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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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GOSPEL MEDITATION: BE ATTENTIVE TO HIS CALL

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call.

Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel

ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas, and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 16

4:00 p.m. James Campbell†
Jim Burke

SUNDAY, JAN. 17

8:00 a.m. Thomas Brent Andrews†
Jim & Marlene Lawther

10:00 a.m. Regina Gonchoff†
Dean & Gina Hoops

MONDAY, JAN. 18

8:00 a.m. Judy Patrello†
Family

TUESDAY, JAN. 19

8:00 a.m. James Campbell†
Terry & Christine McDonald

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20

8:00 a.m. Alyssa Thomas
Jim & Diana Barker

THURSDAY, JAN. 21

8:00 a.m. Urban Klug†
Jane Klug

FRIDAY, JAN. 22

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth A. Magnone†
Libby Magnone

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

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for more than 100 years has joined Christians around the world in an octave of prayer for visible unity. WPCU is Monday, Jan. 18 - 25.



Learn more at the website below:

www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/international-week-prayer-Christian-unity



Justice and Rebuilding Together Themes of Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

For more than 30 years, the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering has brought together hundreds of participants whose faith inspires them to address pressing current challenges affecting our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in America and around the world.

As Poverty Awareness Month continues, this year's gathering of social ministry leaders will join in interactive virtual sessions **Feb. 6 - 9** to pray, learn, and advocate together on the disparities revealed by Covid-19 and new ways to address social justice and equality.

This year's theme is *make justice your aim* (cf. *Is. 1:17*): *Rebuilding Together*, and CSMG is hoping Catholics worldwide will participate.

Catholic Social Ministry Gathering at USCCB takes you to link to register. **The cost is \$50, and partial financial assistance is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline to apply for financial assistant is Jan. 19.**

Pope Francis continues to discuss how pandemic has exposed the plight of the poor and the great inequality that reigns in the world.

"The virus, while it does not distinguish between people, has found in its devastating path, great inequalities and discrimination. And it has exacerbated them!" he says. "On the one hand, it is essential to find a cure

for this small but terrible virus, which has brought the whole world to its knees. On the other, we must also cure a larger virus, that of social injustice, inequality of opportunity, marginalization, and the lack of protection for the weakest."

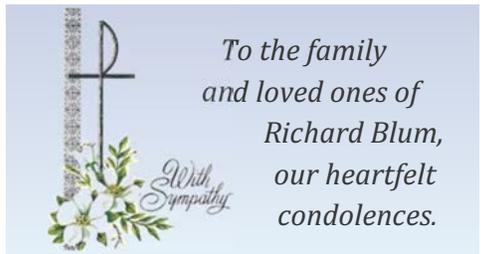
Catholic social teaching is built on a commitment to the poor that arises from our experiences of Christ in the Eucharist. It is central and essential

VIRTUAL GATHERING INCLUDES:
WORKSHOPS with policy experts and grassroots community leaders
INTENTIONAL opportunities for best practice-sharing among participants
RESOURCES from dozens of Catholic social ministry organizations
ADVOCACY visits with elected officials

to our faith. Its roots are in the Hebrew prophets who announced God's special love for the poor and called God's people to a covenant of love and justice. It is a teaching founded on the life and words

of Jesus Christ, who came "to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives ... recovery of sight to the blind" (Lk 4:18-19), and who identified himself with "the least of these," the hungry and the stranger (cf. Mt 25:45).

The USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development collaborated with 16 national Catholic organizations to create this CSMG.



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.

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

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Jan. 20	Bible Study: The Prophets 5:30 p.m. in the Church hall
Monday, Feb. 1 to Friday, April 30	DWC Tuition Assistant Grant Request Period (Phase One)
Saturday, March 20	Discernment Retreat St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston

LECTORS

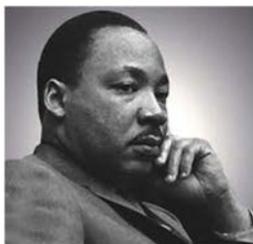
Jan. 23	4:00 p.m.	Mark Hitt
Jan. 24	8:00 a.m.	R. Patrone
	10:00 a.m.	L. Niemiec

OFFERINGS JAN. 3, 2021

Envelopes	\$2,498.00
Loose Offering	\$190.00
Church Repair	\$60.00
Xavier Hall	\$380.00
Catholic Charities	\$80.00
Christmas:	\$60.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$672.00
Giving Tuesday	\$70.00
Memorial	\$360.00
Online Giving	\$277.90
Attendance	127

JAN. 10, 2021

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



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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 will deliver if you are unable to come in. The titles available:

- * A Quick Journey Through the Bible
- * The Bible Time Line
- * Lectio Divina Prayer
- * The Psalms
- * Ephesians
- * Matthew's Gospel
- * Acts of the Apostles
- * The Mass
- * A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Virgin
- * John's Gospel

FOR THE 30TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR,

the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable. Any student enrolled or accepted at a Diocesan Catholic school is eligible. You can apply online at www.factsmgt.com. Applications open Feb. 1 and close April 30. Deadlines are firm.

Calling All Parish Ping Pong Players!



Santa brought us a foldable, tournament-style ping pong table! Although our *Parish Ping Pong Pandemic Policy* is presently under review, feel free to call Father if you are interested in testing your skills against our current men's champion--Allen, our visiting Brazilian seminarian. He is itching to play. You can also let us know if you just want to play with a friend.

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.

Happily Ever After ...



Congratulations and our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fitzsimmons, who exchanged wedding vows Jan. 9 in the church. Michelle is the daughter of Charles and Cindy Jackson,

and Arthur is the son of James and Robin Fitzsimmons.

May God bless Michelle and Arthur abundantly in love, joy, and happiness as they begin their new life together.

DO YOU DESIRE A LIFE OF

sacrifice and faithful service to God and His people? Do you desire to give yourself to God completely? The annual diocesan Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat will be held Saturday, March 20, at the Pope St. John XXIII Pastoral Center (100 Hodges Rd, Charleston, W.Va. 25314) from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. This event is for men 18 years and older who are open to reflecting on God's will for them in their lives. The day will consist of Holy Mass, prayer, reflections on the priesthood, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. Those interested please call Rick Teachout at (304) 233-0880 ext. 442 or e-mail teachout@dwc.org.

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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