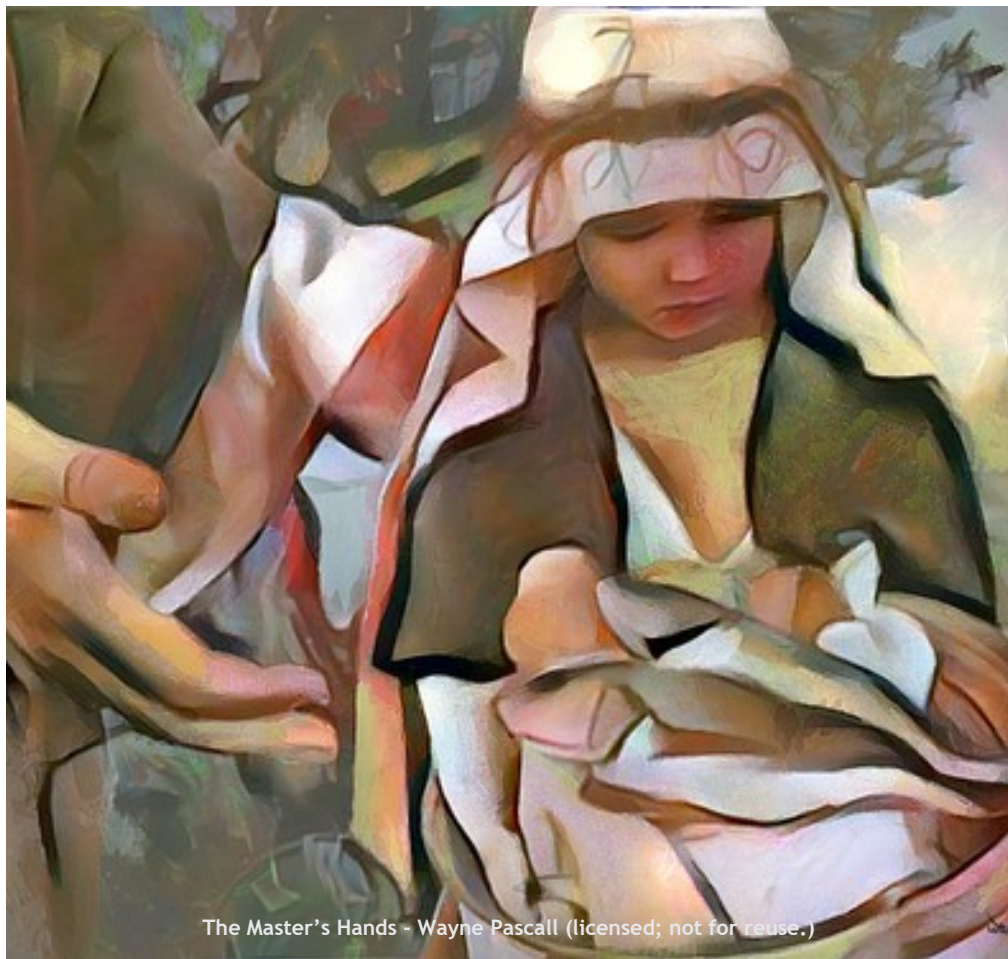


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Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

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

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: LITTLE PIECES IN A BIGGER WORLD

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project, as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They became coveted family treasures passed from generation to

generation. Those women never realized the power of their work.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many

will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways!

Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement. We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed.

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JULY 24 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Marie Lohri†
Marilyn & Carolyn

JULY 25 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Bill Tennant†
Dee & Tony Novel

10:00 a.m. Bob & Bernadine Miller†
Miller & Porter Family

JULY 26 MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Ann & Gregg Satler†
Denise & Dave Arms
and Family

JULY 27 TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Helen Remke†
SFX Class of 1968

JULY 28 WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Vince Scarbin†
Carolyn Gordon

JULY 29 THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. William Klug†
Jane Klug

JULY 30 FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Vince Scarbin†
Greg Green

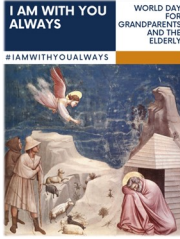
JULY 31 SATURDAY

**4:00 p.m. Charles Freeman†
& Bob Yeater†**
Libby Magnone
& Cindy Gunto

AUG. 1 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Ann Louise Hudson†
Sue Ann Myers

10:00 a.m. Bill Tennant†
Carolyn Gordon



Parents of Mary Inspire World Day for Grandparents, Elderly

“I am with you always” is the theme for the first-ever celebration this Sunday of World

Day of Grandparents and the Elderly--a Church-wide observance Pope Francis decreed earlier this year to coincide annually with the July 26 feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus Christ.

Francis has said the theme, which is from the Gospel of Matthew, is “a promise of closeness and hope” that young and old can share, especially as we emerge from pandemic. Francis’ decree establishing the annual observance emphasizes the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another because “as the prophet Joel says, grandparents seeing their grandchildren dream” while “young people, drawing strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy.”

The observance is linked to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne because “grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on,” says Francis.

Quite often, it is the grandparents who are in the best position to

PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY Sunday, July 25

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the world over.

Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

reach out to their grandchildren and pass on the Faith to them. We can imagine the influence Joachim and Anne would have had on Jesus as he grew up, how they would have cherished and loved him, taught him about their Faith, and given an example of virtuous lives. - Vatican News/edited

UNITED IN FAITH, IN PERSON.

This is at the heart of Bishop Brennan’s call—that “we should be with our fellow Catholics to hear the Word of God proclaimed and receive the Eucharist.” Please reach out to Sr. Agatha or Fr. That Son if you or someone you know needs help returning to church.

Prayer REQUESTS

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Sara Walters, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Bob Balgo, Mary Stees, Sue Riffle, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Mike Gardill, Richard Targosky Sr.

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

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

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

CALENDAR

Mondays until Aug. 30 7 p.m.	INFANT of PRAGUE NOVENA St. Mary's, Martins Ferry
July 30, 31 & Aug. 1	GODSPELL Strand Theatre strandtheatrewv.com For times and ticket info
Monday July 26 6 p.m.	BEREAVEMENT GATHERING St. John Fellowship Hall 622 Main St., Benwood
Aug. 22 Mass at noon	PARISH PICNIC Remember to Sign Up in the Church vestibule
Sept. 22 6:30 p.m.	PARISH COUNCIL Church Hall

SCHEDULES JULY 31 & AUG. 1

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. **D. Evans / M. Taskalines**
8:00 a.m. **R. Hess / J. Hess**
10:00 a.m. **C. King / J. Klug**

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Attendance	196

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LUMINARIA FOR THE UPCOMING

Relay for Life fundraiser are on sale this weekend in the vestibule. Bags are \$5, and purple flags also are available for \$5. This year's event is Saturday, Aug. 7, in the north parking lot of John Marshall High School, and the luminaria ceremony honoring those whose lives have been touched by cancer is the relay's highpoint. The luminaria ceremony starts at 9: 30 p.m. Funds raised during the track-and-field inspired event benefit American Cancer Society research.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL

needed. Please email or contact the parish office and leave a message if you can help.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES ARE NOW

available on our webpage. While speaking of schedules, we are in need of altar servers and sacristy cleaners, and our choir is looking for more voices. Please email or call the office to volunteer or to talk with someone about how we can help you find a way to serve.

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 SISTERS OF THE INFANT JESUS

are quite excited to let us know they received 8,727 religious medals and 9,546 rosaries for those in need in Zimbabwe. Other items also were donated such as statues, religious books, and holy cards. Cash offerings also were received. The sisters thank SFX for their donations, which were added to those from throughout the diocese and churches beyond West Virginia. The sisters are grateful for the outpouring of generosity from us and so many others who wish to be a part of the faith and spiritual journeys of the people of Zimbabwe.



Shown above with three barrels of items are sisters Maria Rukwishuro, SJI, and Sr. Beritha Mashu, SJI. The barrels went by boat to Zimbabwe and will take 8 to 12 weeks to arrive.

MUCH THANKS TO PARISHIONERS

Ruth Bertrand and Julie Anderson for organizing our recent parish garage sale. Ruth and Julie "send out a big thank you for all who donated, came to the sale, and prayed for our success!" Ruth and Julie hope to plan other events in Xavier Hall, and are encouraged by the help and cooperation they received from parishioners, staff, and friends. The final tally from the weekend event is \$407.80, which will be put toward the purchase of a new floor scrubber for Xavier Hall.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

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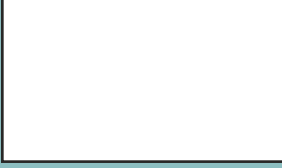
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