Dear friends in Christ,

Listen to The Voice of Love

The Psalmist refrain for this Sunday's Mass says, "if today you hear his voice, harden not your heart" (95:8). The import of this admonition is worth reflecting upon today. When I think of the word "today," I do not refer only to this day of the Lord, this Sunday that the divine word is proclaimed to our hearing, I imply as well the age we currently live in, a time of division, distortion, disobedience. Our world is painfully divided based on perceptions and ideologies people choose to embrace and live by. Our world is ruled by distorted truth that informs how people act. Our world is made up of people who made deliberate choices in disobedience to our Lord's Gospel injunctions.

The timeliness and urgency of the Psalmist's invocation are illustrated in the parallel between the hardened hearts of the people of Israel to Yahweh's voice and the deafness of our modern culture and society to the Lord's voice of charity. The voice of God, as expressed in the commandments of love, is a call to order. Are we listening to that voice? The voice of love dissuades the wicked from their evil ways. We are called to be an extension of that voice of corrective love, bringing our erring brothers and sisters back to the path of divine love and truth. Prophet Ezekiel reminds us to "speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way," or we will be held "responsible for his death" (Ez. 37: 8). If we love our neighbors as the voice of love instructs, we must call them away from the path of division, distortion, and disobedience because true "love does no evil to the neighbor" (Romans 13:10). The voice of love seeks that we reconcile the world to Christ's Gospel (2 Cor 5:19) and strive to make the voice heard and listened to as we heal wounds of division, distortion, and disobedience in our family, community, and world at large. We must pray that our neighbors listen to our voice of love and are won over to love (Matthew 18: 15). The Lord is speaking to us of love and mercy today. Can we pay attention and listen? Can we pray as the body of Christ for the healing of wounds of division, distortion, and disobedience? If today you hear the voice of love, please harden not your hearts.

The Gospel speaks of praying in common. When two or more members of the body of Christ or in a more specific way, members of a parish come together to pray for a need, God is made present through the Holy Spirit who helps us to pray. We do this as a parish not only at mas but outside of mass. The Knights of Columbus sat around Marian grotto last Sunday after the 10:30 am mass to pray for the unborn. God was present by their prayers, an act of charity, and response to God's voice. I encourage other groups to do the same. If you hear his voice today, harden not your heart.

In Christ's love,
Fr. Bernard Oniwe, OP

MASS INTENTIONS

DAILY MASS: HISTORIC CHURCH (HC)

WEEKEND MASSES: CHURCH (C) & PARISH HALL (PH)

SAT, **SET 5 VIGIL**
5:00 PM Dolores Ryan (C) Deacon Ryan
SUN SEPT 6
8:30 AM Michael Marsh (PH) Ann Marie Marsh
10:30 AM For the Health & Well Being of our Parish Family & Nation (C)
MON, SEPT 7 LABOR DAY
8:00 AM Patrick & Dolores Masterson (HC) Rider Family
TUE, SEPT 8
8:00 AM Maurice Cusatis (HC) Vertucci Family
WED, SEPT 9
8:00 AM Kathleen Brandt (HC) Betty O"Neill
THUR, SEPT 10
8:00 AM Bing Horvath (HC) Ron & Barbara Acri
FRI, SEPT 11
8:00 AM David Mowrer (HC) CCW
SAT, **SEPT 12 Vigil**
5:00 PM For the Health & Well Being of our Parish Family & Nation (C)
SUN SEPT 13
8:30 AM Rick Knowlton (C) Ann Shank
10:30 AM Doug Pfautz (C) Liz Pfautz

OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES ILLUMINATE THIS WEEK FOR:

~ HISTORIC CHURCH ~

In Loving Memory of
Shirley Kreiser

Given by the Itzoe Family

~ CHURCH ~

In Loving Memory of
Brian Savage

Given by Savage Family

In Memoriam

~ Kenneth Barley ~
Brother of Rick Barley

"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him. May All of the Faithful Departed, Through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace. Amen."

Altar Flowers

In Loving Memory of

Brian Savage

Given by the Savage Family

~

The Blessed Mother Flowers

Are for the Special Intentions of

Merceda Reale

Given by the Reale Family

&

The St Joseph Flowers
Are for the Special Intentions of

John Reale

Given by the Reale Family

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you know the power of prayer within a group? Join with others to pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and the consecrated life. (Matthew 18:15-20). If God may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit our website at www.hbgdiocese.org, call Father Jonathan Sawicki at (717) 657-4804, or write: frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org.

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Scripture Readings for the Week of Sept. 6, 2020

Sunday	**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
Monday	**Labor Day** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	**Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23
Wednesday	**Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	**The Most Holy Name of Mary** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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sharing the gifts we have been given

AUGUST 29/30, 2020

SUNDAY ONLINE	**$ 4,738.00**
ENVELOPES	**$ 7,758.14**
YOUTH	**$ .50**
TOTAL SUNDAY	**$ 12,496.64**
SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL	**$ 90.00**

"YOUTH MESSAGES OF STEWARDSHIP & TALENT"

"I helped with Mini-VBS."
""I wrote a note to my teacher."
"I helped make funnel cakes at home."
"I helped my sister when she needed help."
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GROWING OUR FAITH & STRENGTHENING OUR MINISTRY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED: $2,105,144.48

TOTAL PAID TO DATE: $ 1,776,848.80

TOTAL DUE: $ 328,295.68

Thank you for your continued support!

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 FORFIET 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.

Welcome to Our New Parish Families

Elizabeth Council

Rachel Smaletz

Earl & Hannelore Mellor

Alexander & Shannon Noguerola
And their son Teddy

Lindsey Lynch

Pam & Jordan Roberts

Christopher & Gabriella Ferrufino
And their children Penelope, Gennaro, Maelina, Josefina, Adriana and Blanca

Mary C. Smith

Jessica Schwanger

Scott & Tia Miller
And their daughter Harper

We are glad you are here!

YOU ARE INVITED

WHAT? R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

RCIA is a program designed to help non-Catholics and non-practicing Catholics learn more about Catholicism through a series of classes, discussions, prayer times and ceremonies. This program helps people grow in faith and knowledge of God as they consider becoming Catholic.

Meet and Greet
Join Us Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00pm

You can **REGISTER TODAY** by completing the form below or call Vicky Kern at 717-439-7955 or the Parish Office at 717-367-1255.

I am interested in learning more about the Catholic Church in the RCIA program. (Please print)

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address:_____

Shoe Drive Fundraiser for Brittany's Hope

We're excited about our latest fundraiser ***because you don't have to buy ANYTHING!*** We're collecting gently worn, used and new shoes to **raise money for food relief for abandoned children in Kenya.** Not only do you help us, but the shoes also get a second life with those in need. **It's a double donation!**

We want your shoes! We're collecting gently worn, used and new shoes and we need your help. **We're looking for all types of shoes:** *children and adult shoes, sneakers, boots, dress shoes, sandals, athletic and casual shoes.*. Brittany's Hope receives money for our cause and the shoes are repurposed through Funds2orgs.

Our **goal is 5,000** (or more!) pairs of shoes and the **collection runs now through September 30, 2020.**

Shoes may be dropped off at the back porch at the Brittany's Hope office at **1160 N Market St. Elizabethtown, PA 17022.** For info about the organization visit **www.Brittanyshope.org**

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS
Saturday, September 12, 2020

Marie Strait, Pat Worrall, Ginny Blazer, Bill & Cheryl Dechant

Thank you for keeping our Church beautiful!!

Religious Education

Just as our schools are developing plans and safe procedures for their openings, we are working to provide a meaningful and safe RE program for your children. **It is imperative that your children continue to receive regular religious instruction in order to prepare for the sacraments and strengthen their Catholic faith.** We will do everything we can to ensure this continuity and to support you and your children as we take this journey together. More information will be coming soon, and we hope to have registration open in the next couple weeks. Stay tuned...

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS

We are in need of catechists and aides for this upcoming Religious Education year. Currently, our greatest needs are in our 1st and 8th grade classes. All materials are provided, and teaching experience is not required. *Love and knowledge of our faith and the desire to share that with our youth are all you need!!* PLEASE prayerfully consider being a part of this important and rewarding ministry.

Contact Georgann Azzalina at cre@stpeteretown.org if interested and/or want to learn more.

MASS ATTENDANCE

AUGUST 29 & 30 2020

Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 - 88
Sunday Masses
8:30 - 74
10:30 - 110
Streaming - 132

2020 MEN'S CLUB CALENDAR WINNER

Michael S White, Faith Hollern, Bob Dolan, Derek Nowak, Kevin Byrne and Pam Cooper

LANCASTER CATHOLIC BUS PASSES

The Parish Office is selling bus passes for the 2020-2021 school year. The passes are $60.00 for twenty punches. **Please make checks payable to Lancaster Catholic HS.**