St. Francis Xavier Parish

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July 28, 2019 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us can probably imagine (or remember) the delightful questions a young child might ask with innocence and curiosity. "What is air?" "How does a bird fly?" Answers are often met with another question: "Why?" No answer to that question is ever adequate, and so the child persists in asking—"Why? Why??" A quest for knowledge? Of course, but the child's persistence can only flourish in a relationship of trust. These conversations between the child and, typically, an older relative have the power to deepen confidence and intimacy.

How like prayer this is!

Humans are frail. We have questions, fears, needs. And so we pray—but how? How do we speak or relate at all to the Lord of endless life, the God of our salvation?

OUR ABBA

Today's scriptures provide some answers. We discover that, like Abraham in Genesis and Jesus in Luke's Gospel, it's all about relationship.

In Genesis, the Israelites were still trying to learn who this

Creator God was and what was the nature of the relationship between the divine and the human. Today we find Abraham in "conversation" with God, who is contemplating the ruin of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of their evil behavior. The intimacy of Abraham's relationship with God allows him to plead for the innocent, to negotiate with God about the intended destruction.

The disciples experience Jesus in deep prayer. Asked to teach them how to pray, Jesus gives them his own prayer to the God he knows as Abba. The Lord's Prayer, slightly different in Luke's Gospel, contains elements that would be familiar to the disciples. But calling God "Father" was deeply intimate and probably somewhat startling.

This is the kind of prayer to which we are called. Jesus teaches us that we, his sisters and brothers, can call God "Our Father." How powerful these two words are when we pray them together!

Today's Readings: Gn 18:20–32; Ps 138:1–2, 2–3, 6–7, 7–8; Col 2:12–14; Lk 11:1–13

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JUL 27 SATURDAY

4:00 P.M. **Don McCormick**†

(Dr. & Mrs. I. H. Luna)

JUL 28 SUNDAY

8:00 A.M. **Dorothy Wayman**†

(Maggie Yeater)

10:00 A.M. Patty† & Bobbie Kleinedler

(Bob & Beth Thomas)

JUL 29 MONDAY

8:00 A.M. **Don McCormick**†

(Bob & Beth Thomas)

JUL 30 TUESDAY

8:00 A.M. Frank & Jenny Novel†

(Robert & Theresa (Novel) Baker)

JUL 31 WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M. **Bob Yeater**†

(Maggie Yeater)

AUG 1 THURDAY

8:00 A.M. Frank & Joan Costello†

(Patricia Lucia)

AUG 2 FRIDAY

8:00 A.M. **Don McCormick**†

(Duane & Daunel Gump)

AUG 3 SATURDAY

4:00 P.M. **Debbie & John D. Curia**†

(Curia Family)

AUG 4 SUNDAY

8:00 A.M. **Deceased members of the**

Skrzypek Family†

(Gordon Family)

10:00 A.M. All of our benefactors

(Veronica DiCola and Rosemary Patrone)

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

8/3 4:00 p.m. Dave Evans/ Libby Magnone

8/4 8:00 a.m. Mark Hitt/ P. Remke

8/4 10:00 a.m. C. Kesserling/ J. Klug

Altar Servers:

8/3 4:00 p.m. Please Volunteer 8/4 8:00 a.m. Kent Family

8/4 10:00 a.m. Whitlatch Family

Gift Bearers:

8/3 4:00 p.m. John & Loretta Niemiec

8/4 8:00 a.m. Dan & Lori Laberdee

8/4 10:00 a.m. Georgia Petit

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of July 23, 2019

Linda & Butch Miller

Greeters:

8/3 4:00 p.m. Paula Whitwam & Lottie Durbin

8/4 8:00 a.m. Phil & Loretta Remke

8/4 10:00 a.m. Sue Church & Cindy Gunto

Bingo: August 2, 2019 Raffle: Rick Targosky

Kitchen: Ellen McCormick

COLLECTION: July 14, 2019

Envelopes - \$ 2725.00

Loose Offering - \$ 660.00 Building Repairs - \$ 728.00

Xavier Hall - \$ 25.00

Memorial Offerings - \$115.00

Attendance - 286

WHO WANTS TO GO ON A ROAD TRIP?

Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley (McAllen, Texas) is in need of volunteers. They are receiving 300 to 600 people daily at their respite care center.

You can reach CCRGV directly by contacting Michelle Nunez at 956-702-4088 or mnunezQ@cdob.org. Or ... you may call our parish office.

Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents. Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.S.R.):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

 Church Office Phone:
 304-845-1593

 Church Hall Phone:
 304-845-9238

Xavier Hall Phone: 304-845-7080 Rev. That Son Cell: 408-858-7467 Parish Office Email:

Website: sfxmoundsville@comcast.net sfxmoundsville.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m.10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:

Prayer Request: Sharon McGee, Tony & Jerrie Skvarka, Carolyn Harris, Rebecca Blatt, Donna Colucci, Peggy Mysliwiec, Zelma Imhof, Joe Church, Bobby Kleinedler; Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick, Rachel Kerekes; Nursing Home: Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.



Don't forget to pick up your raffle tickets in the church vestibule. Return tickets to the offertory basket **RAFFLE** or to the church office.

MEDITATIVE PRACTICES: A Mind-Body Approach to Healing

Since ancient times, various forms of meditation have helped to reduce stress, anxiety, and pain by increasing inner peace. St. Joseph Retreat Center is offering a program teaching neuro-meditation styles involving focus, mindfulness, self-transcendence, and compassion. Participants will discover the connection between mind, body, and spirit by applying specific, meditative practices known to deepen one's quality of life and overall well-being.

Facilitators are Sr. Rose Ann Hefner, CSJ, and Kathy Muscari, LPC.

Date: Saturday, August 24

Time: Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Program: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: St. Joseph Retreat Center

137 Mount St. Joseph Road Wheeling, W.Va. 26003

304-232-8160

DWC NAMES NEW BISHOP

On Tuesday, our diocese announced that Pope Francis named the Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan as our new (and ninth) bishop. The formal installation of Bishop Brennan will take place Thursday, Aug. 22, at 2 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. All are welcome to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 15 - Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug. 22 - Turn in raffle tickets to the office

Aug. 25 - Parish Picnic

Nov. 7 - Bus trip to Lancaster

PARTNERS IN GRACE

Charismatic Conference Presenter: Dr. Carol Razza

August 9-11, 2019 Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center 100 Hodges Road, Charleston, WV For more information visit

www.wvccr.com

or contact one of the following:

Fr. Patsy laquinta: fatherpatsyiq@gmail.com

304-457-5734

Wilma Lane: wilmalane14@gmail.com

304-380-7218

Food For The Poor thanks St. Francis Xavier for the welcome you extended to Fr. John Cooney on our recent visit to your parish.

We are all blessed by and grateful for your generosity.

HOLIDAY BUS TRIP TO LANCASTER, PA

St. Francis Xavier Parish is sponsoring an overnight trip to Lancaster November 7th & 8th. The trip includes a live play "Miracle of Christmas" at the Sights & Sounds Theater followed by dinner at Hershey Farm Restaurant. Accommodations are at the Tru by Hilton in Lancaster. On Friday, we will travel to Kitchen Kettle Village for shopping, followed by a stop in Shanksville to visit the Flight 93 Memorial.

Cost of trip: \$190 per person (double occupancy) Price includes:

Show & Dinner Tickets Hotel & Bus Driver's Tip

Reservation deadline is October 1st. Sign up in the church vestibule or call the church office at 304-845-1593. You can also call Mary Taskalines at 304-845-7326

Office of Safe Environment

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, contact local law enforcement, or contact WV Child Protective Services: 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese, contact this diocesan number: 888-434-6237.



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