary (Chapel)  
 7:45am Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
 8:00am Margaret Sansonetti by Nick & Daughters (Church)

**09/08/10-Wednesday-The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:30am Rosary (Chapel)  
 7:45am Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
 8:00am Dolly Flasic by Roseann, Kathy, Mary Jo & Families (Church)

**09/09/10-Thursday-St. Peter Claver, priest**

7:30am Rosary (Chapel)  
 7:45am Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Word and Communion (Church)

**09/10/10-Friday-Weekday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am Rosary (Chapel)  
 7:45am Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
 8:00am Velia M. Smyth by Husband, Jack & Son, John (Church)

**09/11/10-Saturday-24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**

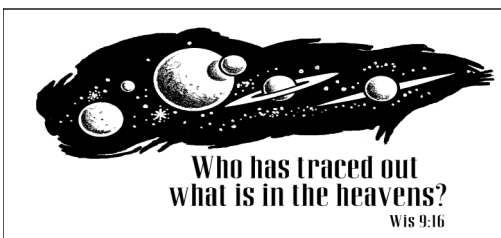
4:30pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)  
 5:00pm Deceased of Maskrey Family by Paula Norris (Church)

**Gift Bearers: Family**

**09/12/10-Sunday-24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
 8:40am Rosary (Chapel)  
 9:00am CD of A 90th Anniversary by Court St. Theresa #562 (Church)

**Gift Bearers: Members**



**+++CHURCH OFFERTORY REPORT+++**

August 29, 2010

Stewardship to God .....	\$ 5,822.00
Weekly Need .....	\$ 7,600.00
Above/Short .....	\$ -1,778.00

**\*YEAR-TO-DATE ENDOWMENT FUND .....\$110,445.62\***

**Envelopes Issued: 512 Envelopes Returned: 221  
 Average Weekly Gift: \$26.36**

**OTHER INCOME**

Endowment Fund Donations.....	\$ 25.00
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**BILLS PAID THIS WEEK**

Office Supplies .....	\$ 17.05
Opening/Closing Church .....	\$ 20.00
Verizon .....	\$ 36.05
Priest Reimbursement .....	\$ 41.36
Janitorial Supplies .....	\$ 65.01
Liturgical Supplies .....	\$ 67.70
Endowment Fund Donation .....	\$ 315.00
Fire Extinguisher Service .....	\$ 504.93
Rectory Table Food .....	\$ 625.00
Payroll .....	\$ 7,611.92
Total .....	\$ 9,304.02

**ASSESSMENTS**

11.5% Catholic School Assessment .....	\$ -669.53
8% Diocesan Assessment .....	\$ -465.76

Remember SS. Simon & Jude Church in Your Will.

**+++CEMETERY REPORT+++**

**WEEKLY INCOME**

Donations .....	\$ 30.00
Foundation .....	\$ 354.20
Total .....	\$ 384.20

**\*YEAR-TO-DATE ENDOWMENT FUND .....\$118,145.38\***

*Stewardship: Jesus spoke a great deal about generosity, therefore as a believer in Jesus, I have to ask myself do I simply give when and where I feel like it, or do I have a principle, perhaps, giving a percentage of my income to God and to those in need? Ten percent has a principle for Jews and Christian.*

**HOST IN MEMORY OF DAD BY JOAN HETCKO.**

**COMING EVENTS PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**ENVELOPE PACKET HAS AN ENVELOPE FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND – CAN BE GIVEN AT ANY MASS.**

Sept 07-Blairsville Food Bank at the United Presbyterian Church ..... 9:00am

Sept 07-Adelphoi Smokeless Afternoon Bingo at 1133 Village Way, Latrobe, PA ..... 3:00pm

**Sept 06-LABOR DAY MASS AT THE CEMETERY (please bring a chair) ..... 9:00am**

**Sept 06-PARISH OFFICE CLOSED WILL OPEN ON TUESDAY AT ..... 9:00am**

**Sept 09-Love and Light Meeting (Marian Hall) ..... 6:00pm**

Sept 11-Cash Bash & Theme Baskets at St. James Social Hall, New Alexander-for tickets call 668-2621 ..... 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Sept 12-Festival at Our Lady of the Assumption Church Grounds-Lucernemines, PA ..... 12:Noon to 8:00pm

Sept 12-Pittsburgh Steelers vs Atlanta ..... 1:00pm

**Sept 12-KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING (Parish Center) ..... 7:30pm**

**Sept 13-SACRAMENTAL PREP CLASS for CHILDREN making 1<sup>ST</sup> PENANCE & 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION-(Parish Center) ..... 6:00pm**

**Sept 14-CEMETERY MEETING (Parish Center) ..... 7:00pm**

**Sept 15-RCIA CLASS (Parish Center) ..... 7:00pm**

Sept 16/19-Pope Benedict Visit to Great Britain-watch on it on EWTN

**Sept 16-CRAFT SHOW MEETING (Parish Center) ..... 7:00pm**

Sept 17-Day of Refreshment and Recollection for Family Caregivers at Paul VI Pastoral Center, Wheeling WV for info. .... 304-277-3300

Sept 19-Duquesne University's Fall Open House to register call 4112-396-6222 ..... 8:00am to 1:00pm

**Sept 19-FAITH FORMATION CLASS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADES (Parish Center) ..... 10:15am to 11:30am**

Sept 19-Pittsburgh Steelers plays Tennessee ..... 1:00pm

**Sept 19-RECITING OF THE ROSARY (Chapel) ..... 6:00pm**

**Sept 20-PARISH LIFE & MINISTRY MEETING (Parish Center) ..... 7:00pm**

**Sept 22-RCIA CLASS (Parish Center) ..... 7:00pm**

Oct 24-Diocese Rosary Rally at St. Joseph Chapel at the Bishop Connare Center-Greensburg, PA ..... 3:00pm

**Sept 25/26-BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING (Back of Church) ..... after Masses**

**Sept 25-GOOD SHEPHERD GATHERING (Atrium) ..... 9:00am**

Sept 25-Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World at Mother Sorrows Parish-Murrysville ..... 6:pm to 8:00pm

Sept 25-Friends of the Poor Walk-sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul ..... call Jim Froelicher 349-8796 regarding time and place of walk.

**Sept 26-FAITH FORMATION CLASS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADES (Parish Center) ..... 10:15am to 11:30am**

Sept 26-Pittsburgh Steelers plays Tampa Bay ..... 1:00pm

Sept 26-Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World at Mother Sorrow Parish-Murrysville ..... 8:30am to 2:pm

**Sept 29-RCIA CLASS (Parish Center) ..... 7:00pm**

**Oct 02-GOOD SHEPHERD GATHERING (Atrium) ..... 9:00am**

**Oct 02-WEDDING OF Heather Rhea & Eric Frayvolt (Church) ..... 2:00pm**

**Oct 04-PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (Parish Center) ..... 7:00pm**

Oct 05-Blairsville Food Bank at the United Presbyterian Church ..... 9:00am

Oct 05-Region 5 Meeting at St. Matthew, Saltsburg, PA ..... 7:00pm

**Oct 06-CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS MEETING (Marian Hall) ..... 7:00pm**

**Oct 06-RCIA CLASS (Parish Center) ..... 7:00pm**

Oct 8-10-Married Couples Retreat at Paul VI Pastoral Center, Wheeling WV for into call ..... 304-277-3300

**Oct 10-FAITH FORMATION CLASS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADES (Parish Center) ..... 10:15am to 11:30am**

**COMMUNION SONG:** The simple human activities of sharing in one loaf and one cup at Sunday Eucharist clearly express our relationship with each other and with the Lord: We are one bread, one body. But our unity is evidence not only in the one loaf and the one cup. We share a common posture of standing when receiving the Eucharist. Each of us is addressed with the same words: "The body of Christ, the blood of Christ." And we join our voices in psalms and hymns of praise. The power of song to unite a group of people is well known. School songs, national anthems and old favorites sung around a campfire all serve to confirm common identity and strengthen the bond among those who are present. Our Communion song, too, expresses outwardly our inward union with each other and the Lord. Because communion is a time of procession to the table of the Lord, communion songs are by definition processional songs. And processions need music, music that moves our feet and our hearts. At the time of communion, the assembly joins in with a simple repeated refrain that does not require a book or piece of paper, freeing our hand and our eyes from the printed page. The moment of communion is, of course, an intensely personal time; but in Catholic liturgy, it is not a private time. The time of silence after communion can meet this need for silent prayer. Liturgy, is the public prayer of the church, and demands of us a disciplined surrender of our individual lives to our common life in Christ. We minister to each other when we join in singing the communion song. Thus we taste and see and hear the goodness of the Lord. (Liturgy Training Publications-1998)

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 5:** As the summer wanes and season moves along, the cross enters more and more into the scriptures of the liturgies. We begin to understand the cost of following Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. In the Gospel, Jesus invites his followers to emulate the prudent discernment of builders and warrior kings as they discern their response to his call. The cost of laying a sure foundation and being victorious in the way of discipleship is great. Both require the reprioritization of one's entire life, including one's primary relationship and definitions of success.

**WEDNESDAY—SEPTEMBER 8—THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Exactly nine months after Mary's Immaculate Conception, we recall her birth with one of the two feasts in her honor. It is the only nativity celebrated on the liturgical calendar other than that of John the Baptist (June 24). Both were chosen before birth for the role they would play in salvation. This date was probably chosen because it marks the date of the dedication of a church to Mary's mother, Saint Anne, in Jerusalem.

**THURSDAY—MEMORIAL OF ST. PETER CLAVER:** St. Peter Claver was a Spanish Jesuit who spent his life ministering to slaves brought to the Americas. He would meet the slave ships, bearing food and clothing for survivors of the crossing, and he evangelized them. Pope Paul III had proclaimed that non-Europeans had souls, but merchants and others accused Peter of profaning the sacraments. Although supported by the Jesuits, Peter and his work were rejected in his time, but he was vindicated by the Church's eventual rejection of slavery in the early nineteenth century. He is said to have baptized three hundred thousand Africans who were brought over in chains.



*AS A BAGPIPER, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a gravesides service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Kentucky back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play. The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man. And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I've never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years." Apparently I'm still lost....*

<b>MASS ATTENDANCE</b>	
August 29, 2010	
5:00pm.....	201
9:00am.....	290
Total.....	491

<b>READINGS-Sept. 12 ,2010</b>	
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 (1st)	
1 Timothy 1:12-17 (2nd)	
Luke 15:1-32 (Gospel)	
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	

**A SENSE OF THE SEASON:** In ecclesiastical jargon, the word “ordinary” can mean “ordered”, in other words, “counted.” Thus each week of Ordinary Time is sequentially numbered, as this week is counted as the twenty-third. Ordinary Time is not a liturgical season, at least not in the way the Easter time and others are seasons.

**ATTENTION: FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE PAYMENTS DUE TO “TODAY’S CHALLENGE, TOMORROW’S HOPE,” PLEASE WAIT FOR THE DIOCESE TO SEND YOU YOUR PAYMENT PLAN. DO NOT SEND PAYMENTS TO THE PARISH OFFICE.**

**VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD** on September 25 from 6-8PM and September 26 from 8:30AM-2PM at Mother of Sorrows in Murrysville. The exhibit features many well-documented Eucharistic miracles—visible proof of Jesus’ Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF 3 & 4 YEAR OLD CHILDREN:** The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is now accepting new students for the coming year. The Good shepherd program nurtures the child’s desire to be closer to God. It is a fun, hands-on approach to learning about God and the Catholic faith. Based on the Montessori Method of teaching, CGS prepares children for their life-long journey to know and love God. If you are interested, please contact Becky Feldbusch at 724-459-5709 by September 18th.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE:** The St. Vincent de Paul Society in our Diocese is embarking on a new project to better serve the poor. This project will involve the bulk collection of clean, gently used clothing and shoes. You can assist the Society in this endeavor by placing your no longer needed clothing shoes in the St. Vincent de Paul clothing bin located in our parking lot.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING INSTRUCTION:** CM-BBT is a medically based NFP method that can be used to avoid or plan pregnancy. The next session is October 4th at 6PM at the Catholic Charities Office. There is only one session to attend. Contact Mary Ann Newhouse at 724-837-1840, ext. 658 for more information or to register.

**WHAT A WAY** to end the festivities of “Diamond in the Rough” than to each a big dish of pasta! We had a very successful spaghetti dinner on Sunday, August 22nd from 5:30 until 7:30PM. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make it a wonderful day for the community and our parish. Special thanks to Sanso’s for the donation of bread for the dinner.



**FOR BAPTISM,** call the Parish Office in advance of the birth. A class is required (by the Bishops of the USA) for the parents so that they can reflect on the meaning of the sacrament, the role necessary for parents after the baptism, and highlighting the importance of the family’s commitment to the practice of the Catholic Faith. This means coming to Mass on all Sundays and Holydays of Obligation. The Pastoral Associate, Elaine Scherer, will meet with the parents through a scheduled appointment.

<b>DONATIONS:</b>
<b>Cemetery:</b> In memory of the Flasicck Family by Joe, Dolly & Nick. In memory of John Zedick by Joe, Dolly & Nick.
<b>Roof Donation:</b> Doris Faulk.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Stanley and Penny Percosky on the baptism of their son, Ryan Stanley. May God bless Ryan on his journey of life and faith.