Sun. July 9, 2017

The flowers on the main Altar have been designated by Gary & Elizabeth Adams in loving memory of Keith A. Adams.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:30p.m. Charlie Klunk & deceased children

Mike & Judy

Sun. 7:30a.m. The People of the Parish

10:00a.m. Roy & Madeleine Staub & family

Mon. 8:00a.m. Deceased members of Wm. F. Nicholson

Sr. family

Tues. 8:00a.m. Dr. Vincent Pisula Wed. 8:00a.m. Julia Sneeringer Thurs. 8:00a.m. Barbara Macy Fri. 8:00a.m. Keith A. Adams Sat. 5:30p.m. All Picnic volunteers 7:30a.m. Thelma Zeigler Sun.

10:00a.m. The People of the Parish

Offertory Procession
July 15th 5:30p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Don Little

Sat. July 15th 5:30p.m. Sun. July 16th 7:30a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Rich King family Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stonesifer family

This weekend we

member into our

through the

10:00a.m.

welcome the newest

Parish family

Sacrament of Baptism

Brady Michael Storm, son of Steven & Kady (Smith) Storm. Congratulations to the new family!

From the Pastor: Second Part of Pope Francis' Homily from June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul:

Here, then, is the second word: *persecution*. Peter and Paul shed their blood for Christ, but the early community as a whole also experienced persecution, as the Book of Acts has reminded us (cf. 12:1). Today too, in various parts of the world, sometimes in silence – often a complicit silence – great numbers of Christians are marginalized, vilified, discriminated against, subjected to violence and even death, not infrequently without due intervention on the part of those who could defend their sacrosanct rights.

Here I would especially emphasize something that the Apostle Paul says before, in his words, "being poured out as a libation" (2 Tim 4:6). For him, to live was Christ (cf. Phil 1:21), Christ crucified (cf. 1 Cor 2:2), who gave his life for him (cf. Gal 2:20). As a faithful disciple, Paul thus followed the Master and offered his own life too. Apart from the cross, there is no Christ, but apart from the cross, there can be no Christian either. For "Christian virtue is not only a

matter of doing good, but of tolerating evil as well" (Augustine, Serm. 46,13), even as Jesus did. Tolerating evil does not have to do simply with patience and resignation; it means imitating Jesus, carrying our burden, shouldering it for his sake and that of others. It means accepting the cross, pressing on in the confident knowledge that we are not alone: the crucified and risen Lord is at our side. So, with Paul, we can say that "we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not

forsaken" (2 Cor 4:8-9).

Tolerating evil means overcoming it with Jesus, and in Jesus' own way, which is not the way of the world. This is why Paul – as we heard – considered himself a victor about to receive his crown (cf. 2 *Tim* 4:8). He writes: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (v. 7). The essence of his "good fight" was *living for:* he lived not for himself, but *for Jesus* and *for others*. He spent his life "running the race", not holding back but giving his all. He tells us that there is only one thing that he "kept": not his health, but his faith, his confession of Christ. Out of love, he experienced trials, humiliations and suffering, which are never to be sought but always accepted. In the mystery of suffering offered up in love, in this mystery, embodied in our own day by so many of our brothers and sisters who are persecuted, impoverished and infirm, the saving power of Jesus' cross shines forth.

At this time we are in great need of people to take up the gifts at Communion. Couples, families, friends, coworkers, anyone can sign up. Contact Judie Fuhrman at 632-7525.

We are accepting donations for the Country Store game at the Picnic. Non-perishable food items, juice, 2-liter bottles of soda, small garden tools, small household plants, be creative. All donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office, 717-637-2721 or the day of the Picnic at the booth.

Mass Times for Traveling Catholics at www.MassTimes.org Don't forget to include Mass in your travel plans. Weekend, week day and Holy Day Mass times for virtually all U.S. parishes and those in many other countries are listed. When you are planning your travels go to www.MassTimes.org and enter a zip code, city, state, country or area code for Catholic Church locations and Mass times.

PLEASE NOTE: The Church will be closed Mon. July 10th after morning Mass due to the carpets being professionally cleaned.

The Children's Rosary Group will gather at the Adoration Chapel in McSherrystown Sun. July 16th at 3:00p.m. rosaries and prayer books will be provided. Children ages 3 and older (adults too) are welcome to attend. For more information contact Vicky Bunty at 717-632-3245.

Direction for Our Times: come join our Parishioner Wendy McCall in Our Lady's Chapel on Sat. July 22nd at 10:00am to pray the rosary and read the monthly 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.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of Church for volunteers to help at the Picnic for the Kids Games. Students here are some service hours!

Bakers, get your aprons out, all baked goods may be dropped off at the Parish Hall Fri. July 14th from 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. or at the Woods Picnic day. **No** refrigerated items please.

For more information on how to help at the Picnic contact
Marsha Gebhart at 717-637-7833 or Sue Riser at 717- 632-7630.

Picnic Week is herel

Tues. July 11th final Woods clean-up from 6:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.! Bring your trimmers, rakes, shovels and other garden tools to get the Woods ready for Picnic Day Sat. July 15th.

Fri. July 14th stop by the Parish Hall at 9:00a.m. help is needed to clean chickens and prepare them for frying, cook and peel eggs for the soup and other preparations. Bakers, bring your delicious baked goods to the Hall till 1:00p.m. Please, NO refrigerated items can be accepted.

Sat. July 15th Picnic Day! Beginning at 7:00a.m. at the Woods, help is needed to pick chicken meat from the bones for Soup. Bring your baked goods down to the Woods for the baked goods table.

Carry-outs for Soup begin at 9:00a.m. Bring your own container, NO PLASTIC container will be accepted as the Soup is very hot and 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. Live entertainment by the Gann Family Band begins at 5:00p.m. Bring a lawn chair and relax!

Please consider giving some of your time, just ask someone how you can help. Giving someone a break is always appreciated!

Those that cannot attend the Picnic, please pray for a good weather day and profitable Picnic!

One last thing...NO PETS, PLEASE!