

Mass Schedule for the Week

Monday, January 12; First Week in Ordinary Time

HEB 1: 1-16, MK 1: 14-20

7:30am Mary Graziani — Tony & Judith Zambino

Tuesday, January 13; Hilary, bishop and doctor

HEB 2: 5-12, MK 1: 21-28

7:30am Theresa Doben — Dorothy Constantine

Wednesday, January 14

1 JN 4: 11-18, MK 1: 29-39

5:15pm (MM) Geraldine Bicek — Angeline & David Bicek

Thursday, January 15

HEB 3: 7-14, MK 1: 40-45

7:30am (MM) Robert Rubrecht — William Blatt & Family

Friday, January 16

HEB 4: 1-11, MK 2: 1-12

7:30am Billie Stutz — David Stutz Family

Saturday, January 17; Anthony, abbot

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

HEB 4: 12-16, MK 2: 13-17

5:15pm Irene Superak — Irene Bain

Sunday, January 18; Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 SM 3: 3-19, 1 COR 6: 13-20, JN 1: 35-42

8:00am Andrew Ferencz — Phil and Beth Gasiewicz

11:00am For the Living and Deceased Members of our Parish

M a r k e t D a y

There's still time to get your Market Day order in and be entered for a chance to win a cruise onboard the *Disney Wonder*® or one of over 1,000 other great prizes! Estimated chance of winning a prize is 1 in 225. Actual odds of winning a prize depend on the number of eligible entries received as of the date of drawing. Order online at marketday.com until NOON on January 14, 2009. Pick-up will be January 20, 2009 from 2:30 to 3:30PM at The New Pastoral Center. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Angie at 724-748-6700. We appreciate your support and we're looking forward to seeing you at our Market Day Sale!

Pro-Life of Mercer County Annual Breakfast

Pro-life of Mercer County's annual Pro-Life Breakfast will take place on Saturday, January 17th at 9:00 a.m. The location is the Hickory VFW Banquet Center, on Route 62 east of the central business district in Hermitage. The guest speaker is Michael Clancy, the veteran photojournalist who took the picture of "Baby Samuel" literally seen "round the world". In addition Jean Balcerzak and the late Sandy Ferrara will be honored for their contributions to the pro-life cause. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 12 and under. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Kathy Jack at 724-662-0890 during evening hours, Joan Walker at 724-962-1402, or Bob Lackey during business hours at 724-342-6835. tickets will be available at the door but we need your reservation to give the Hickory VFW a head count.

Here is my servant
whom I uphold,
my chosen
one
with whom
I am pleased,
upon whom



I have put my spirit;
he shall bring forth justice
to the nations.



I have set you as a light
for the nations.



What Our Heavenly Father said to Jesus in today's gospel, "You are my beloved. My favor rests on you" is not earned love; it is given freely. The unconditional love we experience in our families is sacramental for it gives us a glimpse of God's freely given, all accepting love.

Sacrificial Giving from the Weekend of January 4, 2008

Families in Parish: 560

Envelopes Mailed: 509 Envelopes Used: 193

**38% of our parishioners financially support
100% of our parish needs**

Weekly	3171.01
Loose	231.70
Monthly	1381.00
Children.....	3.03
Sister Parish.....	116.00
CSA	890.00
RE Building Fund Collection & Payments	6360.00
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Jan. 1	1366.51

Thank you for supporting our parish! We are very grateful.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Faith magazine needs your support! Please give generously to the Communications Collection which will take place the weekend of January 17/18. This will be the one and only 2009 appeal for Communications--which oversees Faith magazine, the FaithLife news bulletin and www.ErieRCD.org. Thanks for your generosity as we work to keep people in the Erie Diocese and beyond both inspired and informed.

March For Life 2009

LAST CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS! This year is absolutely critical! The bus for the March for Life will leave our parking lot at 11:15pm on January 21 and will return very late on January 22. There is space available, but you MUST call soon, so that you have a place on the bus. Please contact the parish office at 724-748-6700 for more info. Ask for Marialyce.

Religious Education Calendar:**January Faith Formation Happenings**

Jan. 11	Sunday Elementary Class Open House Following 11:00am Mass!
Jan. 14	Wednesday Elementary Class
Jan. 16	7TH-8TH GRADE RETREAT "Why Faith?" 4:00pm - 10:00pm
Jan. 18	Sunday Elementary Class 9TH-10TH GRADE NET RETREAT "The Adventure" 12:30pm-6:30pm 11 th Grade Class
Jan. 21	Wednesday Elementary Class
Jan. 22	March For Life in Washington, D.C.
Jan. 25	Sunday Elementary Class 4TH - 6TH GRADE RETREAT & Class Mass 11:00am Mass - 3:00pm 7 th -11 th Grade Class

National Evangelization Team (N.E.T.) to Visit our Parish!

We are pleased to announce that our students in the Religious Ed program are going to enjoy a fantastic retreat in the week ahead... the NET team will be leading a powerful retreat for grades 7, 8, 9, and 10. Home school students are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Students should have received information, but if there are any questions please call Emily at the parish office at 724-748-6700. Parents—this will be such a great time... thanks for encouraging our kids!

Epiphany Party a Great Success!

The families and children who attended the annual "Epiphany Party" raved how much fun it was... just being together, eating, making crafts, and having a great time. Thanks to all who helped to make the party such a success. A special thanks to the men and wives of the Knights of Columbus.

Pastoral Center Open House!!!

Not just for the Religious Education students and their families, its for everyone. Come visit our newly opened Pastoral Center after the 11:00am Mass this Sunday January 18. Visit the classrooms, meet the teachers, see the offices and stay for a snack. Its time to see what all our hard work and efforts have brought us. This could not have happened without **YOU!!!**

Parish News:

BE SURE TO BE AT MASS NEXT WEEKEND FOR A BIG SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT!

Thank You!

I am so grateful to all the parishioners and staff who gifted Matias and me with goodies and presents at Christmas. Please accept our sincere Thanks and prayers.

---Father Hoffman & Matias Quimno (Seminarian Intern)

Address & New Phone Number for the Church

Beginning January 5th, the new contact information for our Church is:

Church of the Beloved Disciple

1310 S Center Street Ext

Grove City, PA 16127-4206

Phone number: 724-748-6700

The rectory will now be Father's private home, please be respectful and only conduct phone business by calling the new number during regular business hours.

For emergencies: Call the new phone number and choose the option for "After Hours Sacramental Emergencies." Father will be contacted to assist you.

Do You Wish You Would Pray More?

Here is an opportunity! Join Father Hoffman and parishioners in Morning Prayer at 7:10am on the days we have morning Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. It takes only about 10 minutes, then, you may either leave for work, or stay for Morning Mass (THE GREATEST PRAYER!) Won't you join us?

Day-time Visits to the Church - Just a note

In an effort to allow for security for the Church during daytime visitation, please enter by way of the Parish Office Entrance. It's just a small way to ensure a bit of safety. The church is open Monday - Friday from about 7:00am to 5pm. Please visit Our Lord—He would love to talk with you!