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September 1, 2019 / Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



When you hold a banquet,
invite the poor, the crippled,
the lame, the blind.

~ Luke 14:13

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Many outstanding thinkers in the Church have devoted themselves to the study of humility. Saints such as Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and Teresa of Ávila have helped us appreciate the essence of humility. Basically, humility accepts the simple truth that God creates everything—and provides all that we creatures require.

Humility, then, is faith applied to daily life. If I am created in God's very image, and if my life's goal is to unite with God in paradise, then God desires only paradise for me. Practically speaking, that means all day, every day, God will provide just exactly what I need to grow in holiness. Furthermore, God does this for me just as much as for every other creature on earth. All the gifts and talents that we have come from God, and everything we see as failure or weakness could never lie beyond God's powerful redemption.

last cookie. In humility, we can rejoice in a coworker's promotion. In humility, we can clean a mess we did not create. We can accept incompleteness, exclusion, and sacrifice because of the absolute certainty that God alone provides what we need. Jesus himself asks us to choose this humble way of life. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled," he says in Luke's Gospel today, "but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." That is not just poetic rhetoric. Jesus actually means for humility to change our lives. He challenges us to "invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Today's Readings: Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29; Ps 68:4–5, 6–7, 10–11;
Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a; Lk 14:1, 7–14

IN GOD WE TRUST

Humility requires that we trust God to give us everything we need to live this life in such a way that we will live forever in paradise. This level of trust in God's providence is a gift, and it takes time to cultivate. Little by little, if we really, truly, deeply know that God wants to give us heaven, then common difficulties lose much of their power to unnerve us. In humility, we can let someone else have the

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Masses for the Week

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AUG 31 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Dorothy Wayman† <i>(Bob & Margaret Shutler)</i>
SEP 1 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Rodney Kerekes† <i>(Cathy Page)</i>
10:00 A.M.	Catrina Williamson† <i>(The Family))</i>
SEP 2 8:00 A.M.	MONDAY Rodney Kerekes† <i>(The Family)</i>
SEP 3 8:00 A.M.	TUESDAY Don McCormick <i>(Cindy Gunto)</i>
SEP 4 8:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY Mary & Bill Stees <i>(Libby G. Magnone)</i>
SEP 5 8:00 A.M.	THURDAY Rodney Kerekes† <i>(Larry & Alma Cunningham)</i>
SEP 6 8:00 A.M.	FRIDAY John Baptist Nguyen†
SEP 7 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Bob & Maggie Yeater <i>(Lottie Durbin)</i>
SEP 8 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Dorothy Wayman† <i>(Bob & Margaret Shutler)</i>
10:00 A.M.	Inez A. Rakoskie <i>(John & Judy Vargo)</i>

Remember Grandparents Day is September 8. The smell of cookies baking. Celebrating holidays. Receiving little gifts just because. These are all experiences we strongly associate with our grandparents. Grandparents are with us from the very beginning of our lives-they accompany us through our childhood, are present at our most important moments, and cheer us on from the sidelines through it all.

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

9/7 4:00 p.m. Alice Wise/M. Taskalines
9/8 8:00 a.m. Tom Wise/C. Frame
9/8 10:00 a.m. C. King, C. McDonald

Altar Servers:

9/7 4:00 p.m. Volunteer
9/8 8:00 a.m. Kent
9/8 10:00 a.m. Swift

Gift Bearers:

9/7 4:00 p.m. John & Loretta Niemiec
9/8 8:00 a.m. John Harrigan
9/8 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of September 2

Joe Pavilkey

Greeters:

9/7 4:00 p.m. Gina & Mark Hedrick
9/8 8:00 a.m. Phil & Loretta Remke
9/8 10:00 a.m. Sue Church & Cindy Gunto

Bingo: September 6, 2019

Raffle: John & Loretta Niemiec

Kitchen: Lisa Galloway

COLLECTION: August 18, 2019

Envelopes - \$2559.00
Loose Offering - \$ 963.00
Building Repairs - \$ 70.00
Assumption - \$515.15
Memorial Offerings - \$305.00
Pennies for God - \$ 7.41
Attendance - 289

Second Collection Next Weekend September 7 & 8:

Diocesan Scholarship Association
More than 30 students from our parishes and Catholic high schools currently receive scholarships to Wheeling University through the DSA. Since its inception, the DSA has assisted hundreds of students who chose to attend Wheeling Jesuit University where they received an excellent education at West Virginia's only Catholic institution of higher education.

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

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Rev. That Son Cell: 408-858-7467

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Website: sfxmoundville.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.

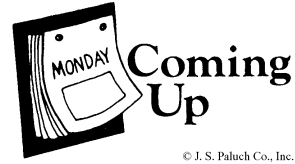


**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

Prayer Request: Marlene Lawther, Marjolea DeBold, Linda Anderson, Sharon McGee, Tony & Jerrie Skvarka, Donna Colucci, Peggy Mysliwicz, Zelma Imhof, Bobby Kleinedler, Barbara Harris, Joe Church.

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.



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- Sept. 1** - Registration Deadline formation seminar
- Sept. 22** - PSR Begins
- Sept. 25** - Parish Council Meeting
- Oct. 1** - 2020 Mass Book opens
- Mid October** - Bible Study Group
- Oct. 14-18** - Catholic Charities Volunteer Trip
- Nov. 7** - Bus trip to Lancaster

Men's Retreat:

The Laymen's Retreat League would like to invite all Catholic men of the area to a Day of Reflection with Rev. Brian Crenwelge on Saturday, September 28th, 2019, beginning at 8 am with a continental breakfast (registration at 8:30 am) and ending with Mass (around 5pm). This Day of Reflection will be held at Saint Vincent de Paul's Marist Center in Wheeling. Cost is \$30, which includes breakfast and lunch (assistance is available). The theme for this day of reflection is: **"What St. Joseph Can Teach Us About What It Means to be a Catholic Man in Today's Age."**

The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns this week

for:

Rodney Kerekes

Requested by

Rachel Kerekes

Our Parish Picnic last week was a huge success. Good food, good friends, and good fun. The raffle earned \$1782. Jim and Dianne Barker won and they donated their winnings back to St. Francis Xavier for the needs of the church. Some of the parish portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Body and Soul Soup Kitchen, P.L.A.Y.S. Childcare Center, and the House of Hagar Fun Bus.

Our Silent Auction raised \$535!

Thank you to all who donated items for prizes:

Mary Taskalines

Jonette Holmes

Barbara Morris

Sue Church

Paula Whitwam

Cindy Neisen

Bingo

Local Businesses



QUARTER AUCTION

The Ladies Auxiliary at Our Lady of Peace Parish is sponsoring a Quarter Auction on Sun., Sept. 15 at the Peace Family Center in Mount Olivet, WV. Doors open at 12 Noon and Auction begins at 1 PM. Admission is \$5.00, which is the cost of a paddle. For more information please call the Our Lady of Peace Parish office at 304-242-6579.

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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