The 42nd Annual Men’s Retreat, sponsored by Corpus Christi Parish, will be held on the Sat. Aug. 1st. The Retreat will be a free, livestreamed, virtual event this year. Live streamed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is open to all men in the Diocese. Mark your calendar now, so you’ll remember this day to renew your spirit, and His Love in your life. Father Luis Rodriguez V.F., Corpus Christi Parish, Church of Hanover will be Retreat leader this year. Register online at: https://cccmenseatreat.webfly.com For more details and additional information contact: Dick Bettendorf, 717-259-5577 or email: rjbette@comcast.net

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Today’s Gospel challenges us to resist the individualism of our culture. Everything we are and have is pure gift which we are expected to share and especially to the “lowly ones.” What has been freely given needs to be shared freely. No strings attached.

Christ our Morning Star

O Christ, our Morning Star, Splendor of Light Eternal, shining with the glory of the rainbow, come and awaken us from greyness of our apathy, and renew in us your gift of hope. Amen.

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Pastor’s Column:** On June 24, the Church celebrated the birth of St. John the Baptist. St Augustine (d.430) explains the significance of this feast:

The Church observes the birth of John as in some way sacred; and you will not find any other of the great men of old whose birth we celebrate officially. We celebrate John’s, as we celebrate Christ’s. This point cannot be passed over in silence, and if I may not perhaps be able to explain it in the way that such an important matter deserves, it is still worth thinking about it a little more deeply and fruitfully than usual.

John is born of an old woman who is barren; Christ is born of a young woman who is a virgin. That John will be born is not believed, and his father is struck dumb; that Christ will be born is believed, and he is conceived by faith... John, it seems, has been inserted as a kind of boundary between the two Testaments, the Old and the New. That he is somehow or other a boundary is something that the Lord himself indicates when he says, “The Law and the prophets were until John.” So he represents the old and heralds the new. Because he represents the old, he is born of an elderly couple; because he represents the new, he is revealed as a prophet in his mother’s womb. You will remember that, before he was born, at Mary’s arrival he leapt in his mother’s womb. Already he had been marked out there, designated before he was born; it was already shown whose forerunner he would be, even before he saw him. These are divine matters, and exceed the measure of human frailty. Finally, he is born, he receives a name, and his father’s tongue is loosed... John is the voice, but the Lord in the beginning was the Word. John is a voice for a time, but Christ is the eternal Word from the beginning.

The Word Among us is available to purchase at the Parish Office for $5.95. Please call 717-637-2721 before coming.

Defend Life, America’s oldest ongoing Pro-Life lecture series, presents Nuclear Engineer, Adoptive father, Barry Sullivan to speak on “Sowing the Seeds of Life and Reaping a Lifetime of Joy.” He will be at St. Bartholomew’s Catholic Church, 420 Hanover Pike, Manchester, MD on Mon. June 28th at 7:00p. For more information call Don Frazier 443-867-6809 or email D.Frazier_07@comcast.net

The Adams Deanery Perpetual Adoration Chapel will be TENTATIVELY opening on Sunday, July 12th at 12:00Noon. There is a desperate need of adorers for the following hours: Monday at 1:00a.m., Wednesday at 1and 2:00a.m., Thursday at 1:00a.m. Saturday at 4:00p.m., 5:00p.m., and 6:00p.m. “Can you spend just one hour with our Lord.”

**The Readings for this weekend are:**
**First Reading:** 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

**Second Reading:** Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

**The Gospel:** Matthew 10:37-42

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 current Mass schedule is Saturday at 5:30p.m. and Sunday at 10:00a.m. Both of these Masses will be held in the Social Hall.

The Hall will open 30 minutes prior to Mass and will close 5 minutes after Holy Communion is distributed to the faithful. Seating is available on a first come, first serve basis and approximately 90 seats are available. Masks are required and everyone is asked to sanitize their hands as they enter. No missalettes will be available; people are encouraged to bring what they have at home such as Magnificat or the Prayer Book. There is a basket set up at the entrance/exit for any envelopes or offerings. Holy Communion will be distributed directly after Mass once Father has the chance to sanitize and put on a mask. The faithful should lower their mask before they approach Father for receiving Holy Communion. There will be no socializing after Mass in either the Hall or the parking lot after Mass.

Holy Water is available in pre-filled bottles and Votive Candle offering envelopes are available. The suggested offering is $2.00 for the seven day candles and .75 cents for the smaller candles.