THE TWO

SHALL BECOME ONE
October 7, 2018 • Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

We hear in the Letter to the Hebrews that Christ is made one with us in his suffering—“He ‘for a little while’ was made ‘lower than the angels,’ that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.” “He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them ‘brothers [and sisters].’”

We are all made in the image of God, and therefore are one in Christ. We sometimes forget that Christ is our brother as well as our Lord. The love he has for us is faithful and never ending. “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife.” For “God made them male and female,” equal in love and respect for one another.

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME

Jesus’ love extends not only to adults. It extends not only to those in loving and respectful marriages, but extends to all people, especially children big and little. The disciples tried to prevent parents from bringing their children to Jesus for a blessing. Jesus rebuked the disciples and said, “Let the children come to me . . . for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” His teachings always emphasized humility and trust, and he held up these children as the best examples. “Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” Children are by nature curious and humble; they know that they are small and depend on their parents for everything. Likewise, we must be humble and recognize that we are small before God and depend on God for everything in our lives that is good. To have this attitude is to look for the kingdom of God and to be ready to enter it. And, like the children, we will be blessed by Jesus and welcomed into his arms.

Today’s Readings: Gn 2:16–24; Ps 128:1–2, 3, 4–5, 6; Heb 2:9–11; Mk 10:2–16 [2–12]

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MASS SCHEDULE:
Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
           Sunday - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
Holy Day Mass Schedule: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):
Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
By appointment. Contact the Parish House at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents. Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (C.C.D.):
Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:
Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office.
WEEKLY SCHEDULES

**Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:**
- 10/13 4:00 p.m. Danny Prado/ M. Taskalines
- 10/14 8:00 a.m. Rose Hess/ John Hess
- 10/14 10:00 a.m. C. King/ J. Klug

**Altar Servers:**
- 10/13 4:00 p.m. Volunteer
- 10/14 8:00 a.m. Laberde family
- 10/14 10:00 a.m. Swift, Blatt

**Gift Bearers:**
- 10/13 4:00 p.m. Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump
- 10/14 8:00 a.m. Mark Hitt
- 10/14 10:00 a.m. Georgia Pettit

**Sacristy Cleaners:** Week of October 8, 2018
- Judy Mysliwiec & Kitty Pazyk

**Greeters:**
- 10/13 4:00 p.m. Joan Lemasters/ Mary Taskalines
- 10/14 8:00 a.m. Bridget Scarbin/ Lottie Durbin
- 10/14 10:00 a.m. Butch & Linda Miller

**Bingo October 12, 2018**
- Raffle – John & Loretta Niemiec
- Kitchen – Daunel Gump/ Pam Ryan

**LOVING MEMORY CANDLE**
A perfect remembrance for all Souls Day is a candle provided with the names of the deceased. Candles will be available to purchase at the Church Office Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. To 3 p.m. Donation : $5.00
Deadline for orders is October 28.
For more information call the Church office.

Everyone had a wonderful time in Sugarcreek. Thank you Mary Taskalines for making this possible.

Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the family of:

**John Burda Jr.**

May he rest in peace.

**COLLECTION: September 23, 2018**
- Envelopes - $1990.00
- Loose Offering - $1062.00
- Building Repairs - $15.00
- Xavier Hall - $50.00
- Memorial Offerings - $35.00
- Pennies for God - $13.55
- Attendance - 281

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— Mark 10:14
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beside the tabernacle burns this week
In honor of
Bob & Bernadine Miller
Requested by Miller/Porter Families

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- **Oct 7 - 9** - 40 Hours Devotion
- **Oct 9** - 2019 Mass Book opens
- **Oct 12** - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 11 to 5
- **Oct 20** - West Virginians for Life Convention
- **Oct 23** - Parish Council meeting 6:30 pm
- **Nov 2** - Memorial Mass
- **Dec 2** - St. Francis Xavier Feast Day Celebration
- **Jan 26** - World Youth Day

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**Celebrate Respect Life Month**

You're invited to join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month this October with the message "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent"!

Learn more at www.usccb.org/respectlife.

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**West Virginians for Life**

**State Convention**

- **October 20, 2018**
- **10:00 to 3:00**
- At Trinity Assembly of God
- 70 Maranatha Drive, Fairmont, WV

The annual Teen Day Camp will also be held and childcare will be available upon request in advance.
For info: 304-594-9845

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**Cathedral to Host—40 Hours Devotion**

**In Reparation for Sins and for Healing**

- **October 7-9**

This prolonged time of Eucharistic Adoration is meant to provide the opportunity to offer prayers for reparation and healing—healing of victims of sexual abuse and for the healing of the Catholic Church.

The 40-Hours Devotion at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph will begin with a Solemn Opening Mass followed by an outdoor Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, October 7 at 10:30 am. The church will remain open each day until midnight. On Monday and Tuesday, the church will be opened for adoration at 6:00 a.m. There will be numerous opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Tuesday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Solemn Closing Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins, followed by a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/ST. FRANCIS**

**FISH FRY IN XAVIER HALL**

The Knights of Columbus and St. Francis Xavier Parish will sponsor a Fish Fry on the second Friday of every month until the Lenten Season. Starting date is **FRIDAY OCT. 12, 11 to 5**

**MENU:** Fish, Fires, Cole Slaw, Pierogi, Macaroni & Cheese, Drinks, Homemade Desserts

Workers and baked goods are needed! Contact Greg Green 304-238-3621 or Cork Potts 304-845-2686 if you are willing to help or drop off baked goods or supplies at the church office.

**DONATIONS NEEDED:**

- Aluminum foil, large and small paper plates, 8 oz. foam cups, small foam bowls, Velveeta cheese, macaroni, cans of pop, bottled water, and homemade desserts.

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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,**
**FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

**Prayer Request:** Sarah Walters, Joe Cuchta, Christy Klug, Kimberly Peffley, Gary Rine, Patty Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler, Joanna Bierce, Don McCormick, Joe & Sue Church, Helen Cuchta, Kenny Blake, Chris Colby, Richard Timko, Maggie Yeater; **Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick; **Nursing Home:** Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Gladys Holmes, Thelma Gitlin, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt.