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*O woman,  
great is  
your faith!*

MATTHEW 15:28



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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Matthew opens the scene in today's Gospel by setting up a conflict. Unlike the parallel story in Mark (7:24), the woman is described as "a Canaanite." This label serves to evoke the ancient animosity between Jews and other peoples in the region. The woman, who is never named, begs for help for her daughter. The disciples are actively dismissive of her, as a woman and a foreigner, and deem her to be unworthy of their attention. The text suggests that Jesus initially sided with the disciples. But then he recognized the strength of her faith.

Many women, foreigners, or marginalized persons might identify with this woman's story. Sometimes faith means standing fast, in care for others or in fidelity to truth, even when it seems that no one supports you. Somehow, the woman recognized God's power and God's care within Jesus. And Jesus recognized that God was active within her, manifested in her commitment to her daughter. Jesus saw his Father's larger horizon of care for everyone, Jew and Gentile, within this faith-filled woman.

### A NEW TEMPLE

Isaiah articulates the vision that it is God's deep desire that all human beings will respond to God in prayer and thanksgiving. God will summon everyone to "my holy mountain," that is, the temple Mount. The temple was the primary symbol of God's presence among the people. The Temple was where communal worship and sacrifice took place. Worship served to give thanks for God's blessings on the people. Sacrifice served to help heal relationships between God and Israel, and within the community, when sin had damaged or broken them.

The early church reflected upon this vision and saw Jesus as a new temple. The person of Jesus is to be worshiped as God's active presence within human life. Jesus is to be worshiped in prayer and thanksgiving, and Jesus is where relationships are healed and renewed. In Jesus, God invites the whole world into God's loving care.

Today's Readings: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;  
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

# Schools Opening Their Doors

West Virginia's Catholic schools are returning next month with an in-person, five-day plan.

Schools Superintendent Mary Ann Deschaine announced the reopening plans in a letter to parents Aug. 3.

Families can expect to receive individual school reopening plans soon, she said.

"Principals from all 24 Catholic schools across the state have worked closely with their local health departments, school communities and my office to develop plans to allow for the reopening of schools that meet local, state, and federal guidelines," said Deschaine.

Advice from the American Academy of Pediatrics also played a part. That advice urges that "all policy considerations" for the coming year consider health only and start with the goal of "having students physically present in school."

The academy recommendation, stated the superintendent, is "completely in line with the position" of the Department of Catholic Schools.

"Because we are Christ-centered, every choice we make and plans we develop are prayerfully made with our students' success and well-being in mind. We are a strong Christian family guided by our faith. Our learning environment

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State officials are urging families to be prepared for changes with little notice, as Covid-19 information is still fluid. This means administrative staffs will monitor local conditions with guidance from appropriate county health support systems. Additional details or changes will be shared with families by the administrators in charge of their respective schools.

"We will constantly be re-evaluating the health and safety measures in our buildings," Deschaine said. "We will also be able to turn on a dime and adapt to a remote learning environment if we must. ...We are well equipped and prepared." The letter appears after the bulletin ads.

## Masses for the Week

- AUG. 15 SATURDAY**  
4:00 P.M. **Debra Yost†**  
*(Cecilia Salcines)*
- AUG. 16 SUNDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Stephanie Eddy†**  
*(Dwight & Leann Hanshew & Family)*  
10:00 A.M. **Marilyn Neidhardt†**  
*(Joan & Wayne Lemasters)*
- AUG. 17 MONDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Don Leonard†**  
*(Sandina Leonard)*
- AUG. 18 TUESDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Family of Teresa Nguyen Thi Van Ha**  
*(Tuyet Dinh)*
- AUG. 19 WEDNESDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Family of Joseph Ho Anh Vu**  
*(Tuyet Dinh)*
- AUG. 20 THURSDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Family of Motasim Sirhan**  
*(Tuyet Dinh)*
- AUG. 21 FRIDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Alberta Klug†**  
*(Jane Klug)*
- AUG. 22 SATURDAY**  
4:00 P.M. **Theresa Myer†**  
*(Phil & Loretta Remke)*
- AUG. 23 SUNDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Tom & Louise Wise†**  
*(Family)*  
10:00 A.M. **Sylvia Fish†**  
*(Veronica DiCola)*

*With sympathy*

*to the family, extended family, and loved ones of Nila Jean Frohnapfel, our heartfelt condolences.*

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Sat. 3:30 p.m. or any other time upon request.

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By appointment. Contact the parish office 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 parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):**  
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**Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro.

**Nursing Home:** Ron Jaworski, Bill Tennant, Helen Remke, Bertie Gaughenbaugh, Barbara Meyer.

**SPECIAL REMINDERS**

- \* Electronic giving is now available! Parishioners from all walks have been asking, and we are ready to receive. Check out our website.
- \* Please note that our parish's guidelines for Mass during pandemic are now printed on a full page in the missalettes. Be sure to give them a review.

**LECTORS**

**Aug. 22** 4:00 p.m. **J. Fecat**

**Aug. 23** 8:00 a.m. **L. Remke**  
10:00 a.m. **L. Niemiec**

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**Rita holds Lincoln Oliver's hand as Christopher cradles him for baptism. Looking on are Rosemary and Rory.**

**Baptism Celebrates New Soul**

Many events have had to wait during pandemic, but welcoming babies into our parish family is no longer one of them.

Saturday, Aug. 9., Fr. That Son baptized Lincoln Oliver Lyons, who is the firstborn son of Christopher and Rita Lyons.

Lincoln's Godparents are Rory Beck and Rosemary Targosky. He is also the first grandchild of Rick and Robin Targosky. Congratulations to Lincoln and his family.

**IN BISHOP BRENNAN'S**

July 28 letter to the Faithful of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese, he encourages those of us who have not returned to Mass to consider doing so. He writes:

"If you are healthy, go to Mass to hear God's Word with your brothers and sisters in the faith and receive the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist."

Please be assured that if you have any underlying medical conditions, we are praying for you every day.

**TAKE A LITTLE TIME TO**

check out our Facebook page for interesting historical finds about our parish. Also, if you have any old photos or items pertaining to the church we would love to see what you have.

Call the church office or e-mail Andrew about your finds at: **thomasmandrews3@gmail.com.**

**THE "LIVING PANDEMIC"**

series start is getting positive responses. Keep an eye out for our next installment about a special church mission.

We invite you to share your stories and experiences as we endeavor to create connections among our church family during unusual times. Don't like to write? Let us know, and we will write it for you. Just call the office or talk to Father. We are looking forward to your "LIVING pandemic" story.

**MEET THE DIOCESE'S**

three new seminarians in the Aug. 7 edition of The Calling, a newsletter supplement to the weekly edition of The Catholic Spirit. The weekly edition of The Catholic Spirit posts on Fridays and can be downloaded at the [catholicspiritwv.org/downloadable-spirit/](http://catholicspiritwv.org/downloadable-spirit/)



**Helpful Harvesting**

Jane Klug and Thomas "Andrew" Andrews, our recent arrival and seminary candidate, took some time last

**Jane and Andrew** week to pick cabbage at the Cockayne House garden. The vegetable plot sits adjacent to the historic homestead and across from the high school on W.Va. Route 2. Students from John Marshall typically plant and maintain the garden, with much of the harvest going to the school's cafeteria. Volunteers are playing a major role in its upkeep this year, and Cockayne House is sharing throughout the community. (According to Jane, the local deer and rabbit community are enjoying the bounty too.) Jane and Andrew dropped off the results of their labors at the Simpson Church soup kitchen.





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**From the Desk of Superintendent Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S.**

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Monday, August 3, 2020

### **Catholic Schools Across WV to Release Plans Today for Five Day in School Instruction**

WHEELING- Throughout the last four months the Department of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has been focused on implementing the recommendations and guidelines from worldwide, federal, state, and local experts. This week based upon the extensive work that has taken place, West Virginia Catholic School families will receive their individual school reopening plans, outlining a five-day a week physically present strategy.

“Principals from all 24 Catholic schools across the state have worked closely with their local health departments, school communities and my office to develop plans to allow for the reopening of schools that meet local, state and federal guidelines,” Catholic School Superintendent Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S., said.

When providing information about the reopening of schools, Mrs. Deschaine also referenced the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) that “strongly” supports students returning to the school building. A recently released statement from the AAP notes, “All policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school.”

“This is completely in line with our position,” she said. “Because we are Christ-centered, every choice we make, and plans we develop are prayerfully made with our students’ success and well-being in mind. We are a strong Christian family guided by our faith. Our learning environment will always focus on the social, emotional, physical, spiritual, and mental well-being of each child.” While these are unwanted and unpredictable times, the challenges in the world today provide a great opportunity to teach huge and powerful life lessons for our children.

“What has always been our routine focus in Catholic schools—academics, responsibility, accountability, citizenship, and empathy—is now being taken to a heightened level,” she said. Last spring, schools across the Diocese displayed how well they react to a total upheaval of their academic, social, and physical plans.

“I know without a doubt that our principals, staff, and teachers performed outstanding,” she said. “Our families saw that, and our students will always remember how they continued to be challenged academically, and moreover won’t forget how they felt knowing their teachers genuinely cared about their mindset.”

As with each phase of this COVID experience, these recommendations will be subject to change with little notice. Therefore, administrative staff will continue to monitor local conditions, in consultation with the appropriate county health support systems. Any additional details or changes will be given directly to all families by the administration of their respective school. Please be advised that individual building plans may vary slightly from school to school based on regional guidance. “We will constantly be re-evaluating the health and safety measures in our buildings,” Deschaine said. “We will also be able to turn on a dime and adapt to a remote learning environment if we must. No matter what the circumstance - weather, building issue, or health/safety concern – our Catholic schools will continue to learn, lead, and succeed. We are well equipped and prepared.”

For more information about Catholic schools in West Virginia, please contact the office of Catholic Schools at 304-233-0880, or for a list of schools including contact information visit: <https://wvcatholicschools.org>.

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