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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

At the first appearance, Mary asked the children to return to that spot on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months. She also asked them to learn to read and write and to pray the rosary "to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." They were to pray for sinners and for the conversion of Russia, which had recently overthrown Czar Nicholas II and was soon to fall under communism. Up to 90,000 people gathered for Mary's final apparition on October 13, 1917.

Less than two years later, Francisco died of influenza in his family home. He was buried in the parish cemetery and then re-buried in the Fatima Basilica in 1952. Jacinta died of influenza in Lisbon, offering her suffering for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world and the Holy Father. She was re-buried in the Fatima Basilica in 1951. Their cousin, Lucia dos Santos, became a Carmelite nun and was still living when Jacinta and Francisco were beatified in 2000. Sister Lucia died five years later. The shrine of Our Lady of Fatima is visited by up to 20 million people a year.

-Excerpted from Saint of the Day: Lives, Lessons and Feast by Leonard Foley, O.F.M.; revised by Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.

If you need a donation statement for tax purposes please contact the Parish Office at 637-2721.

Volunteers are needed for Hanover's Meals on Wheels Program and at the HACC Reception Desk. For more information call 633-6353.

The Notre Dame Club of Gettysburg and the Delone Athletic Assoc. will hold a Cash Bingo in the Delone Cafeteria Sat., Feb. 25th. Tickets are \$15.00 which includes a roast turkey platter and 20 games of regular Bingo paying \$50.00 per game. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. and dinner is served from 5:00-6:15 p.m. For tickets or more information contact Patty Smith at 717-451-7618.

Liturgy is the participation of the People of God in the work of God, and "God's work" is nothing other than the sanctification



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and salvation of His children. **The course "Introduction to the Sacraments" will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Thursday's in Mar. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and Apr. 6th at St. Joseph Parish, Grandview Rd., Hanover.** Topics considered are: the role of liturgy in the life of the Church and her members, the liturgical year, how liturgy is celebrated and the seven sacraments of the Church will be explored in detail. Contact St. Joseph Parish Office at 637-5236.

The Children's Rosary group will gather on Sun., Mar. 5th at the Adoration Chapel in McSherrystown. Prayer books and rosaries will be supplied. For more information contact Vicky Bunty at 632-3245.

Sister Thelma Steiger will be giving a Lenten Mini-Retreat on Mar. 18th from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Msgr. Rost Parish Hall. The topic of the Retreat will be "How I Long to Love You; Contemplating the Mysteries of Passiontide". All are welcome to attend. A free will offering will be accepted.

Gabriel Project Update. Thank you to the Women of the Sacred Heart Club and everyone who made the club's baby shower a great social event and a big success. Your generosity enabled the club to donate a very large quantity of diapers, wipes, baby food, hygiene items, bottles, clothes, linens, strollers, and cribs to the regional Gabriel Project. It especially made a big impact on the critical need for gentle and allergy baby formula. You can continue to help by depositing items in the basket located in the Basilica vestibule. For furniture, and other large donations, please contact the parish representative - Rich King (717) 688-5414. Mothers and families who may need support are welcome to contact the regional chairperson - Dodie Funk (717) 632-2590. Thank you once again for your prayers and support.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	5:30 p.m.	Tom McKim
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10:00 a.m.	Donald and "Sis" McKim
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Daniel Davis
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Gerard A. Yealy
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Robert Gebhart
Thurs.	8:00 a.m.	Dec. Mem. Wm. F. Nicholson, Sr. Family
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Anna Louise Sentz
Sat.	5:30 p.m.	Diane L. Groft
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Dr. Vincent Pisula
	10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish

Offertory Procession

Sat., Feb. 25	5:30 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. James Poist
Sun., Feb. 26	7:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Krom
	10:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Eric Warner

From the Pastor: This year marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother at Fatima. She appeared six times to the children from May 13 - October 13, 1917. Many pages have been written since then which interpret the messages given to the children and I imagine that many more will be written in the time to come. Without complicating things, the basic message of Fatima is that peace comes to the world through praying the rosary. Monday, February 20, is the feast day of the two youngest of the seers: Francisco and Jacinta Marto, who were beatified by Pope John Paul II. A short introduction follows: *Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three children, Portuguese shepherds from Aljustrel, received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova de Iria, near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. At that time, Europe was involved in an extremely bloody war. Portugal itself was in political turmoil, having overthrown its monarchy in 1910; the government disbanded religious organizations soon after.*