



Saturday, August 1, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. † Ann & Kathy Filo

Sunday, August 2, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Dec'd. of Savastano Family

10:30 a.m. For the Parish

Monday, August 3, Weekday

8:30 a.m. † Mary & Joseph Centorcelli

Tuesday, August 4, John Mary Vianney, priest

8:30 a.m. † Edward Wuyscik

Wednesday, August 5, Weekday

8:30 a.m. † Jeffrey Cocco

Thursday, August 6, Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 a.m. † Edward Luczak

FIRST Friday, August 7, Weekday

8:30 a.m. † Marjorie Colaianni

9—12 N Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, August 8, Dominic, priest

8:30 a.m. † Paul J. Tallarom (An.)

4:00 p.m. † Antonio Petrarca Family

Sunday, August 9, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Parish &

Thomas & Phyllis Montarti

10:30 a.m. † Antonio & Antonette Locorotondo



Servers Schedule

August 8 & 9

4:00 p.m. - J. Reynolds & Emma Lloyd

8:00 a.m. - D. Carino & B. DelleDonne

10:30 a.m. - Kaitlyn Sciullo & A. Pullet

GOOD NEWS

August 2, 2009

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Does God love complainers? The Bible seems to be full of them.

Exodus today offers a case in point. Right before the caravan rides into our reading, its members have escaped slavery in Egypt—a fate they and their families had endured for four centuries. God leads them out of that slavery.

Immediately before we see these former slaves go out into the desert, heading for their promised home, they escape Pharaoh's forces again. The captors who let them leave change their minds and pursue the fleeing slaves. The mind and the plan of the God of the Israelites has not changed, however, and Pharaoh's army—his men, his horses, and his chariots—are thrown into the sea. God is clearly taking care of these people in dramatic ways.

Watch the text carefully now. Next, Exodus says, the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron, their leaders. The message is clear—wholesale complaining, dramatic grumbling, and moaning by everyone, across the board, is the response of those who have been saved twice from death. They wish they were back in Egypt!

What do we make of the passage delivered here? What do we make of the bizarre contrast of God's actions and the peoples' response? If we see the strange flip between what has happened to these people who have been saved by God and their level of understanding and appreciation, it is hard not to be amazed at their response.

But now for the really sobering questions. Do we also see a mirror here? What have we been given? For what should we be grateful? Are we grateful?

The most disarming question is the original one. Does God love complainers? Yes, even complainers.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO Barry & Laurie Wyckoff who are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary today at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. God Bless!

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION ADULTS: are you a person who is not baptized and desires to receive Baptism in the Catholic Church? A baptized Christian who would like to seek full communion with the Catholic Church? A person who was baptized as an infant but was never instructed in the faith and has not received the other Initiation Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist? A baptized Catholic who has not received confirmation and would like very much to receive this Sacrament? A Catholic who has received all of the Sacraments of Initiation but would like to learn more about the Catholic faith? If you have answered "yes" to any of these questions, the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you. Sessions are scheduled to begin in mid September. For further information, please call the Parish Office 724-568-2331.

Cardinal Maida aCadeMy

Bingo ~ Sunday

Jackpot 55 ~ no's

Church Hall ~ Doors open 5:15 p.m.
Proceeds benefit the Cardinal Maida Academy

Providing Contact Person for Child Sexual Abuse ~ if you have a concern about sexual abuse of a child or young person by anyone in a parish or diocesan position—clergy, volunteer or paid staff—please contact Bishop Brandt's delegate for matters of sexual misconduct. He may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext 221.

Tithing: God's Plan for Giving: July 25 & 26

Sunday Offertory.....	\$5,176.25
Loose Collection.....	288.00
Utilities.....	495.00
Benedictine	550.00
Missions—Br Ireneus.....	1,262.71

*You may give without loving,
but you can't love without giving!
Thank you and God bless!*

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Margaret Blanciak by Bill, Jean Rowe & family

MEMORIAL CANDLES

In memory of Guido & Carmela DePaul by Paul, Patricia & family

In memory of Bob Reilly by Bill & Jean Rowe

REST IN PEACE ~ please pray for the repose of the souls of Helen Hudek, from our parish and Lawrence James Reilly, brother of Helen Schmiech. May the Choirs of Angels lead them into paradise.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS who are hospitalized, invalids or seriously ill at home: Pearl Karawsky and all the sick who need our prayers.

Westmoreland Columbus 500 Presents, Italian Day Festa at Idlewild Park on Friday, August 14. Rain or Shine. Park gates open at 10 a.m. Advance tickets \$19. Gate price \$28.99. Call 724-238-3666.

Kiski Valley Knights of Columbus Council #3174 and the Leechburg Knights of Columbus will be holding the annual Family Outing on August 11, 6 p.m. at the Assumption Church Picnic Grounds in Gilpin Township. The event will be catered by Lewandowski Catering. The price is \$9. for adults, children under 12, \$4.50, and children 5 and under free. Please R.S.V.P. by August 9. Call Chuck Smith, 724-568-3310, Bob Delledonne, 724-568-2791 or John Dettore, 724-567-6914. Please plan to attend.

Knights of Columbus Council #3174 will be hosting the spaghetti dinner on August 6 from 4-7 p.m. church hall. All help will be greatly appreciated. Brother knights will be contacted by phone as well. Please try to attend and donate cakes for dessert.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH FESTIVAL ~ Gilpin Twp. Church Grounds, Route 66 ~ 2 miles north of Leechburg. Saturday, August 8 ~ 2-9 p.m. Sunday, August 9 ~ 1-9 p.m. Delicious Food, Fun Activities and Entertainment.



50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~ Bishop Brandt invites all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding

Anniversary during the calendar year 2009 to participate in a special Golden Jubilee Mass to be held at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 3 p.m. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact their local parish office to register couples for this celebration. Even though they may not be able to attend the Mass, they will receive a scroll signed by the Bishop commemorating their anniversary.

ATTENTION Scrapbookers & Papercrafters! You're invited to a **SCRAP & STAMP Day**, September 19 from 8:30—4:30 p.m. at Christ the King Parish Hall on Route 66 north of Leechburg. \$40. registration includes a Welcome Gift, Lunch and Refreshments. Reservations are required by September 11. For more info call 724-845-8191 or 724-845-6086.

MASS and RITE of HEALING, Celebrated by Father William Kiel, Monday, August 24, 6:30 p.m. Praise and Worship will begin at 6:15 p.m. Mount Saint Peter Church, New Kensington. All are welcome! A freewill offering will be accepted.

GREENSBURG Central Catholic invites 7th and 8th grade students ~ are you interested in trying something new? Come and practice with the 2009 WPIAL Men's Division 11 Lacrosse finalists and learn to play the fastest game on two feet! Join us on the practice field at GCC any and every Sunday from 2—5 p.m. now through August. Call Nate, one of the seniors at 724-650-6014 for more info, Come and experience what lacrosse is all about!

BIG BEN'S BBQ COOKOUT is coming to Vandergrift Public Library, Sunday, August 9, 12-2 p.m., parking lot below Casino Theater. 25% of Sales Benefit Vandergrift Public Library. Enjoy great BBQ for a great cause-Vandergrift Public Library. A portion of Ben's proceeds is donated to The Ronald McDonald House.

St. Gertrude Men's Club, meeting August 3, at the Longfellow St. picnic grove, weather permitting. If it rains, the meeting will be in the church hall.