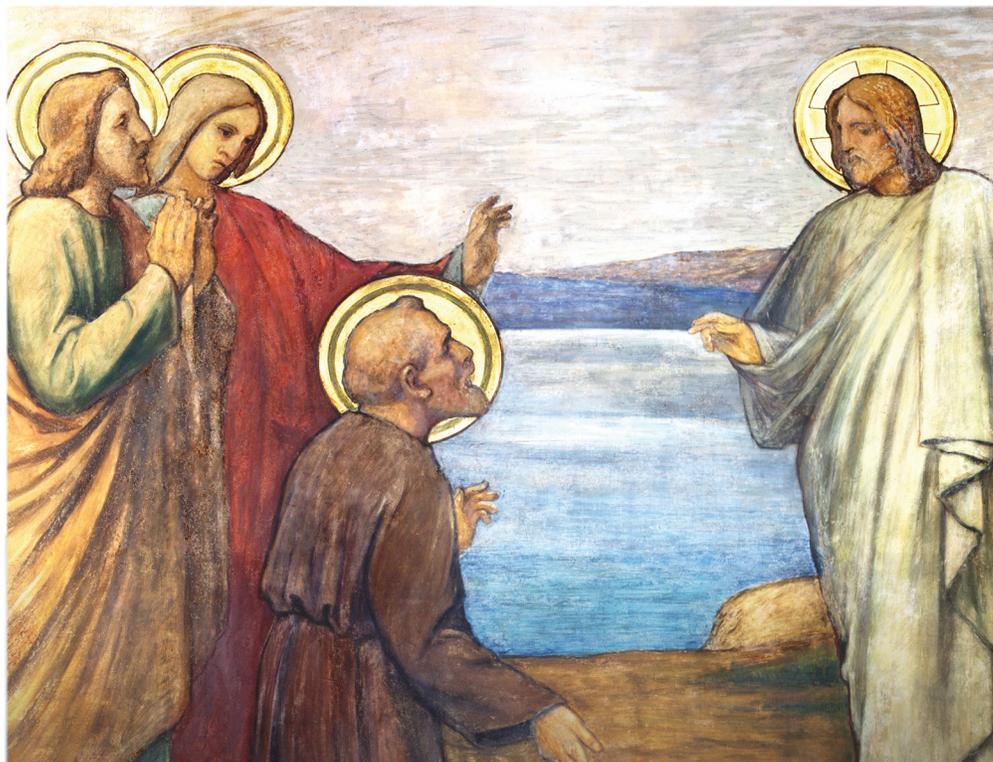


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“Master, to whom shall we go?”

**AUGUST 22, 2021**

21st Sunday Ordinary Time

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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: A REAL, FAIR CHOICE

If you have ever read a book about parenting, you know the power inherent in presenting choices to a child. No matter the method or style, most childrearing gurus worth their salt will tell you that raising kids is all about helping them handle choices. Their life, after all, will surely be full of important ones, large and small, and the parent who seeks to shelter a child from making his own choices is living in denial of that inevitable future. Our God is no different. He is the ultimate father — which is precisely what sets Him apart from false deities. God lets us choose Him. He does not trick us. He does not lie in wait. He does not blackmail or entrap us. He has all

the strength in the universe, but He does not use an ounce of it to force us to do anything. His authority over us is the kind that never chafes because it is entirely divorced from the concept of power. The choice to obey is ours.

In fact, at the single most important moment of salvation history — the Incarnation — He even gave the Blessed Mother a choice. The salvation of humanity hung upon the decision of a teenage girl to obey the will of God, but still, He did not force it upon her.

Ironically, it is the devil who doesn't seem to want to give us a choice — probably because he knows that if we

had a choice, a real and fair choice, we would never decide to be separated from the love of our Creator, the only One in whom our restless hearts can ever find rest. It is the devil who wins souls through deceit and coercion, who preys on feelings of desperation, isolation, and confusion.

In the end, believing in God and following His laws is making choices, and the message for us is the same one that sprang from the lips of Simon Peter in response to Christ: “Master, to whom shall I go? Only you have the words of eternal life.”

*Excerpted from LPI Connect Reflection  
by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*



<b>AUG. 21</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Alberta Klug†</b> on the 50th anniversary of her death <i>Jane Klug</i>
<b>AUG. 22</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Dustin &amp; Brandon Grizzel†</b> <i>Lee &amp; Bob Calabrese</i>
<b>NOON</b>	<b>Charles Freeman†</b>
<b>@ picnic</b>	<i>Sally &amp; Zeke</i>
<b>AUG. 23</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Vucelick Family†</b> <b>Nick Magnone</b> <i>Pam Maxwell</i> <i>Libby Magnone</i>
<b>AUG. 24</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Vince Scarbin†</b> <i>Tex &amp; Theresa Reynolds</i>
<b>AUG. 25</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Bernadine Miller†</b> <b>Joseph Patrello†</b> <i>Porter/Miller families</i> <i>Cathy &amp; Roger Frame</i>
<b>AUG. 26</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Patsy Miller†</b> <i>Karen Robbins</i>
<b>AUG. 27</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Roger &amp; Cathy Frame</b> <i>The Taskalines</i>
<b>AUG. 28</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Vince Scarbin†</b> <i>Suzanne &amp; Bruce</i> <i>Artimez</i>
<b>AUG. 29</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Paul Baum†</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Lew Melchiori†</b> <i>Diserio Family</i>

**'There is no guile in him.'**  
*Bartholomew, apostle of Christ*  
*Feast Day Aug. 24th*

## Bishop “Highly Recommends” Masks

Heeding the urgings of Bishop Brennan, St. Francis will resume distributing hand sanitizer and encouraging parishioners to wear masks as incidences of coronavirus infections continue to surge.

The bishop is also mandating that priests, deacons, and Eucharistic ministers resume wearing masks and following strict hand sanitizing protocols while giving Holy Communion beginning with this weekend’s Masses.

He is not mandating physical distancing or skipping pews.

“I highly recommend that masks be worn, as we saw their effectiveness earlier in the pandemic and they should prove their value once more if we wear them now,” the bishop states in a letter sent via email to clergy Tuesday, Aug. 17.

Masks will be available for those who wish to wear them. Parishioners are asked to provide their own masks if they can.



## Identifying Needs Goal of Survey

The faithful are being asked to share their insights about our diocese using a survey designed to provide deeper understanding of needs throughout the state.

The Pastoral Needs Survey covers a broad range of topics relating to the way we live and experience our faith across the diocese.

As our shepherd, Bishop Brennan desires to listen to God’s people, and the survey will help him gain a deeper understanding of the “hearts, minds, and needs” of the faithful. All are highly encouraged to participate in this unique opportunity to shape the future of the Catholic Church in West Virginia. Parishioners have many options for completing the survey online by using the link at the bottom of this article or at our

website and Facebook page. Paper surveys also will be available at the back of the church.

Contact parishioner Kevin Britt at 304-639-7332 or Fr. Jeeson Stephan at 304-780-2110 if you need more information. Kevin and Fr. Stephan are the diocesan pastoral council members for the Wheeling Vicariate.

[dwc.org/pastoral-needs-survey](http://dwc.org/pastoral-needs-survey)

## SFX Faith Inquiry Nearing

Please be sure to attend our Faith Inquiry session Sunday, Aug. 29, at 9 a.m. in the church.

Fr. That Son will talk about RCIA and how it can help those looking to join the Catholic Church, as well as those who are new, returning, or who missed sacraments.

We hope to see you there!

## Prayer REQUESTS

**Recently Sick:** Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Sara Walters, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Bob Balgo, Mary Stees, Sue Riffle, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Mike Gardill, Richard Targosky Sr., Sandina Leonard.

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

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

*Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.*

**CALENDAR**

Monday Sept. 13	<b>PSR (CCD) REGISTRATION DEADLINE</b> <a href="http://sfxmoundsville.org/PSR-Form">sfxmoundsville.org/ PSR-Form</a>
Mondays until Aug. 30 7 p.m.	<b>INFANT of PRAGUE NOVENA</b> St. Mary's Church Martins Ferry
Monday Aug. 30 6 p.m.	<b>BEREAVEMENT GATHERING</b> St. John Fellowship Hall 622 Main St., Benwood
Tuesday Sept. 21 6:30 p.m.	<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b> Church Hall
Begins Sept. 29 & Sept. 30	<b>EIGHT-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ROMANS</b> Church Hall 6:30 p.m. <a href="http://sfxmoundsville.org/Romans_Registration.pdf">sfxmoundsville.org/ Romans_Registration.pdf</a>
Oct. 7,8,9	<b>CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS</b> <a href="http://instant-scheduling.com">instant-scheduling.com</a>

**SCHEDULES AUGUST 28 & 29**

**LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. D. Evans / L. Magnone  
8:00 a.m. C. Frame / S. Kent  
10:00 a.m. A. Taylor / J. Klug

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Attendance	198

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Contact Mary at 304-810-4380 or 716-207-9146 to learn more or to register. Registration deadline is Sept. 13. Forms are available in the office, the church vestibule, the website under FORMS, or here:

[sfxmoundsville.org/Bible-Study\\_Romans\\_Registration.pdf](http://sfxmoundsville.org/Bible-Study_Romans_Registration.pdf)



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**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.

**PICNICING PARISHIONERS ARE** reminded that Bishop Brennan is highly recommending masks be worn when the faithful of the diocese gather. The diocese experienced no outbreaks during the earlier pandemic, and he asks that we work together to continue this trend as coronavirus illnesses surge throughout the state.

**KNIGHTS COUNCIL 1907 DOES** not want us to wait until Lent for those delicious fish sandwiches and sides, so fish fries will start the second Friday of each month beginning Oct. 15 in Xavier Hall. Proceeds will be divided equally between SFX and Council 1907. Special thanks to Council 1907 and all the volunteers who make the fish fries happen.

**ST. ANTHONY’S IN FOLLANSBEE** will host a five-week series titled “Catholic Beliefs.” The introductory session is Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 6 p.m. at St. Anthony Church. All fees and materials are covered by the diocese. Register with Jeanne McKeets at 304-233-0880 or [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org) no later than Monday, Aug. 23.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**13th Annual St. George Camporee**



**October**  
**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>**



Who: Scouts BSA  
Location: Camp Mountaineer (Morgantown WV)  
Hosted by: The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston  
Catholic Committee on Scouting  
Contact: Chris Gorski at  
[catholiccamporee@aol.com](mailto:catholiccamporee@aol.com)

**All Are Welcome!**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

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

**REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:**

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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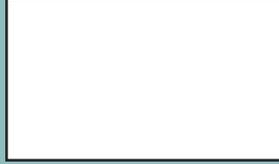
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