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Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Saturday - 4 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

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

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Artwork: The Sermon of the Beatitudes

James Tissot (1836-1902)

<https://www.jamestissot.org/>

GOSPEL MEDITATION: QUESTIONING IS THE ANSWER

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can cause us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Sometimes we even choose asking no questions at all. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions.

It all gets messy, but the search is so important to living. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human

beings also embark on a search for God. Discovery allows life's ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing and totally unconditional love of God! Then when life's challenges and difficulties abound, when heartache becomes the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life's ironies and tensions, holding them together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not

things we would normally associate with being God's friends. But they are. In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus' message so intriguing. Don't give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one's faith. But it's the only way to deepen it.

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FEB. 12	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	For the sick of our Parish
FEB. 13	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Annalyn Liette <i>Randy, Kathy, & Grant Swift</i>
10:00 a.m.	Shad Fromhart† <i>Joyce Fromhart</i>
FEB. 14	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	Semon Prado† <i>Toni & Bob Eaton</i>
FEB. 15	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Veronica Morgan† <i>St. Francis Bible Study Group</i>
FEB. 16	WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.	To honor and thank St. Anthony <i>Diana Barker (Barker/Thomas families)</i>
FEB. 17	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	James & Agnes Gardill† <i>Tex & Theresa Reynolds</i>
FEB. 18	FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	Philip Remke <i>Loretta Remke</i>
FEB. 19	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Harold Ray† <i>Joanne Ray</i>
FEB. 20	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	For the needs of all families
10:00 a.m.	Pat Kleinedler† <i>Bob and the kids</i>

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

St. Cyril, Holy Founders Servite Order
<https://www.catholic.org/saints/>



Favorite Saints Series

BLACK HISTORY MONTH Meet Church Leaders of African Descent

As part of Black History Month, we are joining the call to celebrate six Americans of African descent who are on the road to sainthood. So far, there are no American saints of African descent.



Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1776-1853)

Toussaint came to America a slave and became one of America's first wealthy, black entrepreneurs. He used his wealth to support the Church and the poor, and he and his wife sheltered in their home orphans, refugees, and the homeless. He founded one of New York's first orphanages and raised money for the city's first cathedral.



Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange (1784-1882)

Elizabeth led the creation of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first religious congregation of African American women in the Church. The congregation educated and evangelized African Americans, educated youth, and provided a home for orphans. They also nursed the terminally ill during the cholera epidemic of 1832 and sheltered the elderly.



Venerable Henriette Delille (1813-1862)

Henriette greatly suffered throughout her life, but she practiced heroic virtue. She taught that sanctity can be attained in following the path of Jesus. In this manner she dealt with troubles to achieve her goals. God blessed her in the founding of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family.



Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton (1854-1897)

"Good Father Gus" was the first U.S. Roman Catholic priest publicly known to be black. A former slave who was baptized and reared Catholic, Tolton formally studied in Rome. He led the creation of St. Monica's Catholic Church as a black "National Parish Church," and his success at ministering to black Catholics quickly earned him national attention within the Catholic hierarchy.



Servant of God Julia Greeley (1833 & 1848-1918)

Julia was born into slavery and entered the Church at Sacred Heart Parish in Denver. She was an outstanding servant to the parish, and the Jesuits there considered her the most enthusiastic promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus they had ever seen. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active until her death in 1918.



Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA (1937-1990)

Thea converted to Catholicism as a child—inspired by Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and missionary servants who were her teachers and pastors. During her short lifetime, many people considered her a religious sister undeniably close to God who lovingly invited others to encounter Him in their lives. She is acclaimed as a "holy woman" by those who seek her intercession.

Learn more about each candidate here:
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/african-american-affairs/road-sainthood-leaders-african-descent>

Prayer REQUESTS

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

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

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Annalyn Liette, Mike Gardill, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Celeste Evans, Ted Scarbin, Debbie Hand, Georgia Pettit, Lida Schellhase.

CALENDAR

Saturday Feb. 12 5 - 7 p.m. XAVIER HALL	VALENTINE'S FAMILY DANCE & PIZZA PARTY JUST SHOW UP ALL ARE WELCOME!
Wednesday Feb. 16 6:30 p.m.	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Church Hall
Ash Wednesday (March 2) Xavier Hall	LENTEN FISH FRIES BEGIN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Weekend of March 5	GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND Xavier Hall
Wednesday morning March 9 Thursday evening March 10	EXODUS: CALLED TO FREEDOM 10-week Bible Study Church Hall DEADLINE FOR SIGNUPS - FEB. 20
Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	LINE DANCING WITH LOTTIE VFW Moundsville

SCHEDULES FEB. 19 & 20

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. **M. Hitt / M. Taskalines**
8:00 a.m. **R. Hess / J. Hess**
10:00 a.m. **C. King / L. Yoho**

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Candles	\$14.00
Online Giving	\$725.40
Attendance	192

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STOMP YOUR FEET

In Matthew 10:14 the disciples are encouraged by Jesus to "shake off the dust of your feet." But, we all know if Jesus spent a winter in Moundsville He would be telling us to shake the snow (and salt) off our feet. You will notice rugs in our entrances: please feel free to shake, stomp, or dance to your heart's content as you come into church. Protect our beautiful wooden floor!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AN INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE

and celebration offered by the Congregation for Caring on Thursday, Feb. 17, at Vance Memorial Church on National Road in Wheeling.

The service begins at 5:30 p.m., and prayer leaders will be Rabbi Joshua Lief, Bishop Mark Brennan, Rev. Erica Harley, and Rev. Marshall Davis.

The Congregation of Caring is a communitywide cooperative of faith communities that serves to raise awareness of the growing need for charitable health care options. Their efforts support and celebrate Wheeling Health Right.



WE WILL BE TAKING UP

a special collection this weekend for Church Missions Within the United States. Giving provides grants to dioceses throughout the United States for evangelization of Blacks and Indians. It also strengthens the church in 85 Latin and other ethnic dioceses in the United States and its territories.

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 POPE WANTS TO SEE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN LISBON!

SFX Parish is offering nine high school to college-aged parish youths \$1,000 to apply to the cost of attending World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, from July 13 through Aug. 9 of 2023. The diocese is coordinating a group to attend, and we would love to see some students from SFX join. The cost per person is \$3,500 and includes all expenses. This is the 38th year for the pilgrimage, which brings together ages 18 - 35 to discern the Faith and join a gathering with Pope Francis. Please visit the diocese's trip website for details, including fundraising suggestions.

dwc.org/diocese/ministries/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/youth-ministry/world-youth-day-2023/

THE CHRIST IS ALIVE! ESSAY CONTEST DEADLINE IS NEARING,

but there is still time for our parish youths in grades 3 - 8 to try winning cash prizes. Students enrolled in Catholic school or Parish School of Religion are eligible. All they have to do is describe in one page a moment they felt close to God. **Essays are due March 31.** Visit the link below for specific guidelines and rules from contest sponsors Communication Center:

www.comcenter.com/christisalive.

PLANS ARE IN THE OFFING FOR

a trip to the big city (Pittsburgh!) in April. If you are interested in seeing a production of Riverdance at the Benedum, let Father know. Stay tuned for details.

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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