

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



**Monday, September 14-Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

- 7:00 A.M. Sadie Oliastro (Cecelia Lutz)
- 8:00 A.M. †Ang Ottavio (M/M Robert Snyder)
- 9:00 A.M. Irene Carver (Husband)
- 6:00 P.M. Christian Mothers Mass

**Tuesday, September 15-Our Lady of Sorrows**

- 7:00 A.M. Amelia Karasack Rice (M/M Martin R. Kosdrosky)
- 8:00 A.M. †Rose Simon (Mary Ann Puce)
- 9:00 A.M. Steve & Mary Novak (Mary Zollum)
- 7:00 P.M. 40 Hour Closing (Fr. Carmen)

**Wednesday, September 16-Cornelius, pope & martyr, & Cyprian, bishop & martyr**

- 7:00 A.M. †Katherine Bellissimo (Mary Ottavio Family)
- 8:00 A.M. †Margaret Giancola (Mary Anne Caputo)
- 9:00 A.M. Gene Boschini (Jane Petrak)

**Thursday, September 17-Robert Bellamine, bishop & doctor**

- 7:00 A.M. M/M Charles J. Maietta (Family)
- 8:00 A.M. †Donald Farkas (Mary Paswell)
- 9:00 A.M. Carmen Prestopine (Wife & Family)

**Friday, September 18**

- 7:00 A.M. Joseph Morabito (Betty Morabito & Cecelia Rose)
- 8:00 A.M. Ken Zona (Dad and Family)
- 9:00 A.M. Alice & Nick Varrati, Sr. (Daughter, Marialice)

**Saturday, September 19-Januarius, bishop & martyr**

- 9:00 A.M. Wenzel Blasche, Jr. (Sam & Jeanne Ricci)

**Sunday, September 20-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Catechetical Sunday**

- 6:00 P.M. Saturday** Herbert, Dena, Sally Ann Faziola (Betty Zollum Family)
- 8:00 A.M. Deceased Members of DiLeonardo Family (John DiLeonardo)
- 10:00 A.M. Eddy & Louise Mitchell (George & Sharlene Veres)
- 12:00 P.M. George Migut (Catherine Migut & Family)



**Attention Holy Redeemer, St. Agatha, and BVM alumna:**

If you are interested in getting together, please send your contact information to [holyredeemer@gmail.com](mailto:holyredeemer@gmail.com)

Please include the following:

- Name
- For graduates: maiden name
- Graduation year
- Street address
- City, state, zip
- Email

Please also include if you are an alumna, current parent, alumna parent, board member, faculty/ staff, or friend.

We will be sending out invites to our alumni dinner and auction so please respond if you wish to be involved or forward this information to anyone you think would like to be. If you do not use email, please respond by mail to Carla Bunney, 307 Hillside Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117, 724-462-3912

**Holy Redeemer Social Club  
Yearly Calendar Raffle Ticket**

The Holy Redeemer Social Club yearly calendar raffle ticket is out for next year 2010. It will be available at the mini breakfast this Sunday in the School lunchroom or by calling Stretch at 724-752-3751.

**SCRIPTURE VERSE**

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

**Readings for the Week of September 13, 2009**

- Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
- Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16---4:3  
Mk 9:30-37

*Support all Catholic Education: "Great Beginnings last a lifetime."*



**Warning: Today we will hear the most dangerous words in the Bible.** The words are dangerous because they are almost always misinterpreted. These are the words: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." While the "spirituality of the Cross" is a central theme in our Christian identity and gives profound meaning to our suffering, it refers to a different kind of suffering.

The idea of "carrying one's cross" has enabled many people to remain in abusive relationships where they are repeatedly assaulted physically or verbally. This is not what Jesus means by those words. Illness or disease can happen to anyone and the results can be devastating. Again, Jesus is not talking about this kind of suffering because there is nothing particularly Christian about this kind of suffering. While some may struggle to find employment or pay bills, others may struggle to find "their vocation" in life— none of these are the Cross that Jesus is talking about. In fact, whenever Jesus confronted any of these situations, he changed them.

What does it mean to "pick up our cross and follow Jesus?" The Cross Jesus speaks of consists in the negative consequences to which we are exposed as a result of choosing to follow Jesus. The Cross is what we face as the cost of discipleship. For example, it is the unchristian attitude of those who do not see the value of Mass attendance, Christian Education of our young (and adults), our volunteering or contributing for causes that advance humanity.

Along with "carrying our cross" is the spirituality of "denial of self." This does not refer to practices like "giving something up for Lent." Such practices can put us at the center, for example, "This is what I am doing for Lent." When used properly these practices help feed our Christian Spirituality. When Jesus speaks of "denial of self," He is talking about a spirituality where a person chooses to place Christ and the "common good of all" at the center everyday. It is a free choice to live a life of ever-deepening surrender to Jesus Christ.

Just as people who are married commit themselves to each other for life and must constantly give of themselves out of love for their spouse, in the same way, the love to which Jesus invites us asks more and more from us. It is a freely chosen self-surrender in love. Only those who have a healthy sense of self and freedom can choose to surrender themselves to Jesus Christ, deny themselves and take up the cross.

The Cross of which Jesus speaks is not a suffering imposed on persons who are down on their luck. The Cross is not about us, it is all about Jesus and our response to Grace.



Jean Yoho, Michael Spiegel, Donna Lample, Velma McNaughton, Mollie Pelligrone, Rose Reda, Debra White, Peter Bietch, Carol Woods, Marie Pander, Ida McClland, Ron O'Donnell, Sr., Jodi Minter, Michael Henderson, Elizabeth Pullion, Carson Kellar, Tina Jeannette, Corey Ayres, Elizabeth LaCava, Cindy Cancelli Buffington, Margie Pelloni, April Samsa, Karen Rybka, Benny Birtalan, Mafalda Dombeck, Richard Cox, Ann Moczan, George Bokor, Sr., Joan McDonald, Edward J. Stemmerick, Anna Marie Bucci, Dan "Joe" Weisz, Damien DeCaria, Mary (Tootles) Millhouse, Bob Greene, Fred Faroni

**Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic Day September 15**

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the last morning Mass until 7 PM. Parish Ministries and Organizations will be assigned scheduled times to be present before the Blessed Sacrament during the day. All parishioners are encouraged to make time on September 15 for Adoration on our Eucharistic Day. At 7 PM the Eucharistic Day will close with Solemn Vespers and Benediction led by Fr. Carmen D'Amico. Be sure to attend this holy day!



In your charity please pray for the following who were buried recently. **Joyce Dimeo, Edna Kuben and Patricia Kirkham.** May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Adult Education—Catechist Certification—Morality**

The class "Morality: Life in Christ (with Catholic Vision of Love)" will be presented for seven Thursdays beginning October 8—6:30 to 9:30 pm. The first two evenings will be at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Mahoningtown. The evenings will then alternate between Christ the King Parish— St. Lawrence in Hillsville and St. Vincent de Paul. Presentors are Fr. Jim Downs and Fr. Steve Palsa. Please call Diana Kerr to register 724-652-5829 x 6. (Please note that the class was originally scheduled for Wednesday evening, but several parishes have CCD on Wednesday.)



**ELEMENTARY CCD BEGINS THIS WEEK,**

Monday, September 14th, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. and Wednesday, September 16th, 5:00 to 6:15p.m. CCD Calendars were mailed last week. If you did not receive a calendar please call the CCD office Monday morning at 724-752-1271.

**Remember Holy Redeemer Parish in your will.**

**SERVING THE PARISH  
SEPTEMBER 19/20**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 6:00 P.M. \*Carol Nocera, Carmelia Fury, Dorothy Schilling, Joanne Yost, Irene McCrumb, Lou Tomon, Judi Dici
- 8:00 A.M. \*Jane Petrak, Teresa Krukenberg, Tom Hazen, Teresa Gaydosz, Laurie Nocera, Grace Fornataro, Mary Anne Mansell
- 10:00 A.M. \*Lisa Hazen, Tom Heckendorn, Melissa Rosendale, Judy Yeykal, Skip Hazen, Carol Chewning, Paul Plavecsky
- 12:00 P.M. \*Kathy Gorzkowski, Pat Tomon, Charles Chaffin, Grace DeCaria, Mary Ellen McDowell, Pat Turner, Marilyn Frost

**LECTORS**

- 6:00 P.M. John Biondi
- 8:00 A.M. Jeremiah Friday
- 10:00 A.M. Virginia Ottaviani
- 12:00 P.M. Sharon Razani



**CANTORS**

- 6:00 P.M. Patty DiMase
- 8:00 A.M. Jim Hackett
- 10:00 A.M. Pete or Debbie Kucan
- 12:00 P.M. Richard Tomak

**SERVERS**

- 6:00 P.M. Dee Dee, John, Billy Evans
- 8:00 A.M. John DeCaro, Richard McKinney, Christian Mittica
- 10:00 A.M. Joe, Mike Zilka, Jacob Lippold
- 12:00 P.M. John, Megan Oehmler, Laura Wardman

**GREETERS**

- 6:00 P.M. Joanne Eichler, Pat Coccia
- 8:00 A.M. Norm Giancola, Tom Hazen, Donna Zikeli
- 10:00 A.M. Gloria & Tom Heckendorn, Norma Zingaro
- 12:00 P.M. Gary & Vicki Bookamer



**Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild**

meeting on Monday, September 14. Members will meet in church for Mass at 6:00 P.M. Following Mass, members will assemble in Catholic Center for business meeting and lunch. Time 7:00 P.M. Our main speaker at the meeting will be Father Mark Thomas, Pastor of Holy Redeemer Church.

**PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

The final appointments for pictures to be taken for the Parish Directory will be on Friday, Oct. 2, from 4:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. and on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. To make an appointment, please call Louise Carrozza at 724-752-1851. Pictures will take place in the School lunchroom. Directory Books will not be available until February of 2010.

**Saturday PM Vigil Mass Time Change?**

After receiving numerous requests Pastoral Council is studying the possibility of changing the time of our Saturday 6 PM Vigil Mass for Sunday. In order to help us with this study, we need your input. Please drop this in the offertory basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_

I would more likely attend Mass on Saturday at \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 o'clock pm

\_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 o'clock pm

We will only count the votes containing your name & envelope number.

**Holy Redeemer Social Club** would like to thank all parish organizations that co-sponsored the parish picnic, especially all those who were there setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. It was a huge success and a very relaxing enjoyable day. Thank YOU.

**Bazaar Wrap Up Meeting**

We will be having a Bazaar Wrap Up Meeting on Wednesday, September 16th at Religious Education Building on Bridge Street. The meeting will be at 7:00 PM. All interested parties are welcome.

**LEGION OF MARY:** meets every Tuesday night at 7 pm in Room 107 of the Religious Education Building.

**ROSARY MAKERS:** meet the first and third Monday of the month in Room 107 of the Religious Education Building.

**ZITI DINNER ON SUNDAY,** September 20th 11 AM until 3 PM, benefits the Ellwood City Library Building Fund. Dinner will be at Holy Redeemer Catholic Center. Adults \$7.00, Children 3-8 will be \$3.00. Children 2 and under FREE. Take Out Available. Please bring your own containers.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SEMINAR** will take place this Wednesday, September 16th, 6:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in New Castle. Please call Laurie at 724-752-1271 to register.

**SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Week of September 5-6**

Weekly collection needed ..... \$12,300.00  
Weekly collection received..... \$10,706.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. YOUR HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED.**