QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS: Sunday -10:30 a.m.
No Saturday Vigil Mass at this time **See Bulletin** for Daily or Holy Day Vigil Masses
Confessions: Sundays 11:15--11:45 a.m.; Wednesdays 11:15-11:45 a.m. **Office Hours:** By appointment

Sunday, May 15th, 2022

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 14th - No Vigil Mass
Sunday, May 15th – 10:30 a.m. Celebration of Holy Mass –In Memory of Mary Margaret Perhach (James Perhach and family)
Monday, May 16th – No Daily Mass
Tuesday, May 17th – No Daily Mass
Wednesday, May 18th – 12:00 Noon Mass - In Honor of David and Dana Donnells, (Karlene Jaffres)
Thursday, May 19th – No Daily Mass
Friday, May 20th – No Daily Mass
Saturday, May 21st - No Vigil Mass
Sunday, May 22nd – 10:30 a.m. Celebration of Holy Mass –In Memory of Raymond and Ada Crum (Patti and Sam Crum)

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE IN HONOR OF *FATHER DARIUS MOSS*
celebrating his 25th anniversary of ordination on May 17, 2022
with appreciation for the 17 of those 25 years serving our parishioners here at Queen of Peace

ST. PAUL'S SUMMER FOOD COLLECTION: We are collecting food for St. Paul's Food Pantry. During the summer months when students are not in school and cannot access school lunches, there is a special need for food items that they will eat. This is the list of items that are needed most: peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, canned fruit-especially pears, boxed dinners such as Hamburger Helper, cereal, snack items, paper towels and vegetables. We will collect items for the next three weekends so the last day to bring them is May 15th. Thank you for helping us with this project to help feed our area children.

NEW DIOCESAN APP: The Harrisburg Diocese is pleased to announce the launch of its new App which is based on the ***MyParishApp*** platform. Download the new App to stay connected with the Diocese, features such as Bishop Gainer's Gospel Reflections, *"The Catholic Witness"* stories, the Candid Catholic Podcasts, daily readings, prayers and much more. Download from *myparishapp.com* or search your phone's app store for *myparish*.

ROSARY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE: As you may know, parishioners of Our Lady Help of Christians come together each Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. to pray the Rosary. Saint Padre Pio said that the Rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against evil. For the coming weeks, or months, however long it takes, our communal Rosary Intention will be for peace in Ukraine. Please join us on Thursday evenings to pray for an end to this atrocity. We begin at 6:30 p.m. and we are finished by 7:00. It is also a time to pray for your own personal intentions. Jesus told us that whenever two or more are gathered in His Name, He is in our midst and our prayers will be heard. We desperately need these prayers to be heard.

PARISH COUNCIL Members are: Chairperson Lori Wertz, Secretary Cathy Rummel, Members George McAlanis, Bill Shimp, Joe Steppy, Hilla Stutzman, Ken Bugda, Lucille Michael and Renee Bahner.

PLEASE TAKE TIME EVERY WEEK TO READ YOUR BIBLE
READING for Sunday, May 15th: Reading I: Acts 14: 21-27; Rev 21: 1-5; ***Gospel: John 13: 31-35***
READING for Sunday, May 22nd: Reading I: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Rev 21: 10-14, 22-23; ***Gospel: John 14: 23-29***

POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY

For Faith Filled Young People: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.

FROM THE PASTOR: ***... GOD IS GOOD!!! ALL THE TIME!!! ALL THE TIME!!! GOD IS GOOD!!!***

Please see attached – ***"The Church's Principal Teachings About The Blessed Virgin Mary"*** - presentation by Jim Gontis, Director, Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, Diocese of Harrisburg.

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PLEASE REMEMBER Dave Etzweiler in your prayers. Dave recently fell and sustained serious injuries. He has undergone back surgery and when discharged from the hospital will be sent to a rehabilitation center to help in his recovery. If you would like to send a get well card, his address is 3192 State Route 147, Millersburg, PA 17061.

FATHER DARIUS: Father Darius' 25th anniversary of ordination is May 17, 2022. He had hoped to return to Queen of Peace to celebrate. Unfortunately he is not well enough to travel to Millersburg at this time. Father had wanted to return to us very much to celebrate his Anniversary Mass and we are saddened that he is not strong enough. We would like to send him a Spiritual Bouquet to let him know that we keep him in our prayers. Spiritual Bouquet papers are in the vestibule. Please take one and return it by Sunday, May 8th, so we can send it to reach him before May 17th. We also have several anniversary cards in the vestibule. Please stop and sign one of the cards.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS please remember parishioner ***Flossie Marzella***, who passed away Tuesday, May 3rd. May she Rest in Peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, Tom Mallonee, Flo Mallonee, Jim Roadcap, Bonnie Etzweiler, David Etzweiler, Donny Adams, Joan Michael, Carol Conrad, Ron Schwartz, Constance Mueller, Charles Kahler, Jackie Kahler, Mary Ann Moore, Martha Witmer, Brenda Albertini, Barbara Fessler, Fr. Darius Moss, Florence (Flossie) Marzella, Twan Bakermans, Cletus Strauser, and Rhoda Strauser.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES: Nathan Enders, Glenn Enders, Austin Enders, Ethan Strauser, Mark D'Antonio, Paul D'Antonio, Thomas Dudro, Gavin Schaffner, Daniel Enders and Benjamin Cross. (Note: If you have family or friends in the Armed Forces and want prayer for them please call the office and give us their names. We will not use rank.)

AND FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF OUR PARISHIONERS: Kaitlyn Bailey, Brandon, Judy Cecco, Kathleen Cecco, Connor Crum, Ken Corsnitz, Helen Daly, Rahn Deibler, Ruth Emery, Reid Goodling, Polly Hatter, Alonzo Jones, Kathy, Jack Kearns, Fay Kelly, Leslie Makar, Jazon, Carol Malehorn, Jack, Marleen, Marie, George Molloy, Bailey Reidinger, Ellie Roadcap, Mary Schmink, Marie Shivetts, Patricia Sincavage, Galen Snyder, Micaela Thorndyke, Jason & Karen Traino, Vanda & Steve, Larry Weikel, Dale Strausser, Carolann Keller, Shawn Midile, Callen Fischer, Alexis Shaffner, Emma Ryan, John Flyte, Marie Flyte, James Robert Plasters, Rockne Smith, Bill Helwig, Chase Rummel, Penny Hyser, Robert Reever, Patricia Russell, Greg Hoke, Malik Johnson, Jayne Nelson, Scott Strawser, Michael and Faye Oxenrider, Ken Shaffer, Eric Wright, Hunter Whitesel, William Kuhn, Donna Adams, Betty Helsel, Ashley Smith, Leonard Roadcap, Debbie Davis, Meredith Yurkiewicz, Harold Hoffman, Jessica Paul, Lena, Eileen Hoover, Marla Kissinger, Alan Bostdorf, Lucy Wertz, Peyton Latsha, Elaine Wertz, Tony Mirarchi, Todd Koveleski, Susan Peterson, Eric Kennedy, Dolores Kennedy, Susie Burge, Randy Carvell, Andralisa Hope Petersheim, Marsha Michael, Michele Bucher, Cindy Hoover, Christopher Carlile, Nancy Leiter, Brooke Jury, Ray Johns, Darla Radel, Mike T. Kelley, Joseph Bielski, Madison Rummel, Joe Ruta, Ken Rebuck, Thomas Howe, Viola Rummel, Hadleigh Quinn Kissinger, Bill Fessler and Fr. Paul Opoki, A.J..

Mass Attendance: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass (59)

PARISH COLLECTIONS	No. Envelopes	Sunday Collection	Debt	Offset of Expenses
05/09/2022	47	$ 1482.00	$ 266.00	$ 379.00

Please Try to Make Up Your Contributions for Weeks You Are Away.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL LOOSE MONEY IN THE COLLECTIONS WILL BE USED TO REDUCE PARISH DEBT.

Presentation by Jim Gontis
Director, Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, Diocese of Harrisburg

Why do Catholics consider Mary to be so important?
The Church's principal teachings about the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Immaculate Conception

A. "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." - Pope Pius IX, *Ineffabilis Deus*, 1854.
B. Belief in the Immaculate Conception dates to the early centuries of the Church, but was not defined until 1854.
C. In her apparitions to St. Bernadette at Lourdes in 1858, the Mother of God referred to herself by saying, "I am the Immaculate Conception."
D. Did Mary need to be redeemed / saved by Jesus? Yes, of course, but her redemption was anticipatory. That is, God applied the merits, which Jesus gained for us on the Cross, prior to the historical act of the Crucifixion. Analogy – There are two ways to be saved from fire:
   1. To be pulled out of a burning building – us
   2. To be prevented from entering the burning building in the first place – Mary
E. The fruit of Christ's redemption was applied to Mary to preserve her from original sin. It is applied to us to remove sin which, ordinarily, God first does for each of us when we are baptized. We need to do all that we can to teach that Baptism is not merely a symbolic act, but has life-giving and life-changing effects. We are changed ontologically (in our very being) by Baptism. By God's grace and Mary's willing cooperation with God's grace, Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life. However, the Immaculate Conception refers specifically to her having been made full of grace, *"kecharitomene"* (Gr) and therefore free from Original Sin.
F. Genesis 3: 14 -15 – ***"I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head and you shall bruise his heel."*** Enmity = complete opposition. Genesis 3:15 is the *proto-evangelion* ("pre-gospel").
G. It is appropriate that the all-Holy God would take his human nature from one un-tainted by sin.
H. The Immaculate Conception is often confused with the Virgin Birth. The distinction?
   1. Immaculate Conception = Mary preserved from original sin from the first moment of her conception by the anticipated merits won for us by Jesus' sacrifice.
   2. Virgin Birth = The Blessed Virgin Mary giving birth to Jesus

(To be continued)