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In our world today, it seems there are many things to make us fearful. We can become distraught over personal finances, relationships, poor choices our children are making, issues with jobs, the changing climate, the way our parish is being run, or a zillion other things. The problems may not even be evil but may be simply life and all its challenges. But these struggles are real, and sometimes we seek unhealthy solutions. Many people suffer with issues of anxiety and depression, and fear leads others to addiction as a means of coping. In our Gospel today, God lovingly calls us beyond that darkness to light.

WORTH MORE THAN MANY SPARROWS

Sometimes we look for very complex answers when a simple promise or solution is right in front of us. As I am writing and looking out the window, I see half a dozen little birds sitting in a bush. Their presence is a reminder to me of God's love and care for each and every one of us. If something that seems so insignificant or incidental is known by God, how

much more are we loved and cared for! Take a moment, look at the world around you, breathe, take it in, and ask God for the help you need. Turn matters over and place your trust in a loving God.

Remember, though, Jesus seldom heals without some sort of action on our part. When you have given your concern over to God, other concrete steps may be necessary. Is it time to schedule an appointment with a professional? Time to name an issue? Or time for the sacrament of reconciliation? Evil's power comes from remaining in the darkness. When we no longer close ourselves off or suffer alone but share our concerns with someone, we can begin to grow and heal and move past them. It is seldom magical or instantaneous. It is a long arduous process. But we hold on to the simple reminder, "You are worth more than many sparrows!"

Today's Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35;
Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

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OUTREACH:

Racism Will Falter Where Jesus Lives



Gene Saunders

It is fitting that Gene Saunders spoke in the church's makeshift sanctuary about overcoming racism, mainly because of how he explained doing it: loving each other the way Jesus says to do it.

Mr. Saunders, who would rather be called Gene, told the group who came out June 14 to Xavier Hall his stories of racism but only to show that following Jesus combats it.

"We would have none of these problems if we just followed Jesus," believes Gene, who agreed to share his views as rioting continues nationwide against the social injustices of racism.

"We are all created by God, and Jesus died on the cross for all of us," says Gene. "When the time comes to be judged, we will have to answer for what we did and how we lived, how we acted to others."

Gene is not suggesting blacks should just forget about their struggles. In fact, he admits he remembers each one. What Gene suggests is taking each injustice as an opportunity to apply what Jesus commands, which is to love each other as he loves us.

"You never let people know what they did. You get to know them, so they will get to know you. That gets somewhere." Gene knows this works, because each story he tells of choosing it ends with friendship.

This abiding faith is what gave Gene the will to "step out" early in life as a leader. It also led to a supervisory position in his work and later service as Moundsville's first black mayor.

"Somebody has to do it. Somebody has to be a leader," he says. "You can look at it two ways. You can just stay in a place or you can move on."

Gene's wife, Ellen, shared an equally powerful wisdom about the universality of fearing the unknown. Ellen said she knows many people in Moundsville, including all the black families, but when she sees someone new, she catches herself asking "who are they? Why are they here?" It is then we should take ourselves to meet those new people and overcome fear, Ellen says. - *Kathy Swift.*

MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 20 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Ray Yocum† <i>(Yocum Family)</i>
JUNE 21 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Brenda Kurko† <i>(Family)</i>
10:00 A.M.	For Fathers of Our Parish
JUNE 22 8:00 A.M.	MONDAY Julia Kunik† <i>(Veronica DiCola)</i>
JUNE 23 8:00 A.M.	TUESDAY Beth Thomas <i>(James & Diana Barker)</i>
JUNE 24 8:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY Alyssa Thomas Breiding <i>(James & Diana Barker)</i>
JUNE 25 8:00 A.M.	THURSDAY Millie Thomas <i>(James & Diana Barker)</i>
JUNE 26 8:00 A.M.	FRIDAY Mary Agnes Gump† <i>(James & Diana Barker)</i>
JUNE 27 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Semon & Phyllis Prado <i>(Danny Prado)</i>
JUNE 28 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Joe Curia† <i>(Curia Family)</i>
10:00 A.M.	Living & Deceased Members of the Gordon Family <i>(Carolyn Gordon)</i>

WEEKLY OFFERING June 7, 2020

Envelopes:	\$3,084.00
Loose Offerings:	\$462.00
Church Repair:	\$360.00
Diocesan Offerings:	\$70.00
Xavier Hall:	\$494.00
Memorial Offerings:	\$320.00
Attendance	123

Thank you to those who are sending your contributions.

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 parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

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.

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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 Days: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

**PRAY FOR OUR
PARISHIONERS
& FRIENDS**



Prayer Request: Toni Smith, Deanne Ferraro, Jim Ali, Joseph Grampa, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Ronnie Hill, Connie Howard, Eleanor Smith, Catherine Pellerin, Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Diane Young, Theresa Myer, Bobby Kleinedler.

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

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

LECTORS

6/27 4:00 p.m. **D. Prado**

6/28 8:00 p.m. **M. Hitt**

10:00 a.m. **L. Remke**

NEWS FOR MASSES

- * We are working toward moving Masses back into the church. Under our current guidelines, we can only accommodate 32 socially distant individuals. We have space for many more, however, when we seat couples and family groups. Please call the church office to tell us which Mass you usually attend so we can estimate attendance and develop a feasible plan.
- * We have 10 armchairs for each Mass. Please call the office if you would like one reserved and to let us know which Mass you will attend.
- * Thank you for continuing to bring your own masks when you can and for holding on to your missalettes.

Father's Day: A Prayer for All Who Nurture

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family, and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

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THE GABRIEL PROJECT



ministry of St. Francis Xavier Church is holding a "Summer Shower" during the month of July to replenish items that help clients and their babies.

Please use the bulletin insert that lists needs for ideas on how you or someone you know can donate to the ministry.

Currently, they have no used baby equipment such as highchairs, walkers, strollers, gates, etc. The project provides such items at no charge to clients. However, they cannot accept used car seats, cribs, or mattresses. Those items are purchased new with monetary donations. For Gabriel Project questions or if you would like to volunteer as a "Gabriel Angel," contact Cathy Frame at 304-845-3892. God bless you and thank you for your help.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Neighborhood Center will hold its 24th Annual Spaghetti Dinner June 28 from noon – 5 p.m. at 125 18th St. in Wheeling. The event is take-out only, and tickets cost \$8.00. Children five and under are free. Dessert donations also are needed. Call Trish for tickets or to donate desserts at 304-232-7157. Tickets are also available at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

WEST VIRGINIA CATHOLICS

who are properly disposed may fulfill their 2020 Easter Duty of receiving Holy Communion until Nov. 22, 2020, which marks the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

The Eucharistic Precept should be fulfilled the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday. Bishop Brennan extended the deadline by decree June 3, as only days were available to observe the precept upon the return to public liturgies during coronavirus pandemic.

Bishop Brennan issued the decree so "the faithful, while not putting themselves or others at risk, be able to avail themselves fully of the fountain of graces obtained through a 'moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life,' (CCC) ... and wishing to encourage the diligent observance of all the Church's precepts."

The full text of the decree can be found at dwc.org. and with the digital bulletin for June 21, 2020, on our church's website.

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Summer Shower

GABRIEL PROJECT



St. Francis Xavier Parish sponsors our local Gabriel Project, which is housed in Xavier Hall. This year, we were unable to host our usual Mother's Day Baby Shower because of the Covid-19 pandemic. With our return to attending Mass and local businesses opening, we are asking your help to replenish items that we provide to our clients. "The mission of the Gabriel Project of West Virginia is to protect and honor life by providing immediate and practical support to pregnant women and families with infants and young children two years of age and under."

Below is a **Client Needs List**. Can you help by donating an item or items from this list? Your donations help Marshall County residents. Donations for our Parish Summer Baby Shower can be brought to Masses any weekend in July or donations may be brought to Xavier Hall any Thursday that Gabriel Project is open throughout the year from 10 - 2. Donation containers will be available at Masses in July.

Client Needs List

1. **Baby wipes – individual count packages or refills**
2. **Diapers – especially sizes 4, 5, & 6**
3. **Baby wash**
4. **Baby shampoo**
5. **Baby lotion**
6. **Diaper rash ointment/cream**
7. **Baby bottle nipples**
8. **Baby towels and wash cloths**
9. **Boppy pillows**
10. **Baby gates**
11. **Baby blankets**
12. **Crib sheets**
13. **Baby monitors**
14. **Gently used baby swings, walkers, strollers, bassinets, pack and plays, highchairs, booster seats, bathtubs, etc.**
15. **Baby clothing from NB through size 5 for girls and boys**
16. **Monetary donations – please put these in the church collection basket in a marked envelope.**

THANK YOU!



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Decree

The Holy Eucharist, as the “source and summit of the Christian life” (*Lumen Gentium* 11), is given to the faithful as the most efficacious spiritual nourishment that the Church can offer. For this reason, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that every properly disposed Catholic “shall humbly receive [their] Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter Season” (2042) in order to illustrate fully the sublime relationship between the reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord and the Paschal feasts, which are “the origin and center of the Christian liturgy” (*ibid.*). Like all the Church’s precepts (*cf.* CCC 2041-2043), the reception of Holy Communion during the Easter Season is a law of the Church that imposes an obligation upon all the faithful, established to “guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth of God and neighbor” (CCC 2041).

Following the sudden suspension of public liturgies and the closure of parishes in response to the coronavirus pandemic in March 2020, there was concern about the faithful’s ability to fulfill the obligations of some of the Church’s precepts. For that reason, the precept requiring attendance at Mass for all Sundays and holy days of obligations has been temporarily suspended, while the other precepts of the Church remain in force. As parishes in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston have now begun to resume the celebration of public liturgies, it is apparent that the fulfillment of the obligation to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season, while not constituting an absolute impossibility, nonetheless poses a difficulty for many of the faithful in West Virginia, who continue to shelter in place or are at risk of infection due to age or existing health conditions.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has established that this precept may be fulfilled at any time during the Easter Season up to the first Sunday after Pentecost (the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity). However, with but days until this time period elapses, adequate provision for the fulfillment of this obligation must be made.

Therefore, as Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, desiring that the faithful of this Diocese, while not putting themselves or others at risk, be enabled to avail themselves fully of the fountain of graces obtained through a “moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life” (2041), and wishing to encourage the diligent observance of all of the Church’s precepts among the Catholics of West Virginia, I hereby decree that for the Year of Grace 2020, those faithful of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston who are properly disposed, having been absolved of any grave sins in the Sacrament of Penance, may receive Holy Communion at any time between the Solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection and the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which occurs on November 22, 2020, in fulfillment of the above-stated precept.

Given at Wheeling on this, the third day of June, in the year of Our Lord two thousand twenty.

Mark E. Brennan

Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan
Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

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