

AUGUST 29, 2021

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

DEUTERONOMY. 4: 1-2, 6-8.

PSALM 15. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

JAMES. 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27. Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only.

MARK. 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition.

GOD'S WORD TODAY: Heartfelt reverence vs. empty tradition. We can become more concerned about avoiding sin than about actually doing good; we can become so focused on the rituals and words of faith that we fail to grasp the spirit of that faith. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges the Pharisees' insistence that faithfulness to ceremonial washings and other "human" traditions constitutes complete faithfulness to the will of God. It is the good that one does, the love and compassion that "comes out" of a person that is exalted by God. Faith begins with encountering God in our hearts; our faith is expressed in the good that we do and the praise we offer in the depths of our hearts, not simply in words and rituals performed "outside" of ourselves.



INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES

MONDAY 8/3

8:00 A.M.

Charlotte & Hyland Paul (Maureen B Smallacombe)

TUESDAY 8/31

8:00 A.M.

Nancy Garbey (John O' Bell)

WEDNESDAY 9/1

8:00 A.M.

Carolyn Dziadura (Sheila & Pete Wilkes)

THURSDAY 9/2

8:00 A.M.

Rev. John Kulavick (Knights of Columbus 7622)

FRIDAY 9/3-FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00 A.M.

Deceased of the Cardamone & Vadella Fam (Jane & Sharon Cardamone)

8:30

Eucharistic Adoration Begins

12:00

Eucharistic Adoration Concludes

SATURDAY 9/4

4:00 P.M.

Michael & Assunta Jeraci (Carmin & Betty Carachilo)

SUNDAY 9/5-THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

8:00 A.M.

Francis Bullet (Hurley Morcom)

10:30 A.M.

Christopher Marsico (Joe & Julie Rzucello)

12:00 P.M.-SPANISH MASS

People of the Parish

WORD OF LIFE: "No sin or crime is greater than God's mercy. The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart"

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OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION AUGUST 29, 2021

OFFERTORY	\$ 2,853.35
ON-LINE GIVING	\$675.00
DUES/SALARY	\$120.00
SECOND COLLECTION	\$114.00
INCOME	\$3,762.35

AUGUST EXPENSES -

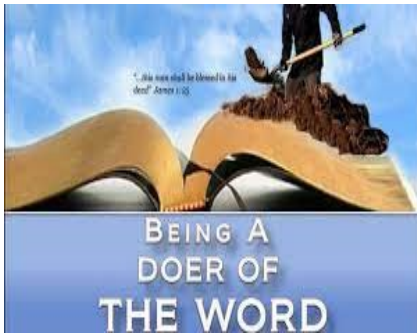
(Diocesan School Assessment)	\$3,640.00
(Parish Assessment)	\$5,024.05

COUNTERS FOR MONDAY AUGUST 30, 2021

Joan Lowe
Sharon Cardamone
Karen Konosky



MASS INTENTIONS 2022: The Mass Book for 2022 is now open and available to schedule Masses for your deceased loved ones. We are in need of Masses for this year and next year. Please consider Masses for your loved one's intentions.



DOERS OF THE WORD

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called “catholic” (or universal) epistles because they are

addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today’s text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the “first fruits” of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the “word” as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become “doers” of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the “works” of love, for example, by caring for the “orphans and widows in their affliction.”

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEK-END SEPTEMBER 4/5

4:00 P.M.	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.	
E. MINISTER	J. Smith	T. Sparato	S. Baka
LECTOR	M. Smith	M. Malec	C. Barlow



MASKS ENCOURAGED: Bishop Bambera strongly recommends masks for all parishioners at Mass due to the continued spread of the virus, regardless of their vaccination status, while masks are not be mandated at this time, we all have a responsibility to be humble, put aside our pride, and

political beliefs and just wear the mask to protect our friends and neighbors.



BAKE SALE: The annual Mary Perrault Memorial Bake Sale will be held before and after all Masses on the weekend of September 11-12. Baked goods can be dropped off on Friday, September 10, between 3-5PM in the church basement. Please contact Mary Malec (home; 570-319-1028 or cell: 570-862-4725) if you are able to bake for the sale. **Please note: baked goods should not need to be refrigerated.** Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

CHRISTMAS CASH UPDATE: Thank you to all of the Christmas Cash Sellers, who have worked so hard to sell tickets for our Church’s largest fundraiser! If you or someone you know is considering buying a ticket, remember that there are several cash prizes:

- 1st Prize \$5,000.00
- 2nd Prize \$2,500.00
- 3rd Prize \$1,000.00
- 4th Prize \$1,000.00
- 5th to 14th Prizes \$500.00



Contact a seller to purchase a ticket, or call Mary Battenberg at 570-561-4669. Thank you for supporting this crucial fundraiser. Good Luck!

WALKING TOUR: Please join us for the historical Main Street Walk through history! September 19th- Sunday at 2:00PM. Gathering at the United Methodist Church Parking Lot 520 Washington Ave., Jermyn, PA. Enjoy the history of 150 years of businesses, homes, and families who gave birth to a town – memories of yesterdays.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes are set to begin on Sunday, Sept. 12. Registration forms are available in the Church. All young people are encouraged to attend, especially as we prepare for First Communion and Confirmation.

SONNY SAYS: The priest sat down on a plane next to a fellow who freely offered his ideas about religion. He boasted, “I don’t go church, too many hypocrites there.” To this the fast-thinking padre retorted, “Don’t let that keep you away, there’s always room for one more.”

