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PSALM
90:14

Fill us at daybreak
with your kindness,
that we may shout
for joy and gladness
all our days.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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Although God gives us remarkable gifts and talents, our influence on others is incomplete, transitory. Our limitations frustrate us, particularly when we can do nothing to change a painful or harmful situation in our lives or the lives of our loved ones. Few experiences are as bitter as the helplessness we feel in the face of misery. Mysteriously, this same helplessness is a gift. For many of us, we must become helpless before we truly understand where our help lies: in our loving God. We face innocent suffering, humiliation, disaster, and death, remembering that Jesus chose these tragedies for himself. Jesus suffers with us. Jesus invites—but never forces—us to ask him to enter our broken hearts and messy lives. We are neither capable of nor responsible for saving the world, but Jesus can redeem everything we offer him.

LET FREEDOM RING

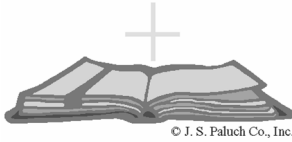
We may balk at our helplessness, but remarkably, Jesus placed limitations even on himself. As people filed past Jesus hanging on his cross, they mocked him: “You who would

destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, [and] come down from the cross!” (Matthew 27:40). Jesus could have glorified himself and forced his ridiculers to accept him as the Messiah, but God does not compel our belief or our love. Saint Paul echoes this as he writes to Philemon, “I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary.” In Dostoevsky’s *The Brothers Karamozov*, a character actually yells at Jesus for respecting our freedom. He claims human beings would be better off if Jesus used his power to control us, compelling us to believe in God and to care for each other. But God prefers to respect our freedom. In today’s Gospel, Jesus invites us to renounce what we have and rely totally on him. It’s our choice.

Today’s Readings: Wis 9:13–18b; Ps 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14, 17; Phlm 9–10, 12–17; Lk 14:25–33

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Mass Intentions



SEPT. 7 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Bob & Maggie Yeater <i>(Lottie Durbin)</i>
SEPT. 8 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Dorothy Wayman† <i>(Margaret & Bob Shutler)</i>
10:00 A.M.	Inez Rakoskie† <i>(John & Judy Vargo)</i>
SEPT. 9 8:00 A.M.	MONDAY Chuck & Mary Taskalines <i>(Libby Magnone)</i>
SEPT. 10 8:00 A.M.	TUESDAY Frank & Jenny Novel† <i>(Robert & Theresa (Novel) Baker)</i>
SEPT. 11 8:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY Don McCormick† <i>(Pete & Judy Mysliwicz)</i>
SEPT. 12 8:00 A.M.	THURDAY Carolyn Harris <i>(Jane Klug)</i>
SEPT. 13 8:00 A.M.	FRIDAY Semon & Phyllis Prado <i>(Danny Prado)</i>
SEPT. 14 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Mary & Phil Skvarka† <i>(Phil Skvarka Jr.)</i>
SEPT. 15 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Bill Termin† <i>(Termin Family)</i>
10:00 A.M.	Jack Helfer† <i>(Mark & Jane Helfer)</i>

Rosary weekdays after 8 a.m. Mass

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

9/14 4:00 p.m. Danny Prado/Julie Fecat
9/15 8:00 a.m. Rose Hess/John Hess
9/15 10:00 a.m. L. Freeland/M. Helfer

Altar Servers:

9/14 4:00 p.m. Frizzell
9/15 8:00 a.m. Laberdee
9/15 10:00 a.m. Whitelatch

Gift Bearers:

9/14 4:00 p.m. Ellen McCormick
9/15 8:00 a.m. Dan & Lori Laberdee
9/15 10:00 a.m. Georgia Petit

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of September 9, 2019

Sue Church & Cindy Gunto

Greeters:

9/14 4:00 p.m. Dave & Celeste Evans
9/15 8:00 a.m. Paula Whitwam & Lottie Durbin
9/15 10:00 a.m. Susan Board & Rosemary Patrone

Bingo: September 13, 2019

Raffle: Mark Hitt

Kitchen: Daunel Gump

Weekly Offering



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COLLECTION: August 25, 2019

Envelopes - \$ 2440.00

Loose Offering - \$ 807.00

Building Repairs - \$30.00

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Attendance - 283

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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:

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Website:

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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 Day Mass Schedule:

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



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

Prayer Request: Rebecca Targosky, 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 Tetric, Rachel Kerekes.

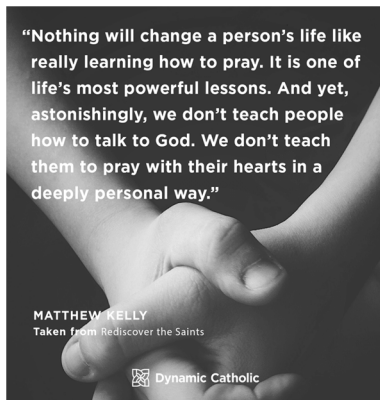
Nursing Home: Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.

Fall Bible Study: Praying the Scripture

Our upcoming Bible Study program titled “*Lectio: Prayer*” will begin October 16 and 17. In this six week study, we will delve into the practice of *Lectio Divina* which has a long and rich history within our Catholic faith. It is a method of reading and praying with the Bible. The study aims to teach us a perspective on prayer that will deepen our prayer life - and strengthen the very nature of our relationship with God.

To learn more about prayer - and in preparation for this class - see the **20 Day Reading Plan**

About Prayer that you can find in the vestibule of the church. Classes are held Wednesday mornings 9-10:30 and Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00 and you can find registration forms in the vestibule of the church or the church office.



The Ladies Auxiliary at Our Lady of Peace Parish is sponsoring a Quarter Auction on Sunday, September 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.



Sept. 17 - Mass at Moundview Nursing Home
Sept. 22 - PSR Begins
Sept. 25 - Parish Council Meeting at 6:30 PM
Oct. 1 - 2020 Mass Book opens
Oct. 16 & 17 - Bible Study Begins
Oct. 14-18 - Catholic Charities Volunteer Trip
Nov. 7 - Bus trip to Lancaster



Parish Council meeting will be September 25th at 6:30 PM Please note the change of date



Gabriel Project needs items

The Moundsville Gabriel Project has been gaining popularity since it started and therefore, is serving more clients. This means their stock of supplies needs replenishing more often. They are in need of everything for babies, but especially diapers, sizes 3-6, hygiene products (shampoo, lotion, ointment, wipes), pacifiers and teething rings. Bless you for your continued generosity to this effort.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, September 28th, 6-10 PM
Klug Hall (St. Vincent's New Martinsville)
Age 21 and older
\$20.00 (before 9/23)/ \$25.00 (at door)
per trivia guest

- Teams of 6 or 8 of your smartest or most fun friends ready to exercise their brain power or funny bones!
- Participants are invited to choose a theme for their table and to dress accordingly, bring tailgate-style snacks and beverages to share with their team.
- A prize will be awarded to the best-themed table! (Themes and costumes are not a requirement to participate.)

The evening will include unique door prizes and a 50/50 raffle

Price includes snacks and soda.

For more info contact Lisa Toman at 304-771-8421 or Denise Klug 304-455-4615

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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