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24th Sunday Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

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

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

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

STAFF

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: TAKING UP THE CROSS

We've all experienced it: life was wonderful and everything seemed to be going along smoothly. Life was moving forward with no conflicts or stress. And then, *it* happened. A phone call reporting an accident or death. Your child or parent has gotten sick. A job has been lost ... Whatever *it* was, things changed for you and your family. There was no going back to before.

I imagine that Peter and the Apostles experienced that same sinking feeling when they heard Jesus say that he would have to suffer and die. After all, things had been going so well for Jesus and his friends as they traveled from town to town, teaching the crowds and healing the sick. This Sunday's gospel falls at the half-way point of Mark's Gospel and signals a turning point as Jesus begins his journey to

Jerusalem, where he will eventually suffer betrayal, rejection, and torture, before dying on a cross.

For Peter and many of Jesus' other followers, the Christos — the Messiah or "anointed one" — would be the long-awaited king who would bring justice and prosperity to the oppressed People of Israel. But Jesus makes it clear that he is not that kind of messiah and his followers won't enjoy royal privileges.

Jesus explains that, if those traveling with him are to be true disciples, they will have to imitate his example: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

By telling us to "take up" our cross, Jesus isn't saying that we have to meekly submit

to unfair treatment and suffering or embrace a blind "offer it up" sort of spirituality. While there may be opportunities for grace, "the cross" is not illness, sad events, or even disaster.

There is nothing particularly Christian about many of the challenges we face in daily life. As we embrace the cross and accept the consequences of following Jesus the Christ, we can find comfort and strength in the knowledge that the cross was not the end for Jesus and it is not the end of our story either. Jesus conquered death. The Resurrection transforms the cross — his and ours — into a sign of hope and life. "Whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it," He says.

Bro. Silas Henderson, S.D.S.

WORSHIP & OUTREACH

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPT. 11 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Lena Klug†
Joan Klug

SEPT. 12 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Vince Scarbin†
Ralbusky & Beck Family

10:00 a.m. Megan Freeland
Roskovensky

Latrisha C. Whitelatch

SEPT. 13 - SEPT. 17

No 8:00 a.m. WEEKDAY MASSES

SEPT. 18 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Barbara Hitt Myers†
Oakland Family

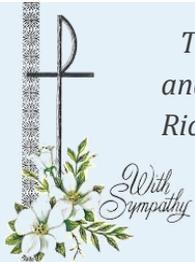
SEPT. 19 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Ronald Jaworsky†
Family

10:00 a.m. Vince Scarbin†

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THE MASS BOOK FOR 2022
OPENS OCT. 1



To the family
and loved ones of
Richard Targosky Sr.,
our heartfelt
condolences.



Banns of Marriage
St. Francis Xavier Church

Emily Ruth Yocum
and

Joshua Lee Varner
will unite in the sacrament
of marriage Sept. 25, 2021

Alyssa Hedrick
And

Kyle Pytlak
will unite in the sacrament
of marriage Nov. 20, 2021

Mass Begins Pilgrimage

Fr. That Son officially began his pilgrimage to Turkey, Greece, and Egypt with a Mass Tuesday, Sept. 7, for the parishioners of St. Francis at the Cathedral of The Holy Spirit in Istanbul. Father had the great honor for the Mass to use a chalice given to the Cathedral by Pope Francis.

The pilgrimage group also visited Hagia Sophia, which was built in the 6th century as a Catholic church and the first with a dome. It now serves as a mosque.

More pilgrimage news next week!



Top Left: Father in the pulpit at the Cathedral.
Top right: Father consecrating the Eucharist.
Middle Left: The chalice given by Pope Francis.
Bottom right: Father's view inside Hagia Sophia.



FOOD FOR THE POOR

Priest Will Share Work of Mission With Parish

Please join us the weekend of Sept. 18 to hear Rev. Stephen J. Blum speak at all our services about Food for the Poor and the direct relief it provides throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Blum will share personal witness about the mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Blum attended the Pontifical College Josephinum and was ordained for the Diocese of Toledo in June 1976. He also studied

Spanish in Mexico and received a master's from the University of Notre Dame. Fr. Blum developed a relationship with FFP in 1997, and his heart for the destitute led him to Haiti to build clinics and schools. Fr. Blum also set up an educational fund for Haitian students to attend university and trade schools.



WE ARE TAKING UP A
collection this weekend
to benefit the Diocese of
Wheeling Charleston
scholarship fund.

Prayer REQUESTS

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

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

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa,
Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho,
Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami
Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle
Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Bob Balgo,
Mary Stees, Sue Riffle, Judith Harbert,
Megan Freeland Roskovensky,
Annalyn Liette, Mike Gardill, Sandina
Leonard, Sandye Yoho, Jo Estep.

CALENDAR

Begins Monday Sept. 13 7 p.m.	INFANT of PRAGUE NOVENA St. Joseph Cathedral (Concludes Nov. 8)
Monday Sept. 13	PSR (CCD) DEADLINE REGISTRATION sfxmoundsville.org/PSR-Form
Tuesday Sept. 21 6:30 p.m.	PARISH COUNCIL Church Hall
Begins Sept. 29 & Sept. 30	EIGHT-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ROMANS Church Hall 6:30 p.m. sfxmoundsville.org/Romans_Registration.pdf
Oct. 1	2022 MASS BOOK OPENS
Oct. 7,8,9	CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS instant-scheduling.com

SCHEDULES SEPT. 18 & 19

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 / J. Klug**

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PLEASE BE SURE TO ENROLL BY Monday, Sept. 13, to take part in our upcoming Bible study of Paul's letter to the Romans. Details about the sessions are on the registration form. Forms are in the office, the vestibule, and on our website. A reminder that the cost is \$15, and forms and payment can be dropped in a marked envelope in the collection or at the office. Please call Mary at 304-810-4380 or 716-207-9146 if you have any questions.

THE ANNUAL NOVENA TO THE Infant Jesus of Prague at St. Joseph Cathedral in Wheeling begins Monday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. The theme for this year is "Called to Be Holy." The Novena will be prayed on nine consecutive Monday evenings concluding Nov. 8. Each week consists of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a homily given by a guest priest, music, and prayers to the Infant of Prague. Everyone is invited to attend this beautiful and moving devotion.

A REMINDER THAT FATHER CAN be reached in case of emergency at 408-858-7467 while he is away. For any funeral arrangements, Please contact Fr. Arul Anthony at 304-281-4844.

Please Inquire at the parish office should you have any other needs.

WE WELCOME FR. HARRY DUNN this weekend to St. Francis! We thank him for being with us while Fr. That Son leads a pilgrimage to Turkey, Greece, and Egypt.

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.



GRANDPARENTS DAY IN AMERICA

is this Sunday, Sept. 12, and it is a perfect

opportunity to reach out and express special appreciation for everything we receive from grandparents, especially during a time when more than two million grandparents in the United States act as the head of households.

Earlier this year, Pope Francis established the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly with the purpose of connecting the generations to face challenges in our modern-day culture. The elderly need the young, and the young need the elderly, says Francis, who believes "grandparents have the sap of history that rises and gives strength for the tree to grow."

The national observance is an opportunity to bring together appreciation for grandparents and Francis' message for growth. We pray our parish's young and old connect this Grandparents Day.

THE OUR LADY OF PEACE

quarter auction is this Sunday, Sept. 19, at the Peace Family Center in Mount Olivet. Doors open at noon and the auction starts at 1 p.m. Admission is \$5.00.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO FILL OUT

a pastoral needs survey. You can find a link to the survey at our website, and printed surveys also are available at the church office. Deadline for completing the survey is Sept. 19.

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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