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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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GOSPEL MEDITATION: THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S VOICE

What does Jesus' voice sound like to you?

There are many voices that call for our attention throughout the day. We find ourselves being pulled in hundreds of directions trying our best to give our full attention to those voices and addressing their needs. Jesus' voice is that tiny, still voice that speaks in the silence of the heart, which is the organ to hear his voice, not the mind and not the ears. It does not demand our attention, but patiently waits for our attention to be given. His voice speaks nothing else but

love, but our hearts drown out his voice because the other voices are clanging and clamoring, and our tendency is to go where the volume is loudest because it is certain, not where the volume is softest.

As one matures in the spiritual life, they discover the voices that call for our attention can be whittled down to three: the voice of the world, the voice of the Evil one, and the voice of God. It takes time to learn how to discern among these, but this skill is of utmost importance for us to navigate the

complexities of the modern world and of our daily lives. Having regular faith conversations with a men's or women's sharing group is certainly helpful, as is seeing a spiritual director regularly. But most importantly, this skill is learned in moments of personal prayer. It is in these moments, when the heart finally seeks the Lord, He will speak. When you've listened, then act. Do what He tells you. Follow the example of the Good Shepherd, who did His Father's will.

Excerpted: Br. John-Marmion Villa



MAY 7	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Philip E. "Flip" Patrello† <i>Kathleen Patrello</i>
MAY 8	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Prado <i>Danny Prado</i>
10:00 a.m.	Ashley Miller† <i>Butch & Linda Miller</i>
MAY 9	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	Semon Prado† <i>Jane Klug</i>
MAY 10	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Frank & Jenny Novel† <i>Bob & Theresa (Novel) Baker</i>
MAY 11	WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Frank Gayda† <i>Grace Gayda</i>
MAY 12	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	Janice Anderson† <i>Julie & Ruth Anderson</i>
MAY 13	FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	Veronica Morgan† <i>Ellen McCormick</i>
MAY 14	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Mary & Phil Skvarka† <i>Phil Skvarka Jr.</i>
MAY 15	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Bill Termin† <i>Termin Family</i>
10:00 a.m.	Phil & Loretta Remke 40th Anniversary <i>Loretta Remke</i>

USUAL MASS STIPENDS
 Weekdays - \$10 per Mass
 Weekends - \$20 per Mass
 Sanctuary Candle - \$10 a week

Mother's Day

A Mother's Day Reflection from Father ...

For the very start, I want every mother to know that in the eyes of God she is loved and treasured, those who tried to have children and were unable, and those who have children to hold in their arms. We give thanks to God for every single mother.

Two weeks ago I had the privilege to usher a gentle mother's soul to God, so I thought to share some of these words from her children.

"We give thanks to God for every single mother."

Melanee (with 2 ee's) said: My mom is a loving mom, a patient mom, the most caring mom ever. I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for Mom. She begged me for four years to take the entrance exam for nursing. I didn't have confidence in myself to take the test, but Mom did and pushed me. They took 16 applicants out of 150, and I was one of them. I thank Mom to this day for the push she gave me into my career.

Jay Bierce said: My mom Joanna taught me how to sew at a very young age. It has carried over still today, from all the things I make out of leather from the "passport belt bag" that has taken me to Israel several times to my buckskins, which have taken me to many places. So I guess by Mom teaching me how to sew, she has made me a world traveler.

Jay's wife complimented her mother in law of 40 years. She is

most grateful to her for raising Jay. Linda says: Without Joanna, I would not have my loving husband and my three most beautiful children and grandchildren. She taught me to bake when I ran a small baking business. She made the most delicious pies. And when she went about her household chores, I dearly loved to hear her sing.

Kim reflected that for many years she can remember staying up with her mom breaking beans, hurrying to get the job done then spending the next day canning them. Kim was so glad to see all the jars of beans lined up on the table. But for the last couple of years she had to can the beans herself. How long it took, and how many jars she had to do. Her mom would patiently comment what a great job that was. Kim never knew how much she would miss canning green beans with her mom, Joanna.

On this Mother's Day, I wish you a very happy day, because you are the reflection of God to us. Please say a little prayer for your mother that God may hold her close to His heart.

The Sanctuary Candle
 beside the tabernacle burns
 this week for
Tracey Mason

Prayer REQUESTS

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

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

Recently Sick: Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Annalyn Liette, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Georgia Pettit, Lida Schellhase, Carmina Oakland, Bob Shutler, Joe Church, Joseph Grampa, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Suzy Lunau, Dean Hoops

CALENDAR

Mondays & Thursdays	EXODUS BIBLE STUDY Church Hall
CAMP CARLO EARLY-BIRD RATE DEADLINE THURSDAY - JUNE 1 CampCarlowv.org	
Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	LINE DANCING WITH LOTTIE VFW Moundsville
Tuesday May 10 6:30 p.m.	PARISH COUNCIL Church Hall
Thursday & Friday June 16 & 17	TRIP TO LANCASTER, PA., TO SEE DAVID
Wednesday June 22 — Sunday June 26	W.VA. OBSERVANCE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

SCHEDULES MAY 14 & 15

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. Mark Hitt / Julie Fecat

8:00 a.m. Rose Hess / John Hess

10:00 a.m. Loretta Niemiec
/ Jane Klug

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 p.m. Please Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Kent Family

10:00 a.m. Please Volunteer

SACRISTY

Suzanne Artimez / Ellen McCormick

OFFERING APRIL 24, 2022

Envelopes	\$2,973.00
Loose Offering	\$453.00
Church Repair	\$15.00
Xavier Hall	\$35.00
Diocesan	\$35.00
Easter	\$190.00
Memorial Gifts	\$25.00
Online Giving	\$30.40
Attendance	205

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAW

another great year for their Lenten fish fries, and our parish is using most of its half of the earnings to help people who are in need.

We are pleased to report that our half from the Knights is \$8,600, and \$3,000 is already at work giving direct aid to Ukrainians through the mission work of Fr. Jason Charron of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Wheeling. Fr. Charron is on his second trip to Ukraine to put supplies directly into the hands of the needy.

Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul received \$1,000, and the Sisters of The Child Jesus, the religious community of Sister Agatha, received \$2,000. SVDP has been helping the needy in our own backyard for more than 50 years, and the sisters are dedicated to the education and training of underprivileged school children.

Thanks to our dedicated and hardworking Knights.

JOIN BISHOP MARK BRENNAN

in an Ecumenical Prayer Service for Survivors of Abuse at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, at the Wheeling Park Amphitheater.

Local clergy participating are Rev. Darrell Cummings; Rev. Erica Harley; Rev. Ken Hardway; Pastor Marshall Davis; Rabbi Joshua Lief; Rev. Jacob (Jake) Steele, and Fr. Joshua Saxe. Those attending will also have the opportunity to learn about local organizations dedicated to assisting survivors from Laurie Jones, executive director of YWCA Wheeling; Ashley Carpenter, Upper Ohio Valley Sexual Assault Help Center; Chris Frizzell, victim witness coordinator for the U.S. Attorney's Office-Northern District of W.Va.; and Adam Marquart, founder of the Confraternity of St. Nicholas.

MANY THANKS TO CALEB LUCAS, Kitty Pazyk's grandson, for coming to our parish and trimming the hedges around the church. We greatly appreciate that Caleb took time out during his college break to help us with this work.

FR. DONEY WILL CELEBRATE weekday Masses for this week only. In case of emergency, please contact him at (1) 681-404-2033. Fr. That Son will be away for the next two weeks.

PLEASE JOIN US THE WEEKEND of May 14—15 to hear Fr. John M. Cooney speak at all our Masses about *FOOD FOR THE POOR*, a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Fr. Cooney will share personal witness about the mission and its work caring for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love another.

Fr. Cooney served as the diocesan director for Cursillo and as a pastor in the Archdiocese of Hartford. He also served as chaplain for the Connecticut State Police and Fire departments.

We look forward to welcoming Fr. Cooney to St. Francis.

WILD & WONDERFUL FOR A CURE

 is the theme for Marshall County's 2022 Relay for Life fundraiser to support cancer research. The event is

planned for Friday, June 17, from 6 - 11:30 p.m. in the north parking lot of John Marshall High School.

You can register for our parish team at acevents.org, and Lottie Durbin is selling luminaria and purple yard flags for \$5. Call her at 304-845-4011. These items also will be sold closer to the event in the church vestibule.

Keep an eye out in the bulletin for more information coming soon.



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