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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: BE A SERVANT FIRST

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of

God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace.

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we

really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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SEPT. 18	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Barbara Hitt Myers† <i>Oakland Family</i>
SEPT. 19	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Ronald Jaworski† <i>Family</i>
10:00 a.m.	Vince Scarbin† <i>Knights of Columbus Council #1907</i>
SEPT. 20	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	Patsy Miller† <i>Karen Robbins</i>
SEPT. 21	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Barbara Hitt Myers† <i>Rick Hitt</i>
SEPT. 22	WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Vince Scarbin† <i>Joanne Ray</i>
SEPT. 23	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	Barbara Hitt Myers† <i>Tex & Theresa Reynolds</i>
SEPT. 24	FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	Charles Freeman† <i>Tex & Theresa Reynolds</i>
SEPT. 25	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Annalyn Liette <i>Randy, Kathy, & Grant</i>
SEPT. 26	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Frank & Gen Cicholski† <i>Dean & Gina</i>
10:00 a.m.	Gordon Family members living and deceased <i>Carolyn Gordon</i>

**THE MASS BOOK FOR 2022
OPENS OCT. 1**

*Our heartfelt
condolences to
the family
and loved ones of
Sandye Yoho.*



Journey Brings Faithful Closer to Apostles

We promised last week to share more from Fr. That Son’s pilgrimage to Turkey, Greece, and Egypt, and the latest glimpses bring us closer to apostles and saints Paul and John. The journey to Istanbul highlighted last week continued to the southwestern Turkish province of Izmir and two important sites for all Christian pilgrims—The House of the Virgin Mary and The Basilica of St. John. Father celebrated Mass in The House of The Virgin Mary, which is where John took Mary to live out her life after Jesus died on the Cross. The house became a Catholic church in the 4th century and a shrine in the 1980s. The visit to the Basilica of St. John allowed time to appreciate John’s official burial place, which is on a hill known as the Hagia Theologos, or “Holy Theologian.”

The next significant stop came at the nearby ancient city of Ephesus, which was the Mediterranean’s main commercial center to the spread of Christianity. Here centuries of excavated remains include the amphitheater where Paul vigorously preached and the Scholastica Baths, where John spent much time meditating and thinking. John and Paul were not at Ephesus at the same time, but it is written both felt their time there was especially important. One of the most moving segments of the pilgrimage took place near the Greek city of Kavala at Philippi. Here Father celebrated an outdoor Mass where Paul baptized Lydia, who was Paul’s first convert in Philippi and the first Christian woman in the known world. Lydia’s conversion occurred during Paul’s second journey around the Mediterranean.

Father’s next Mass came at the steps where Paul preached to the Jews on at least three different journeys to the ancient Greek city of Beroea, which is

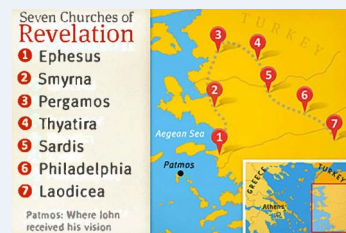
now called Veria. Paul being in Beroea is mentioned in the Acts of Apostles. You will notice among the photographs below a map of the seven churches mentioned by John in Revelation. The group visited them all. Most are ruins and a few were renamed, but artifacts confirm their existence. We especially look forward to sharing more about the churches and the pilgrimage soon, including excursions in Egypt, which came after deadline. Please pray for continued safe travels for Father and the group, who return to Pittsburgh Monday.



Above: Father in front of Mary’s house. Photographs are not allowed inside, so we could not show Mass. **Above right:** Site of St. John’s tomb within the Basilica named for him. **Inset:** A close-up view of St. John’s burial marker.



Above: Mass at the site where Lydia was baptized. **Inset right:** Father blessing Parishioner Linda Miller. **Bottom left:** Map of the seven churches of Revelation. **Bottom right:** Paul’s steps.



Prayer REQUESTS

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker.

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Bob Balgo, Mary Stees, Sue Riffle, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Annalyn Liette, Mike Gardill, Sandina Leonard, Jo Estep.

NEWS & COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

Mondays until Nov. 8	INFANT of PRAGUE NOVENA St. Joseph Cathedral 7 p.m.
Sunday Sept. 19	LAST DAY TO RESPOND PASTORAL NEEDS SURVEY
Tuesday Sept. 21 6:30 p.m.	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Church Hall
Begins Sept. 29 9 a.m. & Sept. 30 6:30 p.m.	EIGHT-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ROMANS Wednesdays & Thursdays Church Hall Call Mary at 304-810-4380 or 716-207-9146 with questions
Oct. 1	2022 MASS BOOK OPENS
Oct. 7,8,9	CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS instant-scheduling.com

SCHEDULES SEPT. 25 & 26

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. **D. Evans / L. Magnone**
8:00 a.m. **C. Frame / L. Remke**
10:00 a.m. **L. Niemiec / L. Yoho**

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Attendance	176

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WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME



Fr. Stephen Blum to St. Francis Xavier this weekend to talk with us about Food For The Poor and the work of this mission to provide direct relief throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Thank you, Fr. Blum, for bringing the story of this mission and the work you do to St. Francis Xavier. You can learn more about FFTP here: www.foodforthe poor.org

A BLOOD DRIVE FOR RED CROSS

is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 1907 Monday, Oct. 18, from noon until 5 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Hall. You can schedule an appointment two ways: call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to the website RedCrossBlood.org and enter the word KNIGHTS.

WE ARE DELAYING PSR (CCD)

classes until Sunday, Oct. 3, as a precaution while covid cases continue to trend upward in Marshall County. Please contact the office if you need more information or have additional questions. Thank you for your support as we strive to keep our children, their families, and our teachers safe.



A SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken up next weekend for the Catholic University of America. Giving provides support to students, dioceses, and parishes through research initiatives and training programs.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19, IS THE FINAL opportunity to take the bishop's Pastoral Needs Survey. You can find a link to the survey at our website, and printed surveys also are available at the church office. There is an envelope for paper surveys in the church office.

THE ART OF EVANGELIZATION

through Apologetics is a free, online seminar being offered Oct. 4 - 25 by the Catholic Distance University of Charles Town. Popular author, Catholic radio guest, and instructor Allan F. Wright will run the seminar with the goal of helping attendees gain the confidence to share the Gospel in an engaging and natural way and appreciate why being a credible believer is the most effective apologetic tool.

Thanks to CDU's partnership with the diocese, any parishioner can enroll in the seminar without charge by using the following promotion code at checkout: **CDU20. DIOCESEWC**. Register at cdu.catalog.instructure.com/courses/66849/enrollment/new.

SAVE THE DATE

13th Annual St. George Camporee



October
1st - 3rd



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Catholic Committee on Scouting

Contact: Chris Gorski at

catholiccamporee@aol.com

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

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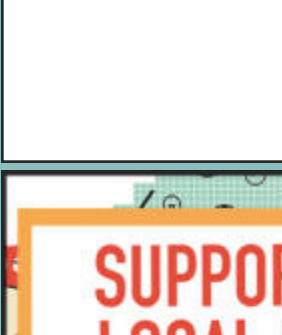
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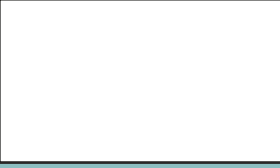
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