

# \*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time\*

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

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	Joe, Stella & Bobbi Miller
Sunday	The People of the Parish
	Leona McIntyre
Monday	Tim Smith
Tuesday	Julia M. Sneeringer
Wednesday	Keith A. Adams
Thursday	William H. Gebhart
Friday	Joe, Stella & Bobbi Miller
Saturday	Dolores A. Byron
Sunday	John D. Poist, Sr.
	The People of the Parish



The Readings for this weekend are:

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

The Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

**Our most heartfelt thanks for those who are mailing or dropping off their envelopes!** There is a box on the front screened in porch of the Parish Office if you would like to drop off envelopes or other communications.

**We have been informed by the Bishop's office that during the green phase, distancing is to be maintained; masks are required; and, sanitizing requirements remain in force. For the time being, Mass will continue to be celebrated in the Parish Hall. The current Mass schedule is Saturday at 5:30p.m. Sunday at 7:30 and 10:00a.m. The Hall will open 30 minutes prior to Mass**

**The Church is open daily from Noon – 5:00p.m. Please use the flat handicap parking lot as only Mary's side is open, the rest of the inside of the Church is roped off.** The limited access and shortened hours are due to the required cleaning and sanitizing that must be done before re-opening the next day.

**Confessions are at 4:00p.m. on Saturdays.** A portable confessional is set up at the Parish Hall entrance that is used for Mass. The line will form outside and you can see through the glass door whether the confessional is occupied or available.

**Pastor's Column:** On July 6, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Maria Goretti the eleven year old martyr who died in 1902 and was canonized in 1950. Her canonization was the first in history to be moved from St. Peter's Basilica to St. Peter's Square to accommodate the crowd of 500,000 who attended. On her deathbed, Maria prayed for her killer and her last words were "I

forgive Alessandro Serenelli ... and I want him with me in heaven forever."

One night, six years into his prison sentence, Maria appeared to Alessandro. She appeared in a garden picking 14 white lily flowers (one for each time that he stabbed her), handing them to him one by one. This gesture of forgiveness, this act of love, filled Alessandro with light and the Holy Spirit. He immediately became contrite. After serving 27 years in prison, he was released and he spent his remaining life serving as a gardener in a monastery. After he died, the following letter was found among his papers:

*I am now almost 80 years old. I am close to the end of my days. Looking back at my past, I recognize that in my early youth I followed a false road—an evil path that led to my ruin. Through the content of printed magazines, immoral shows, and bad examples in the media, I saw the majority of the young people of my day following evil without even thinking twice. Unworried, I did the same thing. There were faithful and practicing Christian believers around me, but I paid no attention to them. I was blinded by a brute impulse that pushed me down the wrong way of living. At the age of 20, I committed a crime of passion, the memory of which still horrifies me today. Maria Goretti, now a saint, was my good angel whom God placed in my path to save me. Her words both of rebuke and forgiveness are still imprinted in my heart. She prayed for me, interceding for her killer. Thirty years in prison followed. If I had not been a minor in Italian law I would have been sentenced to life in prison. Nevertheless, I accepted the sentence I received as something I deserved. Resigned, I atoned for my sin. Little Maria*

*was truly my light, my protectress. With her help, I served those 27 years in prison well. When society accepted me back among its members, I tried to live honestly. With angelic charity, the sons of St. Francis, the minor Capuchins of the Marches, welcomed me among them not as a servant, but as a brother. I have lived with them for 24 years. Now I look serenely to the time in which I will be admitted to the vision of God, to embrace my dear ones once again, and to be close to my guardian angel, Maria Goretti, and her dear mother, Assunta. May all who read this letter of mine desire to follow the blessed teaching of avoiding evil and following the good. May all believe with the faith of little children that religion with its precepts is not something one can do without. Rather, it is true comfort, and the only sure way in all of life's circumstances—even in the most painful.*

*Peace and all good.  
Alessandro Serenelli  
Macerata, Italy  
5 May 1961*

**Please note that Christopher D. Livelsberger, a candidate for the Diaconate Formation of the Diocese of Hbg., is being considered for the Order of Deacon.**

This announcement is made in accordance with the law of the Church. If anyone knows any reason why he should not be ordained they have an obligation in conscience to contact our Pastor, Rev. Joseph R. Howard or Father Paul C.B. Schenk, Director of the Formation Program for the Permanent Diaconate from the Diocese of Hbg. as soon as possible.

We welcome the newest members into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Anastasia Cruz Aguilar,  
daughter of Edwardo and Sara (Smith) Aguilar  
Jase William Hudson,  
son of Nathan and Megan (Smith) Hudson  
Congratulations to the families!



This must be posted twice per month until November.

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**In re Diocese of Harrisburg  
Case No. 1:20-bk-00599 (HWV)**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT,** On February 19, 2020 the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

**The Bankruptcy Court has established November 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "bar date").**

**If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.**

Please visit <https://dm.epiq11.com/RCDH> or call (866) 977-0992 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

**IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS MADE TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEBTOR'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.**