

Our Catholic Life

September 8, 2024



Holy Rosary Mission
519 Main Street
Sistersville, WV 26175



Mater Dolorosa Parish
302 East Main Street
Paden City, WV 26159



Saint Joseph Mission
64 Frohnafel Lane
Proctor, WV 26055



Saint Vincent de Paul Parish
21 Rosary Road
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Grandparents DAY

Grandparents bestow upon
their grandchildren the
strength and wisdom that time
and experience have given them.

Grandchildren bless their
grandparents with a youthful
vitality and innocence
that help them stay
young at heart forever.



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Serving the Catholic Communities of Marshall, Wetzel and Tyler Counties
Cluster Office: (304) 455-4615

Twenty-Third Week of the Year

**Sacramental & Pastoral Schedule for the 23rd Week of the Year—
8 September 2024—14 September 2024**

September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

The Holy Father's Intention for September 2024:

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—8 September

Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Mater Dolorosa—Vigil Mass

4:00p Confessions

5:00p Mass for Virginia Kasun

St. Joseph 8:00a Mass for + Theresa Hunt

St. Vincent de Paul

10:30a Mass for + Mary Lou and Bob Jones

Holy Rosary

12:30p Mass for the People of the Parishes

Monday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time—9 September

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

No Mass

Food Pantry Open @ SVdeP

Tuesday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time—10 September

1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 6:12-19

8:30a Mass @ St. Vincent de Paul for + Lorraine Owens

Food Pantry Open @SVdeP

5:00p Adoration & Confession @ St. Joseph

6:00p Mass @ St Joseph for + Dave Weigand

Wednesday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time—11 September

1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26

8:30a Mass @ St. Vincent de Paul for ++ Leo and Doris Herrick

5:00p Adoration & Confession @ Mater Dolorosa

6:00p Mass @ Mater Dolorosa for + Harold McClain

Thursday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time —

12 September

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

8:30a Mass @ Mater Dolorosa for + Dorothy Blatt

5:00p Adoration and Confession @ St. Vincent de Paul

6:00p Mass @ St. Vincent de Paul for + Philip Laurine

Friday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time —13 September

Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

8:30a Mass @ St. Vincent de Paul for + Allison Bertozzi

Saturday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time —

14 September

Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

No Mass

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—15 September

Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Mater Dolorosa—Vigil Mass

4:00p Confessions

5:00p Mass for + Albert Estep

St. Joseph 8:00a Mass for the People of the Parishes

St. Vincent de Paul

10:30a Mass for + Lori Jean Richter

Holy Rosary

12:30p Mass for + Sheila Howlett



To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

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DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON
**Catholic Bishop Abuse
Reporting Service**

The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops, and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. Where a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

If you have any other kind of complaint about a bishop—such as parish assignments, church closings, or homily contents—please address those directly to your diocesan or eparchial bishop instead. Sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or a staff member or volunteer of the Church should be reported to the Office of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. So, to be sure you get the help you need, phone numbers and addresses may be found at www.dwc.org under the accountability tab.

If you are the victim of sexual abuse (or any other crime), please contact local law enforcement.

**ReportBishopAbuse.org
or (800) 276-1562**

September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross—Feast

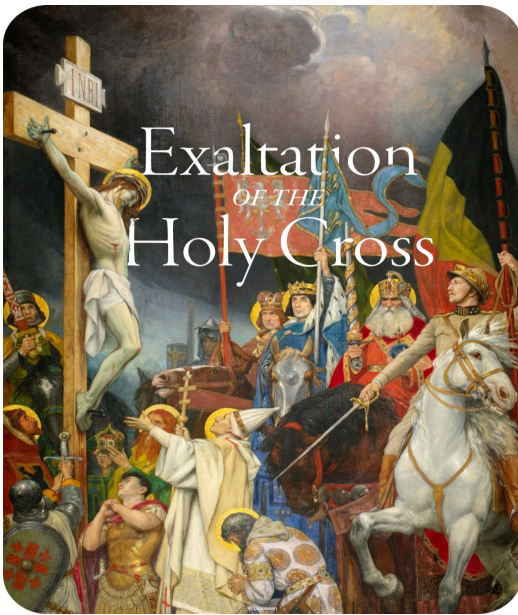
Liturgical Color: Red

Quote: But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ~Galatians 6:14

Reflection: The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also known as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, commemorates three historical events: the discovery of the True Cross in 326, its initial exaltation for public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628. Nowadays, this feast also celebrates the boundless impact of Christ's Cross upon all of creation.

The Edict of Milan, issued in 313, granted religious freedom across the Roman Empire. This was a mutual agreement between Roman Emperors Constantine I in the West and Licinius in the East. Before this edict, Christians had endured various state-sponsored persecutions over the prior two and a half centuries.

After the Edict was signed, from 314 to 324, Constantine and Licinius were in continual conflict. The tension escalated when Constantine accused Licinius of plotting against him. In 324, Constantine defeated Licinius in battle and subsequently executed him on charges of conspiracy. This made Constantine the sole ruler of the Roman Empire, including Jerusalem, which had previously been under Licinius's control.



In 326, Constantine's mother, Saint Helena, a devout Christian, embarked on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Her mission was to identify significant sites from Christ's life and establish churches at those locations. In Jerusalem, she aimed to find the True Cross and to build a church over the sites of Mount Calvary and Jesus' tomb, known as the Holy Sepulchre. Upon identifying Mount Calvary and the empty tomb, she discovered three discarded and buried crosses. After an investigation, the local bishop confirmed they were the crosses used to crucify Jesus and the two thieves. Since Helena did not know which cross was Christ's, she arranged for a sick woman to touch all three. The woman was immediately healed upon touching one of them, indicating that it was the True Cross.

Following the discovery of the True Cross, Mount Calvary, and Christ's tomb, Emperor Constantine ordered the construction of a church to encompass these sites and house the True Cross. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was erected and dedicated on September 13, 335. As the legend goes, the following day, Christ's Cross was brought outside the newly built church for the faithful to venerate. Thus, the first showing, or Exaltation of the Holy Cross, might have occurred on September 14, 335. Over the next three centuries, because liturgical celebrations were not widely centralized, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was likely celebrated annually in Jerusalem and varied in other ecclesiastical jurisdictions.

In 614, the Persians invaded Jerusalem and took the True Cross as a trophy. The Persians, primarily followers of the ancient religion of Zoroastrianism, were not Christians. Allowing the Holy Cross to remain in their possession was seen as sacrilegious. Eight years later, in 622, Eastern Roman Emperor Heraclius initiated military campaigns to recapture Jerusalem and the True Cross. Finally, in 628, he triumphed, and the following year, Emperor Heraclius entered Jerusalem with the True Cross, restoring it to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After that, the Feast of the Holy Cross became a universal celebration within the Church, starting in Rome and subsequently spreading throughout the entire empire, and has been celebrated annually on September 14 ever since.

Although we commemorate these three historical events today, the core of our celebration is not the physical wood of the Cross or the holy sites where Jesus died and was buried. Our primary focus is the infinite love shown through the selfless and perfect Sacrifice of the Son of God and the boundless mercy that has poured forth upon the world as a result. The Cross itself is a cruel instrument of torture and death. The fact that it is now the symbol of God's perfect love only further magnifies that love and showcases God's infinite power to use the worst for the best: to use death to bring life and to transform the greatest act of cruelty ever known into the greatest act of mercy ever bestowed upon the world.

The Cross of Christ must permeate each one of us, transforming us and making us new. First and foremost, this happens when we open ourselves to the infinite mercy of God flowing from that selfless Sacrifice. It also occurs when we allow every one of our sufferings, the injustices we endure, the crosses, hardships, and most undesirable aspects of our lives to share in the redemptive power of Christ. We do this when we embrace Jesus' commands to share in His sufferings, unite them with His own, and allow Him to bear an abundance of good fruit through us. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" ([Matthew 16:24-25](#)).

As we commemorate the triumph of Christ's Cross, call to mind the crosses you bear each day. More often than not, when faced with crosses, we seek a way out, succumb to self-pity, and are often tempted by anger and despair. Instead, try to allow Jesus to enter those crosses, transform them, and use them for His glory, your good, and the good of others. Crosses in life should not be avoided; they must be transformed. Although the suffering may remain, it must become redeemed suffering, thus bearing an abundance of good fruit in ways that only God can accomplish.

Prayer: Most glorious and triumphant Lord, You gave Your life for the salvation of my soul, using the most horrific act of cruelty as the means of Your redeeming grace. I open myself to that grace today and pray that You bestow it in superabundance. I also pray that I will have the courage and wisdom to embrace my crosses every day of my life, uniting them to Your Cross, and trusting that You will use these sacrifices as a means of the further bestowal of Your love on the world. Saving Cross of Christ, have mercy on me. Jesus, I trust in You.



Spaghetti Dinner for
Dutton Chichick on
Saturday 14 September.
(THIS COMING SATURDAY)
Raffle items may be dropped off at the office or
contact Cindy Moore
Volunteers are welcome that day as well.
With your help we can make this a
successful benefit for Dutton and his family.
Thank You for your support.

NOVENA TO THE
Infant Jesus of Prague

Theme: *Bringing Others to Christ*

SEPTEMBER 9 TO NOVEMBER 4, 2024
NINE CONSECUTIVE MONDAYS
7:00 P.M.

"The More You Honor Me, The More I Will Bless You."

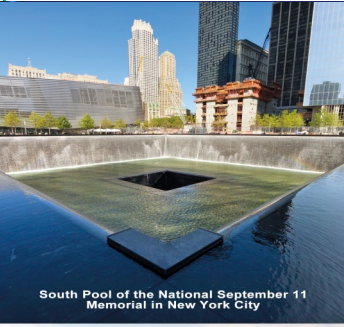
THE Cathedral of St. Joseph

Anyone who would like a home visit for
Communion or Blessing, please reach out to the
office and we will get it scheduled for you.



HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!

We will soon be starting a First Thursday grocery distribution at Mater Dolorosa. We have been awarded a grant to address the loss of access to groceries with the temporary closing of the Dollar General Store while it is being enlarged. During the closure, we will be offering a bag of groceries to residents who have limited or no means of transportation to obtain groceries. This grant is through the River Valley Health Fund and we are grateful for their support!

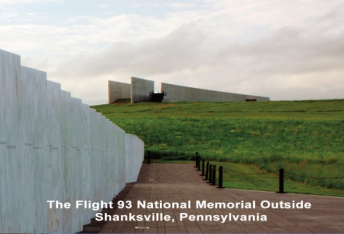


Patriot Day

Here, in this place of remembrance, I would ask everyone together, each in his or her own way, to spend a moment in silence and prayer. Let us implore from on high the gift of commitment to the cause of peace. Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and our communities. Peace in all those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain. Peace throughout this world which God has given us as the home of all and a home for all.
Simply PEACE.

Excerpt from prayer by Pope Francis, at an interreligious prayer service at Ground Zero.

we will never forget



SUNDAYKIDZ

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Galilee Deaf Tongue Speech Impediment
Ears Hear Speak Ephphatha Opened

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Little Flower is having their annual fund
raiser with "That's My Pan" and "Rada."
Brochures are in the office and in the
Narthex.
It's never too early to start your Christmas
Shopping!

St. Vincent de Paul
September 1, 2024

Envelopes...\$2,644.00
Loose...\$442.00
Maintenance...\$538.00
Catholic University...\$90.00
Assumption of the Blessed
Mother...\$20.00

St. Joseph
September 1, 2024

Envelopes...\$595.00
Loose...\$125.00
Maintenance...\$240.00
Diocesan Priest
Retirement...\$100.00

Mater Dolorosa
September 1, 2024

Envelopes...\$660.00
Loose...\$221.00
Maintenance...\$80.00

Holy Rosary
September 1, 2024

Envelopes... \$1,030.00
Loose...\$195.00
Maintenance...\$60.00
Catholic University...
\$20.00

We Believe In The Power Of Prayer

Bill Abraham, Irona Adams, Brittany Alden, Katherine Anderegg,
Jackson Anderson, Bernice and Ralph Baker, Mark Baker,
Hailey Barnes, Donald Keith Beckett, Kim Bennett, Joan Block,
Vickie Bowden, Nanci Bowen, Donna Britton, Wesley Brookover,
Thomas Burson, Drew Butler, Jim Briggs, Patty Campbell,
Dominic "Doc" Cecil, Emily Chambers, Charlotte Chute,
Dominic Cipriani, Aiden Clark, Connie Clark, Bill Cline,
London Cochran, Butch Cunningham, Michelle Cunningham,
Toni Cunningham, Reagan Cupp, Wyatt Dallison, Debbie Bungard
Darnold, Ryan Danley, Jeanette Shutler-Davis, Marilyn Dunham,
Fr. Kent Durig, Jodi Estep, Lois Estep, Gail Fagert, Rod Fagert,
Tricia Feldmeier, Ray Ferrera, Joey & Lisa Feronti, Cecile Fiest,
Matthew Fiore, Mark Flood, Chloe Fisher, Stephen Fleming, Beri Fox,
John Fratt, Clem Frohnapfel, Barbara Frum, Keith Frum,
Wilda Frunner, The Giraldo Family, Gerry Gloekler, Greg Glover,
Stacy Gray, David Grandstaff, Jo Jo Greene, Norma Gunter,
Mary Habig, Bruce Hall, Myles Harris, Martin Havrilla,
George Heinzman, Ruth Helman, Laura Henley, Larry Hennessy,
Renee Henry, Clara Lou Herrick, Ella Herrick, Jim Herrick, Devin Hill,
Mike Hissam, Bonnie Hizer, Diane Hohman, Brandon Howell, John
Johnston, Ted & Tommy Kacor, Mark Karrasch, Molly Kelly, David
King, Kay Klug, Cathy Ruth Klug, John Knowlton, Judy Koerber,
Baby Koon, Brian and Joan Leary, Jill Lemasters, Heather Lilley, Na-
than Link, John Marc Long, Danny Longworth, Linda McGlumphy,
Brayden Marling, Tricia Marling, Michael Marsch, Patricia Myers,
Susie Prunty Love, Jean Marshall, Jared Marker, Stan Maslowski,
Molly McEvoy, Della Melott, Jim Melott, John & Tulane Mensore,
Alisa Miller, Glenda Miller, Jeri Miller, Landon Miller, Lorna Miller,
Linda Moore, Patty Meyers, Baby Nash, Sandy Nelson, Chaden Negley,
Gloria Nice, Katie Abdul Noriyeh, Debbie Pryor Osborne,
Debra Park, Seth Poling, Jason Powell, Jayden Pratt, Kennedy Mae
Price, Amanda Reynolds, Karen Richmond, Scott Richter,
Jim Richthammer, Dave Roberts, Charles Rogers, Paula Rogers,
Berdina (Bernie) Rose, Gus Rucker, Jay Salva, Kim Seckman,
Bertha Schrader, Kelly Shepherd, Sally Shreve, Stanley Shreve,
Clem Shutler, Shirley and Chuck Smith, Yvonne Smith,
Carl Sonnelberger, Anne Spencer, Nancy Stender, Crystal Stollings,
Ireland Streets, Becky Sutton, Elsie Taylor, Laura Rogers Thame,
Gary Thompson, Angie Vancamp, Ron Virden, David Weekley,
Margie Whiteman, Frances Whitmore, Bobby Wilhelm, Ike Willey,
Tom and Mary Ann Worst, Gail Yeater, Lora Yeater, Ron Young,
Evelyn Rae Wasko, Tommy Wilson, All Shut-Ins

To add or remove names to the prayer list please contact the
Cluster Office 304-455-4615 or email office@svdpmn.org.

Thank You

Please read through the prayer list to see if there is anyone
you may have placed on it to see if there is anyone who
may be able to come off. Many of these people have been
on for over 8 years; granted some off them have been
fighting a long battle and are in need of the continued
prayers and many only needed them for the short-term.

Thank you for your help and those that has responded.



Marlene Rodriquez—2nd Ruth Estep—14th
John Batten—3rd Nanci Bowen—14th
Ken Janiszewski—4th Butch Richmond—14th
Jerry Richardson, Jr.—5th Nancy McCardle—15th
Mary Claire Bohrer—7th Shirley Miller—16th
Mary Bertozzi—7th Jane Batten—17th
Andrew Frohnapfel—19th
Sharon Kastigar—9th Andrew Frohnapfel—19th
Lisa Jackson—11th Margie Whiteman—24th
Fr. Jim McCafferty—12th Brenda Frohnapfel—28th
Suzanne Estep—13th Kay Pierpoint—30th
Jim Miller—13th

Happy Anniversary

Rod & Gail Fagert—7th
Ken & Susan Janiszewski—16th



Holy Rosary and St. Joseph Missions

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Lector: 9/8/24 Hayden Butler

Lector: 9/15/24 Donna Peter

Sunday Social

will be held **TODAY September 8**, in the Rectory following Mass, hosted by Ruth and Eldon Helman. Come join the fun and spend time with one another.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Faith is both a new kind of understanding and a new way of seeing things. For example, an ancient Egyptian might have looked at Israel's exodus as simply the unfortunate escape of some slaves. But the faith of Moses and the Hebrew people saw in the same event a sign of God's saving power. Similarly, Jesus work of healing the blind and the deaf can only be seen by faith. These cures are the sign that God's kingdom is breaking in upon men, that the world has been fundamentally changed and given a new direction. Through the eyes of faith we see in Christ the beginning of a new life and a new hope for the world.

Family Perspective: Because the deaf man in today's gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus. Deafness abounds in families: in our children ("Oh dad, not that again") in parents ("It is just a stage") and in spouses ("Are you listening?"). Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness.

By Bud Ozar

Sistersville Food Bank

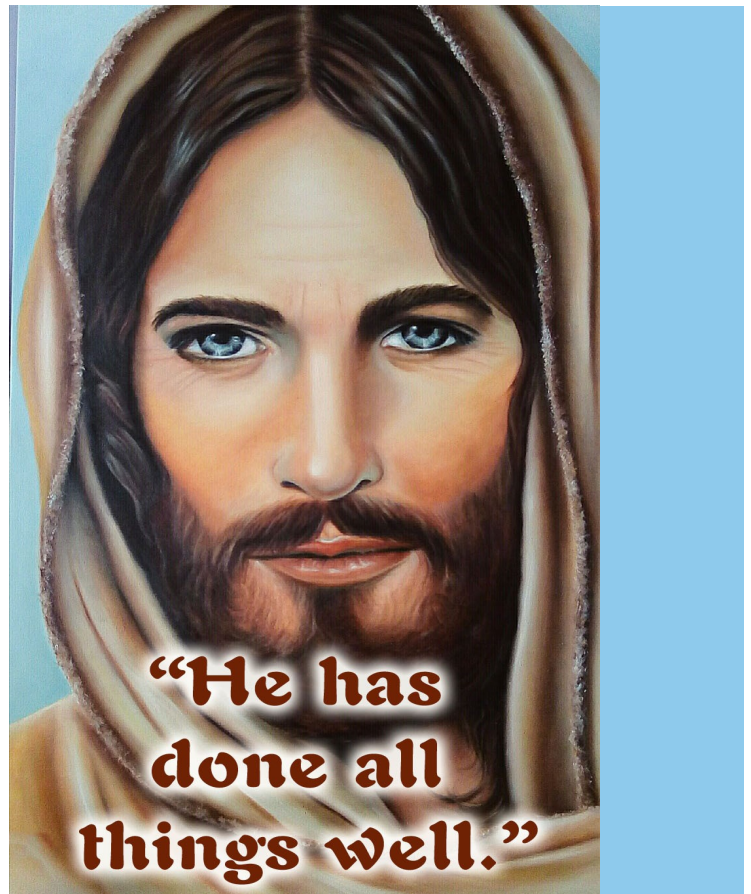
The Food Bank is in need of canned vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, Hamburger Helper, Spam, canned meat, Chef Boyardee canned goods, instant oatmeal, toilet paper, hygiene products, i.e. soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, kid's toothbrushes and toothpaste.

The Gabriel Project of WV, Inc.

is in need of volunteers for the Summer months. It is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Noon to 4 p.m. and serves Expectant Mothers and Children from Birth to 3. It is located at 515 Maple Ave., New Martinsville, WV.

Parish Council: Jim Cavezza, Butch Fiore, Charlene Galluzzo, Jerry Richardson, Patty Skeen

Finance Council: Cathy Cavezza, Mike Galluzzo, Becky Meckley, Eric Peters, Patty Skeen



Coffee and Donuts
TODAY!!



St. Joseph Women's Club
18 September @ 11a

Parish Council: Alana Fox, Abel Frohnafel, Ken Janiszewski, Nancy McCardle

Finance Council: Clem Frohnafel, Lee Ann Kirkland, Mark Miller

St. Vincent de Paul Church and Mater Dolorosa Parish

21 Rosary Road, New Martinsville, WV 26155

302 East Main Street, Paden City, WV 26159



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Lunch in Holy Name Park
TODAY!!!
after the morning Mass here
at St. Vincent de Paul.

Please join us on Saturday, September 14 as we
resume our monthly "food and fellowship"
after mass downstairs.

The New Martinsville United Methodist Church is refocusing
their back-to-school efforts on shoes and children's coats rather
than the school supplies they have done in the past. If you would
like to donate a pair of children's shoes and/or a winter coat, you
may drop them off at the NMUMC between the hours of 9-1 on
weekdays.

Third Thursday Soup Lunch
*Our next Third Thursday
soup lunch is
Thursday, September 19*
All help is welcome and appreciated!



Then will
the eyes
of the blind
be opened,
the ears of
the deaf
be cleared;
then will the
lame leap
like a stag,
then the
tongue of
the mute
will sing.
Isaiah 35:5-6



**OUR LADY OF
SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY**
Saturdays @ 4:30p
**Rosary and Pamphlets
will be provided.**



Rosary Leaders for September 7 @ 4:30
Barb Racer, Charlie Racer, Nanci Bowen

Rosary Leaders for September 14 @ 4:30
Danielle Ice-Davis, Carolyn Hizer,
Joanna Casto

Ministers for September 7 @ 5pm

Lector: Dick Stender
Gifts: Kim Frim
Eucharistic Minister: Kay Pierpoint

Ministers for September 14 @ 5pm

Lector: Danielle Ice-Davis
Gifts: Roger and Kathy Rine
Eucharistic Minister: Judy Yeager

Praise the Lord,
my soul!

Volunteer at the Food Pantry

SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 16, 17, 21, 30

OCTOBER 1, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

Donations of Jelly and Spaghetti Sauce are Appreciated.

Egg Cartons are needed also.

Parish Council: (HN) Joe Herrick, John Piekarski,
Patty Potts, Therese Schoolcraft, Don Tuttle,
(LF) Marianne Balcerak, Pat Lilkendey
Finance Council: Matt Herrick, Judy Grace,
Debra Freeland

Parish Council: Rod Fagert, Carolyn Hizer,
Charlie Racer, Dick Stender, Judy Yeager, Barb Racer
Finance Council: Rod Fagert, Kay Pierpoint,
Charlie Racer, Dick Stender, Judy Yeager, Barb Racer