

The flowers on the main Altar have been designated in celebration of Alix Shrader and Jesse Haller's wedding. Congratulations!

Mass Intentions

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Kathy Strausbaugh
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Thelma Zeigler
	10:00a.m.	The People of the Parish
Mon.	8:00a.m.	Marie Gebhart
Tues.	8:00a.m.	Fr. Martin Flum
Wed.	8:00a.m.	Keith Adams
Thurs.	8:00a.m.	Julia Sneeringer
Fri.	8:00a.m.	Living & deceased members of Wm. F. Nicholson, Sr. family
Sat.	5:30p.m.	Claude Murren
Sun.	7:30a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10:00a.m.	William Sneeringer



Offertory Procession

Sat. July 16 th	5:30p.m.	Ushers
Sun. July 17 th	7:30a.m.	Allen and Lisa Smith
	10:00a.m.	Don and Fran Livelsberger

Congratulations to our Parishioners



Alix Shrader and Jesse Haller who were married here Sat. May God bless them as they begin their new life together as husband and wife.

Please pray for our Parishioner Joan Miller who went home to be with the Lord last week. Pray for her family too as they deal with their loss.

From the Pastor: On July 6, we celebrated the feast day of St. Maria Goretti. In 1902, when she was twelve, she resisted assault and was killed. Her death was only the beginning of her wonderful story. The man who killed her had a dream in which Maria Goretti appeared to him to offer forgiveness. He repented and did penance for the rest of his life. Her canonization in 1950 was the first to be held outdoors due to the size of the crowd and it was the first to be attended by the mother of the saint.

In his homily, Pope Pius XII said:

"From Maria's story carefree children and young people with their zest for life can learn not to be led astray by attractive pleasures which are not only ephemeral and empty but also sinful. Instead they can fix their sights on achieving Christian moral perfection, however difficult and hazardous that course may prove. With determination and God's help all of us can attain that goal by persistent effort and prayer. Not all of us are expected to die a

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martyr's death, but we are all called to the pursuit of Christian virtue. This demands strength of character though it may not match that of this innocent girl. Still, a constant, persistent and relentless effort is asked of us right up to the moment of our death. This may be conceived as a slow steady martyrdom which Christ urged upon us when he said: 'The kingdom of heaven is set upon and laid waste by violent forces'."

The Adams Deanery Perpetual Adoration Chapel 9 Third St. McSherrystown is in need of additional adorers for the following hours: Monday at 11:00a.m., Tuesday 10:00a.m. and 1:00p.m., Friday at 10:00p.m. and Saturday 3:00a.m. & 6:00p.m. **"Can you spend just one hour with our Lord."** Contact: Gloria Murren at 637-8635 or 479-1071. FYI: The Chapel is closed on Sunday's from 7:00a.m. – Noon for cleaning.

There will be **NO Church cleaning** this month.

We would like to stock the Country Store with prizes for the Picnic. We will accept any nonperishable food items, small gardening items and plants, small kitchenware such as, spatulas, measuring spoons and cups, whisks, meat thermometers, even cookbooks... **Bring your donations to the Parish Office by Wed. July 13th.** If you have any questions call the Office at 637-2721.

There are times available to help at the Kids Games at the Picnic. The clipboard is located in the vestibule of the Church to sign up or contact Melanie Stonesifer at 632-8761. **There is also a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for help in the cook house and to do dishes in the back of the building. Bakers, your delicious concoctions are need for the Bake Sale.** You can drop them off on Fri. July 15th in the Parish Hall until 1:00p.m. or the day of the Picnic at the Bake Sale table in the Woods. **Home bounds we need your help too, please pray for good weather and a successful Picnic!**

The deadline to drop off your raffle tickets at the Parish Office is Thurs. July 14th.

Direction for Our Times: come join our Parishioner Wendy McCall in Our Lady's Chapel on Saturday, July 16th at 10:00a.m. to pray the rosary and read the monthly locution message from Jesus, as given to Anne, a lay Apostle. For more information, call Wendy at 717-969-2452. All are welcome. Check out the website: www.directionforourtimes.org.

The annual Corpus Christi Men's Retreat will be held the weekend of Aug. 5th at Mt. St. Mary's, Emmitsburg, MD. Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR, will be the retreat master. The retreat is open to ages 14 and up. Reservation can be made through Scott Mull

at 717-634-6076 or swmull@comcast.net or call Paul Little 717-264-2577.

The next E-Minister Mandate Renewal session will be held Tues. Aug. 9th at 6:30p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Grandview Rd. Hanover. Please call the Parish Office to register by July 21st.

The Buchanan Valley Picnic will be held rain or shine Sat. Aug. 27th Noon – dusk. Serving family-style home cooked Ham & Chicken dinners, Bingo, raffles, prizes, live music, and much more. Located on the grounds of St. Ignatius Loyola Church 1095 Church Rd. Orrtanna 17353.



It's Picnic Week!

Tues. July 12th final Woods clean-up. Bring your rakes, and trimmers. Kids can come too for a rousing game of "pick up sticks"!

Fri. July 15th stop by the Parish Hall at 9:00a.m. to clean the chicken and prepare it for frying. Also bakers you can drop off your goodies until 1:00p.m. after that please take them down to the Woods Sat. morning.

Sat. July 16th Picnic Day! Beginning at 7:00a.m. at the Woods help is needed to pick chicken from the bones for the Soup. Help is needed all day and evening somewhere on the grounds. **Please** consider giving some of your time, just ask someone at the stands what needs done. There's always someone that would appreciate a break.

Soup carry-outs, Bake Sale and Pit Beef begin at 9:00a.m. Bring your own containers for the Soup, and please NO plastic. The hot Soup will melt it. The Picnic officially begins at 11:00a.m. with all of the stands open for business. The family-style chicken dinner begins at 3:00p.m. and lasts until the chicken is all. Live entertainment begins at 5:00p.m. There is plenty to do from Kids Games, to Bingo, Country Store, raffles, 13-jars, and don't forget all of the food; hamburgs, fries, hot dogs, snowballs, ice cream, funnel cake... One thing we ask is **NO PETS PLEASE!** Come out for a day of fun, food and friendship.

PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY!