

Stewardship Thought

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall."

—Confucius

We are three Sundays into our Lenten journey. How are we doing? Did we start out with great expectations? Did we give up something? That has been the number one practice for most Catholics

during Lent...I will give up, you name it for the forty days of Lent. Does everyone succeed 100%? No!

Does everyone slip and fall? No! But many or maybe just a few have slipped and fallen on the road to Easter. Like new year resolutions...we start out strong but soon fall. If you

find yourself among those who would have slipped and fallen...don't lose heart! Even the disciples were not able to fulfil the Lord's request.

Mark 14: 32 They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." 33 He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. 34 "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." 37 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for

one hour? 38 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Yes, our spirit is willing but our flesh is weak. If you haven't fallen on your Lenten journey...great. But if you are counted among the few who have...don't lose heart. Remember what Confucius said...

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall. So rise up, dust yourself off and continue your journey to Easter.

The Stewardship Committee

Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Sunday
 following the 10:30 am Mass
 in the Stations of the Cross Garden
Everyone is Welcome!

Collection Supports Retired Priests

This week, we will have a special collection to support the Priests Health and Retirement Association, a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of our Diocese. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection

Palm Sunday
Procession at 10:30 Mass
 begins in the
St. Joseph Cathedral Courtyard

Weekly Collection
 Envelopes: \$3,211 Loose: \$394.61
 Online: \$418

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Sunday Masses: 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Weekday Mass: 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound: Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph

The Feast of St. Joseph

Some End of Winter Inspiration

From time to time, (seemingly at the moments I need them the most and because I believe he can read minds and hearts) Msgr. Quirk will send me little spiritual reflections. This was his offering to me earlier in the week. I want to share it with you all. It comes from the St. Josemaria Institute and is fitting for us all.

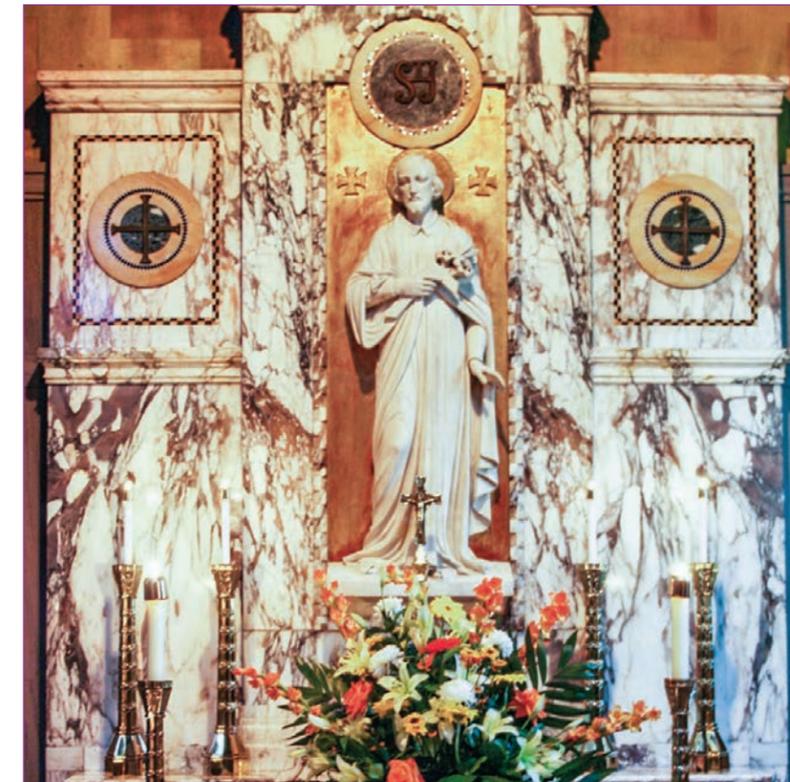
This sudden change in weather brought to mind this beautiful excerpt from Friends of God (no. 151) by St. Josemaria Escriva:

"One of my most vivid childhood memories is of seeing, up in the mountains near my home, those signposts they planted alongside the hill paths. I was struck by those tall posts usually painted red. It was explained to me then that when the snow fell, covering up everything, paths, seeded fields and pastures thickets, boulders and ravines, the poles stood out as sure reference points, so that everyone would always know where the road went.

"Something similar happens in the interior life. There are times of spring and summer, but there are also winters, days without sun and nights bereft of moonlight. We can't afford to let our friendship with Jesus depend on our moods, on our ups and downs. To do so would imply selfishness and laziness, and is certainly incompatible with love.

"Therefore, in times of wind and snow, a few solid practices of piety, which are not sentimental but firmly rooted and adjusted to one's special circumstances, will serve as the red posts always marking out the way for us, until the time comes when Our Lord decides to make the sun shine again. Then the snows melt and our hearts beat fast once more, burning with a fire that never really went out. It was merely hidden in the embers, beneath the ashes produced by a time of trial, or by our own poor efforts or lack of sacrifice."

When our interior lives, and the weather too, can't seem to decide if it's still winter or already spring, the St. Josemaria Institute helps provide "red posts" throughout the year to help you remain rooted in daily prayer and in your friendship with God.



This week we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, patron of our diocese and the universal church. Please join us for Mass on March 20 at 12:05 p.m.

Join Us for the Lenten Pilgrimage

During this Lenten season, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will once again present its Lenten pilgrimages with Masses celebrated by diocesan priests known for their "quality of preaching."

A pilgrimage will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling March 29 with guest homilist Rev. Walter M. Jagela, pastor of St. John University Parish in Morgantown.

The pilgrimages will begin with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of penance at 6 p.m. with various priests in the area available to hear confessions. Mass will follow at 7 p.m.

Christian Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

I was grocery shopping the other day in Kroger's. I noticed a young boy walking with his parents. I am not good at guessing ages, but he looked to be under the age of six. He was wearing red goggles over his eyes. He ran toward the refrigerated counter, grabbed the side of the counter and jumped up to look inside. As he jumped he made a whooshing sound, the one you hear when a super hero in the movies begins to fly. His parents told him to be careful since he almost ran into the cart I was pushing. I asked which super hero he is today. His mom said only he knows, but the goggles never leave his head. For some reason, I could relate to this little boy and understand the meaning of wanting to wear the goggles. We all have "red goggles" that have meaning that only we understand. I keep an elongated egg shaped rock on my desk at home. There is nothing special about this tan rock with light brown veins that would make someone understand its meaning. For me, it is a reminder of a summer job while I was in college. I worked with a landscaping crew one summer. The last job of the day before I started classes the following week was to unload three ton of stone from a dump truck. What made this particular job so hard was unloading the stone by hand. The stone was shoveled into a wheelbarrow then dumped around the landscape of a pool fifty feet away. I had to do both. After

the truck was empty and the last load spread evenly on the ground, I began to load the wheelbarrow and shovel into the bed of the truck. I noticed a rock that missed its mark of the wheelbarrow bed. I placed the rock in my pocket as a reminder of a job unloading stone that I did not want to do again. Blisters had formed on the palm of my hands though I was wearing leather work gloves. The foreman noticed me pick up the rock. Instead of telling me to place the rock on the landscape, Jim smiled and said he understood why I wanted a keep-sake.

The more I read about the Mass, the life of Christ and our own Catholic faith, the more I understand what I see at each Mass service I attend that has gone unnoticed. It would be easy to write about the symbolism of the Crucifix hanging on the Cathedral wall or the marble altar we see before us. I would hope by now with our years of Christian education and beliefs we would understand the meaning of each. The one religious symbol that provides light that we all see but may not truly understand the meaning is the candle. The play on words in the last sentence is the word "light." The obvious meaning, of course, is that the flame of the candle is a symbol of Jesus who came to enlighten the world about God and what we need to do to have a place in Heaven. That is an easy one for all to understand. I know the main ingredient of an altar candle is beeswax. That was told to me as a young altar boy by

How Many Times

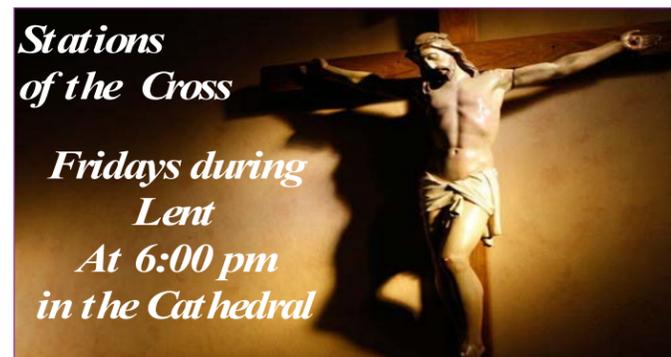
Fr. Kirwin, as was the meaning of the flame. The beeswax candle burns clean. There is no noxious smell or smoke from its flame. There are additional meanings behind the use of beeswax that goes unknown to most. St. John Chrysostom wrote about the symbol of bee in the Catholic faith. "The bee is more honored than other animals, not because it labors, but because it labors for others" (12th Homily). So I realized that the bees like the clergy and religious men and women in the Church, work unceasingly for the common good of the hive and obey without question their superiors, and above all their queen. The symbolism of bees also signifies the way the Church generates her spiritual fruits because bees are virginal, they don't have any sexual contact. As the Church gives grace through the purity of her divine Sacraments, so the bees give us honey and wax by the labor of their pure bodies. This is why their wax, considered the fruit of a virgin labor, is worthy to burn in the candles on the altar at the offering of the Holy Sacrifice." The altar candle is a symbol of Jesus Christ. The beeswax symbolizes his virgin birth and body, the wick his soul and the flame his

divinity. Now if you are reading this in church before the Celebration of the Mass, you are probably looking at the altar candles in a new light...sorry, I had to use that line in this writing. It was too easy not to pass up.

There are many symbols in our Cathedral that we see with each visit but may not truly understand their meaning. We can see the meaning of our faith outside a church as well. The rock on my desk, though symbolizing a job that provided blisters to my hands, could also be a reminder that marriage, as well as our Christian beliefs, need a strong foundation to survive. The rain could also symbolize a cleansing as in baptism. The rain provides nourishment for growth and quenching of thirst as does Scripture. It is all on how we perceive the world around us. For me, as I have written many times, I leave it all to the early mornings of prayer and readings, rambling thoughts, and a couple cups of very strong coffee. May you see and understand the Peace of Christ in each of your days.

You are remembered in my prayers as I hope I am remembered in yours.

"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"
Alex J. Nagem



Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—March 19th—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Station Church of Rome: San Lorenzo fuori le Mura

Sat 6:00p Mass for Eva Purpura & Francie K. Martin
8:00a Mass for the Parishioners
9:00a Confirmation Retreat
9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices
RCIA, Rectorry

9:15-10:15a Confession

10:30a Mass for Jack & Chris Winiesdorffer
RDGS: Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

Monday—March 20th—SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Station Church of Rome: San Marco al Campidoglio

12:05p Mass for Brian P. Quirk
RDGS: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Joseph, usually honored on March 19 since the end of the 10th c; declared Patron of the Universal Church in 1870 by Pope Pius IX; patron of workers and carpenters; also of Austria, Belgium, Bohemia, Canada, Mexico, Peru and Vietnam; mentioned in the Roman Canon.

Tuesday—March 21st

Station Church of Rome: Santa Pudenziana

12:05p Mass for Jack Staley
RDGS: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-9 Mt 18:21-35
5:30p Parish Council

Wednesday—March 22nd

Station Church of Rome: San Sisto

12:05p Mass for Edward J. Davis, Sr.
RDGS: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Mt 5:17-19
6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thursday—March 23rd—Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Station Church of Rome: Santi Cosma e Damiano

12:05p Mass for Dorothy Bischof
RDGS: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

Turibius, died 1606; from Salamanca; as a layman, he was the chief judge of the Inquisition at Granada; as archbishop of Lima, he presided over the III Council of Lima; established the first seminary in the New World; sought to alleviate poverty among the native population; contemporary of St. Rose of Lima; patron of Latin American bishops.

Friday—March 24th

Station Church of Rome: San Lorenzo in Lucina

11:15a Confession
12:05p Mass for Clarence Pagendarm
RDGS: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17
Mk 12:28-34
6:00p Stations of the Cross

Saturday—March 25th—THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Station Church of Rome: Santa Susanna

9:00a Mass for Ann Schlatt
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for Augusta Moran
RDGS: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Sunday—March 26th—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Station Church of Rome: Santa Croce in Gerusalemme

8:00a Mass for Sadie Edmister
9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices
RCIA, Rectorry

9:15-10:15a Confession

10:30a Mass for the Parishioners
RDGS: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-6
Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

Lent and Holy Week Schedule

All Fridays during Lent

6:00p Stations of the Cross

Feast of Saint Joseph—March 20

12:05a Mass

Palm Sunday—April 9

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Procession

Monday of Holy Week—April 10

12:05 p.m. Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week—April 11

12:05 p.m. Mass
4:00 p.m. Chrism Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week—April 12

12:05 p.m. Mass

Holy Thursday—April 13

6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday—April 14

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday—April 15

9:00 a.m. Decorating Cathedral for Easter
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—April 16

8:00 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Mass
Easter Egg Hunt following Mass