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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

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

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

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Duccio's Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew

GOSPEL MEDITATION: REPENTANCE IS BEAUTIFUL

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves

into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well. ©LPI



SATURDAY, JAN. 23

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members
Herbert Yoho Family†
Joanne Ray

SUNDAY, JAN. 24

8:00 a.m. James Campbell†
Saint Vincent
DePaul Society

10:00 a.m. Tom Andrews†
Artimez Family

MONDAY, JAN. 25

8:00 a.m. Mary C. Patrello†
Cathy & Roger Frame

TUESDAY, JAN. 26

8:00 a.m. Mary McKee†
Ellen McCormick

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

8:00 a.m. Christopher Remke†
Phil & Loretta Remke

THURSDAY, JAN. 28

8:00 a.m. Gary Dobbs†
Jan Dobbs

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

8:00 a.m. Thomas Andrews†
Cathy & Roger Frame

SATURDAY, JAN. 30

4:00 p.m. Don Goddard†
Mark & Jane Helfer

SUNDAY, JAN. 31

Sunday of the Word of God

8:00 a.m. Mary McKee†
Paul & Louise Hicks

10:00 a.m. For the People

SUNDAY



“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.” (Col 3:16)

OF THE WORD OF GOD



Forefront Fighters in the Battle Against Poverty Ask: What Would You Do?

If you were in charge of lowering the poverty rate, what would you do? It's an interesting thought experiment, and Catholic Charities of West Virginia wants your opinion. Where should we start? Whatever you can share is welcome here: catholiccharitieswv.salsalabs.org/readerpoll. As you ponder the question, consider the following:

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (an office of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) reports that the national poverty rate is 13.1%. In West Virginia, that number is even higher at 17.9%. So that means that almost 18% of West Virginians are struggling with things like:

- not enough to eat
- inability to afford living expenses
- unstable housing
- lack of transportation
- difficulty working and/or learning

Because these statistics are not theoretical, it is so important to remind ourselves that there are actual faces attached to these vague numbers. During Poverty Awareness Month we need to especially remember that people are our greatest gifts and most valuable assets.

As Catholics and people of goodwill, our eyes are open. We strive to really see our brothers and sisters who are vulnerable. We constantly ask ourselves: “Is poverty acceptable?” Since Jesus has told us poverty is not acceptable, we must next ask the question: “What should we do about it?”

Poverty is a complex issue that society has been trying to solve for centuries. There are many factors at play, and it is incredibly difficult to untangle every aspect. Becoming fully “aware” of its complexity is the first step to deciding what to do about it.

Is there a “silver bullet” solution? Many will say “no” and point out that poverty dates back to ancient times. In the Christian gospel of John, Jesus says to his disciple Judas: “You will always have the poor among you.” Yet many others disagree, saying guaranteed income is the targeted solution.

We need to take a next step and truly think about poverty, analyze it, and share those thoughts with those on the front lines of fighting the battle for everyone. Consider taking part in that process in writing to CCWV.

Folio: SpotlightOnPoverty.org; NPR.org; CCWV; USCCB/CCHD

Prayer REQUESTS

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Eleanor Smith, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Sara Walters, Bill Fowkes, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Mike Morris, Sami Wilson, Bob Kleinedler, Kathryn Ferrera, Cindy Gunto.

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

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Marie Lohri, Bill Tennant, Ron Jaworski, Raymond Pennybacker, Helen Remke, Barb Meyer.

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

Calendar of Events

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| Wednesday, Feb 3 | Bible Study: The Prophets 5:30 p.m. in the Church hall |
| Monday, Feb. 1 to Friday, April 30 | DWC Tuition Assistant Application Period (Phase One) |
| Saturday, March 20 | Discernment Retreat St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston |
| Consecutive Mondays until March 22 7 p.m. | Infant of Prague Novena Our Lady of Peace Church |

LECTORS

- Jan. 30** 4:00 p.m. **D. Evans**
- Jan. 31** 8:00 a.m. **L. Remke**
10:00 a.m. **C. Kesselring**

OFFERING JAN. 10, 2021

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| Envelopes | \$2,273.00 |
| Loose Offering | \$154.00 |
| Church Repair | \$505.00 |
| Xavier Hall | \$130.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary | \$45.00 |
| Memorial | \$25.00 |
| Online Giving | \$25.40 |
| Attendance | 120 |

"Live simply, so that all may simply live."

--St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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John holds a picture of himself as a toddler.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

to parishioner John Bierce. 97 Years ... 1,164 Months ... 5,044 Weeks ... 35,405 Days ... 50,983,200 Minutes ... All added up for Jan. 26, 2021!

We hope many of you are able to take time to send John best wishes on his special day!

THE YEARLY INFANT OF PRAGUE

Novena at Our Lady of Peace Church in Wheeling is being held every Monday at 7 p.m. and continuing for nine consecutive Mondays, ending on March 22.

Area priests will be guest homilists as worship and praise is given to the Divine Infant of Prague.

OUR CHURCH'S COLLECTION

of Bible study DVDs is available to parishioners to borrow. Stop in or call the office to reserve a title. We can deliver if you need it.

A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR

the Church in Latin America will be offered next weekend, Jan. 30 and Jan. 31. This collection supports pastoral programs throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, including evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, youth ministry and catechesis.

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.



THE 2021 MARCH FOR LIFE WILL

now be taking place virtually. This year's virtual march is planned for Jan. 29. Participants may follow the event at marchforlife.org.

The March for Life Education and Defense Fund, which organizes the annual event in Washington D.C., decided a virtual event was in order because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and risk of unrest in the nation's capital.

An in-person presence will still march in Washington D.C., but those people will be confined to a small number of pro-life leaders who will represent the movement.

Check the March for Life website for additional information and for changes to state marches.

WE WISH VISITING SEMINARIANS

Alan de Almeida, at left, and Jose Miguel Serafini good fortune as they move on to new assignments with The Neocatechumenal Way.



Alan is continuing his mission in Washington D.C., and Jose Miguel will continue his work in New Mexico. Thank you to Alan and Jose Miguel for spending time with us! We pray God hears our prayer for these men who have chosen to follow him. May their devotion remain strong.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

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