

*Lord, on the day I called for help
you answered me.*

RCIA

Sacred Heart Parish is always ready to welcome those who wish to become part of our faith community and makes a special effort to reach out to anyone interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic. There is never any pressure or obligation to actually become a Catholic. If you have an interest and/or questions and want to find out more about the RCIA process, please join us on Monday, 30 July, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Room at St. Joseph Church and/or Monday, 20 August, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Church Meeting Room at Sacred Heart. The meetings are very informal and all are welcome.

REGISTRATION FOR CCD

All children coming into the Religious Education Program and the children who already attend CCD will need to register. Registration will take place after all the Masses the weekends of August 25/26 and September 8/9. Registration will take place in the Vestibule of the Church. Please bring a Birth, Baptismal, First Communion and Penance Certificates if your child is new in the program. CCD Classes will begin on Monday, September 17, 2007. The Parent Meeting will be held at 4:15 p.m. in the Lower Church on the same day.

NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER WILL BE HELD AT OUR PARISH August 6 through August 14 each evening at 7:00 p.m. The Rosary and Novena Prayers will be approximately 30 minutes. Let us take the time to give glory and praise to Jesus by honoring His Mother and our Mother too. Let us call upon Mary to intercede for us and for our personal and communal intentions.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The 26th Annual Diocesan Wide Pilgrimage for World Peace through Conversion of Heart will take place on Thursday, August 2, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mt. St. Mary's University and Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD. The day will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. Pilgrims will be able to receive the Sacrament of Penance, offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, pray the Holy Rosary, spend time in private prayer, and end the day with a Holy Hour of Exposition. Pilgrims must make their own provisions for travel to and from the Shrine and lunch. For general information, contact Deacon Michael Grella at 717-939-6431 (home) or the Diocesan Office 657-4804, ext 266 or email at dmgrella@hbgdiocese.org.

This Week in our Parish

MONDAY, JULY 30

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
7:00 p.m. RCIA Inquiry Class – St., Joseph Parish

TUESDAY, JULY 31

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:30 p.m. Mass – Manor Care
7:00 p.m. Marian Devotions – Novena & Rosary
7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

FIRST FRIDAY – HOLY COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
1:30 p.m. Mass – Mennonite Home

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Due to vacation schedules, there may not always be someone available in the Rectory Office this week. The voice mail will take care of many calls. If you need to come to the Rectory Office, please call ahead to make certain that someone will be available to meet your needs.

LANCASTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL is in need of Part-time Cafeteria workers for the 2007-2008 school year. Hours 9:00 a.m. to 1:15/1:30 p.m. Weekdays. Please contact Denise Roof @ 509-0306 or pick up an application in the Main Office.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Families are needed for the 2007-2008 school year to host International Students coming to Lancaster Catholic High School. Students speak English, are fully insured, and bring their own spending money. Host families provide room and board, and receive a generous hosting stipend. If you are interested in hosting an International student, please contact Elise Coleman at 620-488-9388

SACRED HEART SCHOOL BENEFIT GOLF OUTING

Sacred Heart School will hold its 7th Annual Benefit Golf Outing Friday, September 14, 2007 at Groff's Farm Golf Club, Mount Joy. The event is a four person scramble format with shot gun start at 1:00 p.m. For more information contact the School Development Office @ 509-3577. Thank you.

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER WITH FATHER BENEDICT

The Office of Worship of the Diocese of Harrisburg presents: The Hunger for Holiness: A Day of Prayer to Begin Advent with Father Benedict Groeschel, CFR on Saturday, December 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Trinity High School, Camp Hill. The Day will include Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences, and private time for reflection. More information and registration forms will be available on August 1 at www.hbgdiocese.org.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JULY 29

Vigil Mass RICHARD BRICKER, JR.
8:00 a.m. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:30 a.m. HELEN WOSKOWIAK

MONDAY, JULY 30

8:30 a.m. MARY AMICONE

TUESDAY, JULY 31

8:30 a.m. VIRGINIA & PAUL HARNISH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

8:30 a.m. JOHN STORK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

8:30 a.m. ROBERT N. SNYDER

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

8:30 a.m. JOHN A. KNIGHT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

5:00 p.m. RICHARD BRICKER, JR.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00 a.m. PATRICIA LOWE
10:30 a.m. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY, OUR LADY'S CHAPEL AND ST. JOSEPH SHRINE ARE IN MEMORY OF HELEN WOSKOWIAK REQUESTED BY LEONAFRANCES WOSKOWIAK.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED

More Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are needed for the parish. Please consider this important ministry. A training session will be held at St. John Neumann Church on September 29. Call the Parish Office for more details.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel began with Jesus "praying in a certain place." He prayed where he was, among his friends. Pausing to pray in our homes, a parent "gives a good gift" to their children teaching them to turn to the Lord as a partner and friend.

CAN YOU HELP?

Help is desperately needed at funeral luncheons. If you could volunteer occasionally, please call Susan Grover at 291-9315 or the Rectory, 304-0757.

RETREAT FOR COUPLES EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Rediscover the Joy in Your Marriage. RETROUVAILE is a program which helps to restore communication and trust in a marriage. If you feel helpless or trapped by frequent conflicts, please know that hundreds of couples have been helped. Call us and give yourselves another chance. The next program will be held September 14-16 at the Precious Blood Spiritual Center in Columbia, PA. Let us reserve a place for you. For information call Tom or Patty (717) 938-8229 or 1-800-470-2230.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Have you given real thought lately to how good God has been to you? Do you give in proportion to what God has given to you?

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY

Regular Sunday Offertory

In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord:

Offertory for July 22, 2007 – \$7,723.00

Offertory for July 24, 2006 – \$8,161.22

Thanks for Giving First Fruits and Taking a Step.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE AN HOUR EACH WEEK TO KEEP JESUS COMPANY?

St. Joseph's Adoration Chapel: hours currently in need are: 7:00 AM Sunday, 3 AM Wednesday, 4 AM Wednesday, 9 AM Thursday, 4 PM Friday, 9 PM Friday, 4 PM Saturday. Thank you to all our adorers – without you, St. Joseph's Church would not be able to have the 24/7 Adoration Chapel. We are looking for people to add to our substitute adorer's list or people who would like an hour in conjunction with another adorer. For more information call Oliver 285-3127 or Vonnie 397-4300.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS IN LANCASTER COUNTY

Mass is offered every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. at San Juan Bautista Church, 424 S. Duke St., Lancaster. The Mass is bi-lingual (Spanish and English) and bi-lingual missalettes are available in the pews.

TIME OF REFLECTION

Lancaster Oblates of St. Benedict will be holding a Time of Reflection 2-day retreat on Friday/Saturday, September 7/8 at Msgr. Thomas Smith Hall, St. Joseph's Church, Lancaster. Father Vincent Tobin, a monk of St. Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, Indiana, will be the guest speaker. The retreat is 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday evening and continues at 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$15/person (over 18 years of age) which includes a light lunch on Saturday. Call Sharon & Oliver Ogden, 285-3127 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Coming to St. Joan of Arc Church, Hershey, on September 19, 2007. A concert with John Michael Talbot, the top selling Catholic artist in the world. John Michael blends music, witness and teaching in a unique way. His concert ministry has blessed millions over the past 25 years. This will be an evening for the whole family. For information about tickets, call 533-8578.