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MEDITATION: THE VOICE OF CREATION

This week we are breaking with the tradition of meditating upon the Gospel to focus thoughts and prayers on the annual Christian celebration for The Season of Creation. Many do not know Pope Francis sees the Season of Creation as a liturgical event-meant to ensure we listen and respond together as a worldwide ecumenical family praying to protect our common home. The celebration began Sept. 1 with the World Day of Prayer and ends Oct. 4 on

the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. This year the world is uniting around the theme Listen to the Voice of Creation.

Taking action is living out our Catholic faith. The Church, following the teachings of Jesus and from the Social Doctrine, has called on believers throughout time to work for the common good, which requires

dignifying life in all its forms, caring for the common home, and committing to the construction of more just, supportive, fraternal, and peaceful societies. Pope Francis calls this integral ecology. The celebration allows all people to recognize themselves as "the work of the Lord's creative act" and to contemplate nature and all that dwells in it for the care of our common home. We pray everyone will find creation's voice during this Season of Creation.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends: Saturday - 4 p.m. Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m. Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

Confessions: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

Marriage: By appointment. Contact the office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana instruction is required.

Baptism: By appointment. The diocese requires instructions for parents or quardians.

Religious Education (PSR): Sundays during school term 9 - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

WORSHIP & OUTREACH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

4:00 p.m. Phyllis Prado *From your sons*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 a.m. Clinton Durbin *Trish Whitelatch* 10:00 a.m. Jim Conner† *Cindy Gunto*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 a.m. Bob & Patty Shutler's 64th wedding anniversary *Patty Shutler*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 a.m. Phyllis Prado Danny Prado

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 a.m. Mary & Phil Skvarka† Phil Skvarka Jr.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00 a.m. Bill & Nancy Termin† *Termin Family*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00 a.m. William Kendrach Sr.† *Ron & Debbie Mannarino*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Robert Shutler† Ben & Donna Nice

> USUAL MASS STIPENDS Weekdays - \$10 per Mass Weekends - \$20 per Mass Sanctuary Candle - \$10 a week

The Sanctuary Candle Beside the Tabernacle burns this week for Stephanie Phillips Eddy



Seeing Through The Eyes of Christ

As we enter the <u>The Burning Bush</u> second full week of <u>Ex 3142</u> Season of Creation,

Father That Son asks us to open our eyes to see through the eyes of Christ and listen to all the little creatures that God has made on our streets and in our backyards. According to this year's celebration theme, Listen to the Voice of Creation, we must pray to become more aware of the need to listen to the voice of all creation, as well as the voices of those who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land.

In case you have yet to hear, our recent workshop to open this year's celebration relied on one of those generational voices, and it

National Observance Honors Grandparents

This Sunday we celebrate National Grandparents' Day,

and it is an ideal opportunity to express special appreciation for everything we receive from grandparents. The Church also celebrates a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in July with the purpose of connecting the generations to face challenges in our modernday culture. We pray our parish's young and old take time today to celebrate their special bonds.

Bishop Will Celebrate Mass for First Responders

A Blue Mass honoring all our Local first responders is being held 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at St, Joseph Cathedral in Wheeling. Bishop Mark Brennan will be the celebrant. A small reception for responders will follow Mass in the Great Hall of Wheeling Central. attracted the interest of Catholic News Service writer Dennis Sadowski. Sadowski noted SFX and Fr. That Son, along with several parishes and priests across the country, for promoting Laudato Si' during the ecumenical Season of Creation that began Sept. 1 and ends Oct. 4 on the Feast of St. Francis. Those attending our parish workshop received the gift of generational insights from Sister Theresa Metz of the Congregation of St. Joseph, who drew from her 85 years living as a farm girl, aunt, educator, and sister to show how to renew relationship with the Creator and with creation. Find the article at osvnews.com. Also, follow our daily Facebook posts observing the season. You do not need a Facebook account to view our page! Just type "St Francis Xavier Facebook" into Google search, and our page is a top result.

Prayes______REQUESTS

Recently Sick: Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Kathryn Ferrera, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Annalyn Liette, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Georgia Pettit, Lida Schellhase, Carmina Oakland, Joe Church, Joseph Grampa, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Bobby Kleinedler, Suzy Lunau, Jim Barker, Kathryn Helfer, Loretta Saporito, Phil Remke, Catherine Pellerin.

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

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

NEWS & COMMUNITY

SCHEDULES SEPT 17 & 18

4:00 p.m. Saturday Lector: Mark Hitt Eucharistic: Please Volunteer Servers: Please Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Lector: Loretta Remke Eucharistic: Phil Remke Servers: Please Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Sunday

Lector: Sierra Taylor Eucharistic: Chris McDonald Servers: Please Volunteer Sacristy

Jenny Ingram/Daunel Gump



OFFERING

AUG 28, 2022

Envelopes	\$2,153.00
Loose Offering	\$387.00
Seminarians	\$20.00
Disaster Relief	\$30.00
Candles	\$28.00
Memorial	\$395.00
Online Giving	\$520.15
Attendance	193

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO DONATE THANK YOU

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency or confidentially contact W.Va. Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to contacting civil authorities, please visit <u>www.dwc.org</u> under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods. BE SURE TO BRING ALL YOUR ALUMINUM cans for recycling. Father loves to drive the old truck out of town with loads



of aluminum cans! Please help him, and help our environment by keeping it clean.

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME

Dan Maul to our 10 a.m. Mass this weekend to talk to us and share his perspectives about the importance of religious education for our children and our families. We are grateful for this special visit by Mr. Maul, who is the director of evangelization and catechesis for the diocese.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRESENTATION 10 a.m. Mass | Dan Maul, director of evangelization and catechesis for the diocese.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 CONTEMPLATIVE INQUIRY OF THOMAS MERTON'S UNITY WITH THE EARTH 10:30 a.m. - noon | Virtual Event. Participants also can watch at St. Joseph Retreat Center, Wheeling. \$25 fee. Sign up at <u>csjthewell.org/</u> programs/thomas-merton.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION STARTS 9 - 9:45 a.m. | former school.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 OLP QUARTER AUCTION

Doors open at noon. Event at 1:00 p.m.| OLP Peace Family Center, 690 Mt. Olivet Rd., Wheeling. Tickets \$5 for first paddle. Food available. Call Marlene 304-242-7299 for more info.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 PARISH CELEBRATION - FEAST OF ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS 4:00 p.m. Mass with dinner afterward | Church Hall. Sign up in vestibule.

THIS YEAR'S IRISH ROAD BOWLING

festival is Saturday, Sept. 17, at St Jude Park in Glen Dale. Team signups start at 10 a.m., and bowling begins at 11 a.m. The number of bowlers will be limited to 400, and the cost per person is \$35. The cost includes food, drinks, music, and course transportation. Visit the council's Facebook page to learn how to sign up early.

Proceeds go back to our communities to assist families and children through bowling event sponsors Moundsville Council 1907 - Knights of Columbus. The council supports countless programs, including the Marshall County Back-to-School Fun Fair, a weekly food program for children, and a Thanksgiving basket giveaway. Council 1907 also assists Special Olympics, The Gabriel Project, and the Body and Soul Community Kitchen.

ONGOING EVENTS

MONDAYS UNTIL OCT. 31 NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

7:00 p.m. | Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling. Reflections are based on the Holy Eucharist.

FALL BIBLE STUDY - CONVERSION

First three weeks in September - first three weeks in November. Wednesdays at 9 a.m. OR Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Church Hall | 304-810-4380 reaches Mary.

FOURTH MONDAY EACH MONTH

6 p.m. | Bereavement Group. St. John's Church, Benwood. Fellowship Hall. Next meeting Sept. 26

WEDNESDAYS

11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m. | Line Dancing With Lottie at the Moundsville VFW.

COMING SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

SPEAKER JASON EVERT

Chastity/Gender, Theology of Your Body. \$20 per person | St. Michael's Parish. Contact Diane at 304-242-1560 for more information and tickets.

