

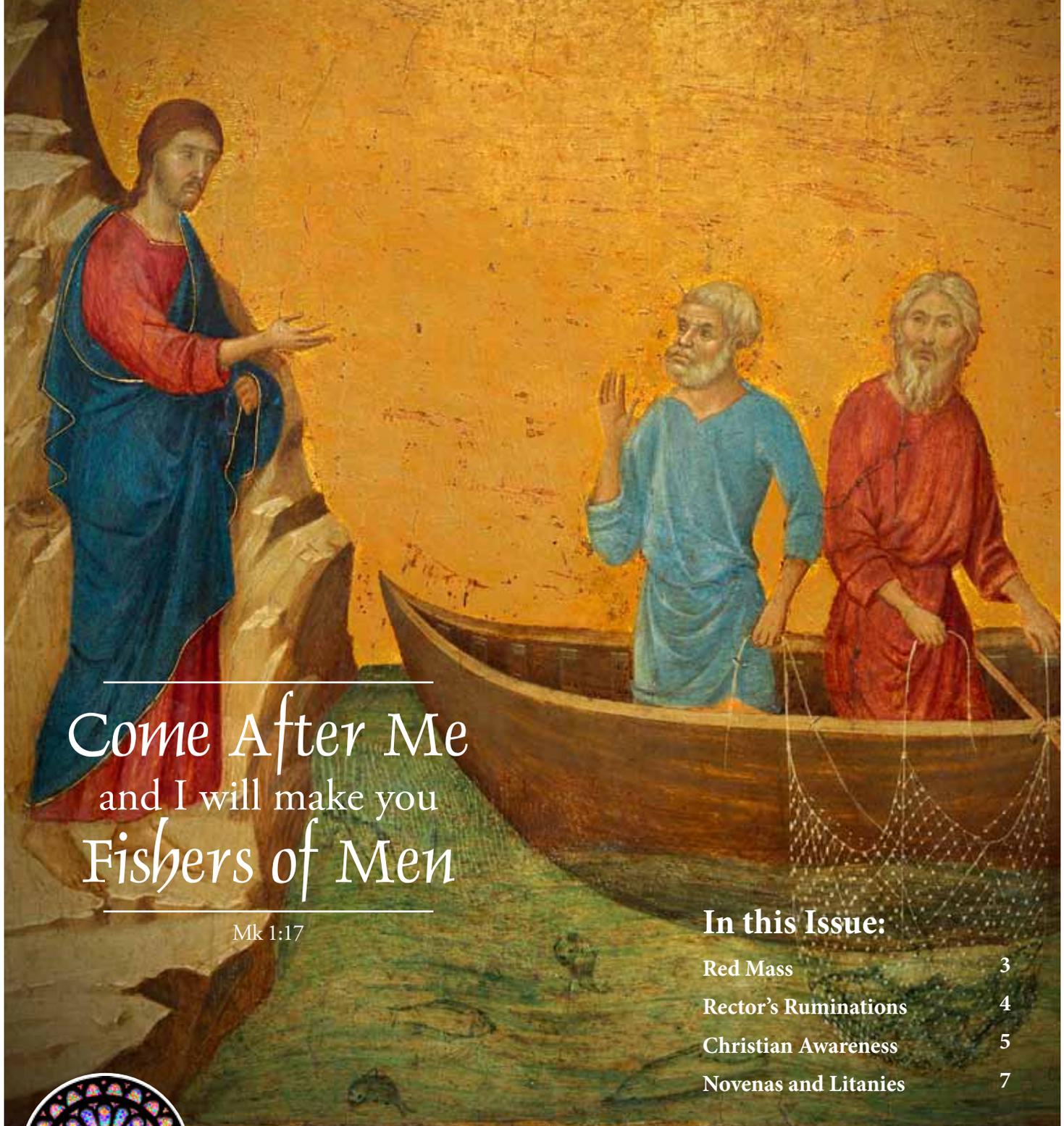
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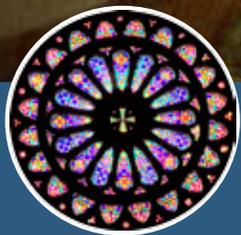


Come After Me and I will make you Fishers of Men

Mk 1:17

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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

This Week

At The Cathedral



The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Our readings on this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us that we are each called by God to a particular purpose in life. In addition, we must guard against being too rooted, so that we can indeed respond to the Lord as a disciple.

Jonah might be called the “reluctant prophet.” God had called Jonah, but Jonah did everything he possibly could to resist that call. God is persistent, and calls Jonah again. God may be calling us as well over and over; the calling will not cease, but our response must be a positive one, just as Jonah’s is. One might say that God offers Jonah a new beginning; we, too are offered a new beginning by the Lord, and as we enter a new calendar year this may be the time to consider that.

Realizing that it was pointless to resist the will of God, Jonah does go to Nineveh, and there he preaches repentance. It is the same message brought by John the Baptist and one conveyed by Jesus over and over. Before we can answer a call, before we can be disciples, we, too, must repent.

Although brief, the Second Reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians carries a message closely associated with repentance. Paul warns against being too rooted and attached to the things of this life. When Paul says “the time is running out,” he is paralleling Jesus’ words and advice. Jesus said in Matthew 24:44 “Therefore, you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Time is always running out on us. That is why we must seek to repent and respond now, not later. What is our calling? It may not come to us in capital letters and clearly, but it is something we must ever be seeking, and then trying to fulfill it.

Finally, the Gospel of Mark relates a story very familiar to us when the Lord calls His first Apostles to “come after me.” This is in effect the calling heard by Jonah, and what Paul was trying to emphasize to us. Before the calling, however, Jesus says again, “The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.” We will hear something very similar on Ash Wednesday as Lent begins.

When Jesus says “Repent” it may not mean quite what we think it does. The Lord is not telling us to just feel sorry. He is calling us to action. That involves conversion, a change in how we live and what we do. Repentance is a change of direction. Also, it is not something we do before we come to God and answer His call. It is telling us what coming to God is like, what it requires.

In the original Greek, the word attributed to Jesus for “believe” is *pisteuo*. That means much more than just knowledge or agreement. It speaks of our total trust and dependence on God. It is not just an intellectual acceptance, but it is a call to live it out. That is what the Apostles did when Jesus called them.

Note that the Lord says “I will make you fishers of men.” He is speaking of a process, not an instantaneous happening. Jesus called His Apostles to do what He did. It was their responsibility to share this with others, which is what occurred. Imagine that from that original calling there are now millions upon millions of potential disciples. We are still called to do Jesus’ work. It began with two, then four, then twelve and has continued to grow through the centuries. Spreading the Good News is still part of what Jesus expects from each of us.

SUN 21 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
(Sat) 6:00 PM Mass for Alvin Weidman
8:00 AM Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery
9:15 AM First Communion Class (*Parish Offices*)
10:30 AM Mass for the Parishioners

MON 22 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
12:05 PM Mass for Ron Radcliffe

TUE 23 *Saint Vincent, deacon, martyr;*
Saint Marianne Cope, virgin
12:05 PM Mass for Rose Breiding

WED 24 **Saint Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor of the Church**
12:05 PM Mass for Jamie Ruble & Kyle Edmister
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

THU 25 **THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE**
12:05 PM Mass for Steve Rice

FRI 26 **Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops**
11:15 AM Confessions
12:05 PM Mass for Fr. Mark Gallipeau

SAT 27 **Saint Angela Merici, virgin**
Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 AM Mass for Most Rev. Joseph H. Hodges
- *Anniversary of Death (1985)*
9:30 AM Rosary
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM **Red Mass**
Mass for Rodney Eikey

SUN 28 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00 AM Mass for the Parishioners
9:15 AM First Communion Class (*Parish Offices*)
10:30 AM Mass for Jack Jochum



Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

“It is the divine name that alone brings salvation.”

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 432*



The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. The Church celebrated the feast of the Holy Name on January 3. This month, take time to celebrate its power and significance, for the name of Jesus is truly the “Name above all names.”

Red Mass - January 27

Most Rev. Timothy Christian Senior, V.G., M.B.A., M.S.W., M.A., M.Div, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be the featured homilist for the 10th annual Red Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling, W.Va., at 6 p.m. Jan. 27.

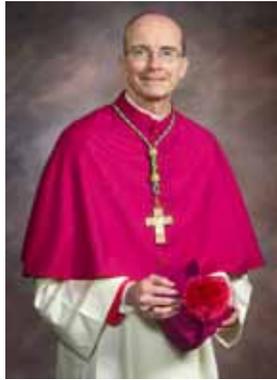
Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield, bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, will be the designated celebrant for the Mass. Msgr. Frederick P. Annie, V.G.; Msgr. Kevin M. Quirk, J.C.D., J.V., rector of the cathedral; as well as other diocesan priests will concelebrate. The Red Mass is celebrated to invoke God's blessing and guidance on those who work in the administration of justice. Members of the judiciary as well as state and local government officials will be in attendance. The Red Mass has been celebrated annually at the Cathedral of St. Joseph since 2009.

Bishop Timothy Senior has been Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia since July, 2009. Bishop Senior was appointed Rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbook, Pa., on July 2, 2012. Prior to assuming this responsibility, Bishop Senior served in various offices in the governance of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

In 1998, he was named Chaplain to His Holiness, Pope John Paul, II, with the title “Reverend Monsignor.” In 2004, he was named Vicar for Clergy by Cardinal Justin Rigali, and in 2005, was named a Prelate of Honor by the late Pope John Paul II. In 2009, Bishop Senior was appointed Titular Bishop of Floriana and Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia. He was ordained a Bishop on July 31, 2009 by Cardinal Justin Rigali.

The custom of an annual liturgical celebration or special Mass for the Bench and Bar arose principally in England, France, and Italy in the early 13th century. In England, since the priests wore red robes, the judges of the High Court in Edward I's time, who were all doctors of the law, conformed to ecclesiastical tradition and also wore red robes. Therefore, the celebration became popularly known as the Red Mass.

This celebration of the Red Mass was introduced into the United States in 1928: Patrick Cardinal Haves presided at the celebration at St. Andrew Church, New York City, and strongly encouraged the involvement of the legal community in spreading the Word of God. Since that initial celebration, the annual celebration of a Red Mass has spread to more than half of the States. In 1995, the Red Mass was first celebrated at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston, W.Va.



In your charity, please keep in your prayers:

Annie Midcap, Arthur Danehart, Austin Cook, Barb Mazzocca, Betty Teater, Bill Wilson, Bob Armstrong, Bob Jones, Brogan Gallentine, Caleb Hlebiczki, Charles Heizer, Children of the Youth Services System, Chuck Fair, Darleen Williams, David A. Kress, Jr., Dustin Ronevich, Eva Wood, Father Joseph Wilhelm, Frank Davis, Fred Herink, Gail Koch, George Kirchner, Haley Carter, Hines Rotriga, Jack Jochum, Jr., James Benner, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Janet Cupp, Janie, Jean and Chuck Schultz, Jim Antill, Jim and Dee, Jimmy Hocking, John Petrella, Jon-Michael Lasher, Judy Pack, Julia Sheets, Kathy Cooley, Kermit Klosterman, Liam Manning, Lukie Brown, Margaret Stocke, Mark Davis, Martha Yocum, Mary Alice Florio, Mary Ann Fowler, Mary K. Schlosser, Mary Shutler, Mary Walicki, Michael DeBlasis, Milissa Rose, Milly Burke, Mona Wurtzbacher, Norma Bosold, Patricia Kaliszcz, Pete Mack, R. J. Stocke, Richard Simon, Rick Burgy, Ron Hickman, Rosalie Davis, Sarah Hanasky, Sarah Sargent, Shawn Thomas, Shirley DeCaria, Stanley Kyrk, Stephanie Bugaj, Susan Graff, Susan Mize, Susan Schulte, Tammy, Thelma Pearson, Thomas Griffith, Trystan Timmons, Victoria Jeskey



The Pope's Monthly Intention for January

The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this month's intention:

Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Wintertime Meeting Policy

If Ohio County schools are closed due to inclement weather, all parish meetings are cancelled.

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Weekly Collection

January 14, 2017

Envelopes: \$3410 Loose: \$746

Online: \$333

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Rector's Ruminations

Ordinary Time

BY REV. MSGR. KEVIN M. QUIRK

Breaking from plan, ever tolerant readers, I've decided to skip the varied and sundry miscellany within the upper sanctuary of the Cathedral and instead jump forward to a discussion of what is arguably the principal artistic element within our dear grande dame, the Cathedral, the Lieftuchter murals. I'm still working out the scheme that I will follow in presenting the murals, though I am certain that I will give a general overview followed by a closer examination in three parts: the apse mural, the dome mural, and the transept saints.

Volume 14 of *The American Art Annual* contains the following entry:

LIEFTUCHTER, Felix B – 1931 Broadway, New York, N.Y.; h. 519 Considine Ave., Cincinnati, O. P – Born Cincinnati, O. October 29, 1883. Pupil of Duveneck and Frantz von Stuck, Munich. Work: Apse decoration at St. Agnes' Church in Cleveland, O., and murals in the Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake City, Utah.

When this entry was published in 1917, Mr. Lieftuchter's work in our Cathedral was still more than nine years in the future, though as the simple "P" within the entry indicates, he was already a well-known painter with at least one Church apse mural and the full decoration of a Cathedral already under his belt. He would go on to do much more.

Felix Bernard Lieftuchter was an artist who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 29, 1882. The *Art Annual* entry places his birth on the same day one year later, though such errors were fairly common, as the misspelling of Munich in the reproduced entry above makes clear. In his lifetime, Lieftuchter produced at least six major church

decorations, worked with mosaics, and was engaged as a portrait artist. In his work within churches, almost entirely Catholic, thereby favoring his own native faith, Lieftuchter favored murals painted on dried plaster with Keim paints. These paints, named for their inventor, were silicate mineral paints which, in the presence of CO2 solidified through a process of calcification, making them durable over time and less prone to flaking. Mineral silicate paint coats are considered durable and weather resistant.

Lifetimes exceeding a hundred years are possible.

Lieftuchter almost certainly learned the exceptional qualities of these paints during his artistic studies under Frank Duveneck and at the Akademie der Bildende Kunst in Munich, Germany under Franz von Stuck, as the *Art Annual* entry tells us.

What it does not mention is that the American-born Lieftuchter went back to Germany with his family when he was 15 and shortly after that he began school in Munich. During his formal training in painting, he went to Italy to study church decorations.

With the completion of his formal studies, he returned to the United States and developed a friendship and close working relationship with the architect John T. Comes, the author of the 1920 book *Catholic Art and Architecture*. Comes seems to have provided Lieftuchter with many of his Church commissions and to have prompted Lieftuchter's mural work

with its flat, Byzantine or iconic character. Comes introduced Lieftuchter to Edward Weber, the Pittsburgh architect whose own conceptions of Church architecture Comes both valued and influenced. The introduction led to several commissions for Lieftuchter in collaboration with Weber as principal architect, particularly in our dear Cathedral.



Among the churches decorated in his favored Keim paints, Lieftuchter painted the following:
-Cathedral of the Madeleine, Salt Lake City, Utah
-St. Aloysius Church, Bowling Green, Ohio
-Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Toledo, Ohio

- Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, West Virginia
- St. Agnes' Church Apse, Cleveland, Ohio (destroyed By fire 1975)
- St. Agnes Church, Carlow University, Pittsburgh, PA.
- St. Columbia, Johnston, PA. (oil on canvas mural)
- Toledo Central Catholic High School Chapel
- Saint Vincent De Paul, Buffalo, NY. (1924-1926) Mural and Mosaics

In a letter dated April 7, 1972, in response to a query from Rev. Msgr. William H. McDougall, Rector of the Cathedral of the Madeleine, regarding the manner in which Lieftuchter executed the mural in the Cathedral, the artist replied, "I painted five or six cathedrals in the United States. I was about 30 years old when I worked

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Nice Guys Finish Last?

BY ALEX NAGEM

I have been reading the New Testament again. I find reading a chapter or several verses in the Bible are a good way to begin the day. This tends to ground me at the start of the day. The readings give me a sense of being aware of the present, not worrying about the past or the “what ifs” of the future. One of the chapters I finished reading recently was John 15. I took note to the verses titled “The World’s Hatred.” When thinking about these lines, the phrase, “nice guys finish last,” came to mind. I never liked that phrase, though it does tend to be true in many instances. The following questions came to mind when I was thinking about what is said in this chapter. Should we criticize someone who is not of the same beliefs as us but who shows a Christian attitude toward others? Should we make fun of the one who is handicapped and repeatedly says, “God bless you” to everyone they meet? Should we criticize someone for refusing to follow the crowd because of their belief in the teachings of Jesus? Should we cheat someone since they are unaware or are too trusting? When we sin against each other we also sin against God, right? When we sin we forget about God’s promises to us. We become more interested in our own earthly desires. We all make mistakes. It is not easy to spend a day in the grace of God when encountering others. We can become frustrated and angry with their behavior or what they have said. We can also become envious of their home, furnishings, prestige, and wealth when we think we have worked just as hard but haven’t gained as much. Why do they have it and we don’t? In reading the Bible, all of this doesn’t matter when we believe in the promises God made to us, right? If we believe in Jesus

for who he is and what he has taught, we very well may be the nice guy who finishes last on earth. Finishing last will not matter to an eternity in the presence of God. As for those who have sinned against fellow children of God, we can easily criticize them. We can easily persecute them as well. Think how easily criticism sneaks into our days. Easy seems to be the catch word when it comes to criticism. Criticism is like a cancerous growth that is shown on our face and in our actions that can be seen by all. Criticism shows the ugliness which is opposed to our Christian nature. We can disagree with someone without using criticism or harsh words. We can also pray for the betterment and salvation of ourselves and others when we are in disagreement. When Jesus prayed, I believe he prayed for all of us, not just those who are bad, but for those who are hurting in any way. As Jesus suffered for us, we may suffer for our belief in Him. Our desire should not be for this world but for the world yet to come. “If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own, but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you,” John 15:18-27. Jesus said this to the Apostles before his crucifixion. He was making them aware of the trials and persecution that were to come. As followers of Jesus we have a desire to pray more and meditate on His words more, all to oppose the temptations in our life that keep us from the Light of Christ.

“If I find, in myself, a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world,” C.S. Lewis.

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

“Vocatus Atque Non Vocatus, Deus Aderit.” 🍀



Quote from the Early Church Fathers

Common people on an uncommon mission
by Eusebius of Caesarea (263-340 AD)

“Reflect on the nature and grandeur of the one Almighty God who could associate himself with the poor of the lowly fisherman’s class. To use them to carry out God’s mission baffles all rationality. For having conceived the intention, which no one ever before had done, of spreading his own commands and teachings to all nations, and of revealing himself as the teacher of the religion of the one Almighty God to all humanity, he thought good to use the most unsophisticated and common people as ministers of his own design. Maybe God just wanted to work in the most unlikely way. For how could inarticulate folk be made able to teach, even if they were appointed teachers to only one person, much less to a multitude? How should those who were themselves without education instruct the nations?... When he had thus called them as his followers, he breathed into them his divine power, and filled them with strength and courage. As God himself he spoke God’s true word to them in his own way, enabling them to do great wonders, and made them pursuers of rational and thinking souls, by empowering them to come after him, saying: ‘Come, follow me, and I will make you fish for people’ (Mark 1:17, Matthew 4:19). With this empowerment God sent them forth to be workers and teachers of holiness to all the nations, declaring them heralds of his own teaching.”

Scripture Readings

The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

Week of January 21

Monday

2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10

Ps 89: 20, 21-22, 25-6

Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday

2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19

Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10

Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday

2 Samuel 7:4-17

Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30

Mark 4:1-20

Thursday

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22

Ps 117:1,2

Mark 16:15-18

Friday

2 Timothy 1:1-8

Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 10

Mark 4:26-34

Saturday

2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17

Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Mark 4:26-34

Sunday

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

Weekly Devotions at the Cathedral

The following devotions are prayed each week following the 12:05 pm Mass:

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday

Litany of Loreto
Tuesday

Litany of Saint Joseph
Wednesday

Litany of the Sacred Heart
Thursday

Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fridays

The Holy Rosary
Saturdays after the 9 am Mass



This Week with the Saints

January 23 - Saint Vincent († c.304) was from Saragossa in third-century Spain. He is also known as Vincent the deacon and servant under St. Valerius, bishop of Saragossa. He was martyred in 304 during the persecution by the emperor Diocletian. Just before he was killed on a gridiron or grill, he was offered his freedom if he would throw a copy of the Scriptures on the fire that was prepared for him, but he refused. After witnessing Vincent's faith and heroism, his executioner converted to Christianity. *Patronage:* wine-producers



Saint Marianne Cope (1838-1918) was born in West Germany, but a year after her birth the Cope family emigrated to the United States of America to seek work and educational opportunities. From a young age, she felt the call to enter the religious life, which led to her decision to enter the Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse, New York. She had a deep affection for the suffering and the sick. Marianne was instrumental in the establishment of two of the first hospitals in the central New York area - hospitals that were open to all people regardless of ethnicity, religion, or race. While serving as superior general of her religious community, she accepted an invitation to care for the sick, especially those afflicted with leprosy, in Hawaii. Marianne joined the mission to Hawaii where she helped establish homes for leprosy patients and cared for St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i who contracted leprosy during his ministry to the sick. Following the death of St. Damien, Marianne continued his compassionate ministry of care for leprosy patients. Marianne lived the Franciscan call to serve the "crucified," the most vulnerable, in society. She was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012.

January 24 - Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622), bishop of Geneva, contributed immensely to the development of spirituality through the publication of his book, *An Introduction to the Devout Life*. Living at a time when manuals on spirituality were written primarily for clerics and members of religious orders, St. Francis' book provided a practical path to holiness for people from all states of life. He challenged the prevailing belief that only a select few could obtain sanctity. Along with his accomplishments in the area of everyday, or lay, spirituality, he cofounded with St. Jane Frances de Chantal the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary, a religious community of nuns that would move beyond traditional enclosure to a healthy blend of prayer and service to the poor. Together, Sts. Frances and Jane, with their close friends Sts. Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac, transformed the face of the Church in France. Saint Francis has been named a Doctor of the Church. *Patronage:* Catholic press, writers, journalists, deaf



January 26 - Saints Timothy and Titus († 1st c.), first century bishops and martyrs, are celebrated together because of their joint association with St. Paul. Timothy is first mentioned in Acts 16:1-2, when Paul visits Lystra, in what is now Turkey. Timothy's mother was Jewish; Paul circumcised him so he would be accepted by the Jewish Christians. Timothy accompanied Paul on some of his journeys, and he is the one addressed in the Letters to Timothy in the [Christian Scriptures.] Tradition says that Paul made him bishop of Ephesus in 65. He was martyred by stoning in either the year 65 or 80 for preaching against the worship of idols. St. Titus was also a disciple and companion of St. Paul. He was probably a Gentile, and Paul refused to have him circumcised because the Gospel freed Gentiles from the Law of Moses. Although he is not mentioned in Acts, he is mentioned several times in Paul's letters and was probably commissioned to preach to the Gentiles. According to Paul, Titus was with Paul and Timothy at Ephesus and was sent to Macedonia to collect alms for the Christians in Jerusalem. He also spent time in Macedonia, Crete, and Dalmatia in modern day Croatia. Tradition says that he was a bishop in Crete and died in the year 107.

January 27 - Several miraculous occurrences, including restoration of sight and visions, surrounded the life of **Saint Angela Merici** (1474-1540), a native of Desenzano in northern Italy. She was profoundly impacted by one vision in which she saw a great company of virgins and saints singing and playing instruments while descending from a staircase in the heavens. Based upon this vision, St. Angela founded a group of consecrated women known as the Ursulines, dedicated to the education of young women.



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on the Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake City. It was during World War I, I think about midway through the war. I stayed in Salt Lake City about a year and have never returned since. I think, as I recall, that I was paid about \$7,000 for my work in the cathedral.” As this quote itself indicates, he was as laconic in writing as he was inspired in painting.

Lieftuchter was also active with

mosaics as a designer or manufacturer, in the literal sense of hand-making the tesserae to be used in mosaics, and was long associated with the Ravenna Mosaic Company in St. Louis, Missouri.

Having a clear case of wanderlust, Lieftuchter lived in among many locations throughout his adult life, including Cincinnati, Chicago, Munich, Toledo, Pittsburgh, New York City, and Miami. Late in life, he emigrated to Mexico and lived in Mexico City from 1968 to 1972,

working as a portrait artist. He died there in 1972 at age 91.

When you have a chance to look up and enjoy his murals decorating our Cathedral Church, perhaps spare a prayer for Felix Lieftuchter, giving thanks to God for this wonderful artist.

As always, if you have a specific question you would like answered, please send it to our deeply chilled yet warm-hearted editor, Mr. Tyler Greenwood (tgreenwood@dwc.org). 🌱

Novenas and Litanies, Part 2

Each week, the attendees of the daily 12:05 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral are invited to pause for a few minutes afterwards and join in a specific novena or litany.

On Tuesdays, we pray the “Litany of Loreto”, also known as the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Composed during the Middle Ages, this popular prayer of supplication, once prayed in processions to atone for sins and to prevent calamities, includes titles given to Our Lady by the early Church Fathers in the first few centuries of Christianity. The place of honor it now holds in the life of the Church is due to its faithful use at the shrine of the Holy House at Loreto, that famous place believed to be the very home in which the Virgin Mary lived, conceived and raised the young Jesus.

The Litany was approved by Sixtus V in 1587, and all other Marian litanies were suppressed, at least for public use. Its titles and invocations set before us Mary’s exalted privileges, her holiness of life, her amiability and power, her motherly spirit and queenly majesty.

The principle that has been followed in their interpretation is the one enunciated by the same Pius IX: “God enriched her so wonderfully from the treasury of His divinity, far beyond all angels and saints with the abundance of all heavenly gifts, that she . . . should show forth such fullness of innocence and holiness, than which a greater under God is unthinkable and which, beside God, no one can even conceive in thought.” Hence, whatever virtue and holiness is found in angels and saints must be present in Mary in an immeasurably higher degree.

It is good, and comforting to remember when praying the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary, that, as St. Bernard once put it “Mary has made herself all to all, and opens her merciful heart to all, that all may receive of her fullness: the sick, health; those in affliction, comfort; the sinner, pardon, and God, glory.”



Around and About

PURSUIT YOUTH EVENT: On **January 28 in the St. Vincent Parish Hall from 12:30-2:30pm** the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will be offering a program entitled Pursuit. This **FREE** event will be an inspiring, fun and faith filled time for teens and parents that includes praise and worship music, prayer and a message of Christ’s presence with us. It will be a great opportunity for parents and teenagers (6th-12th grade) to have a fun and spiritually enriching evening together. St. Vincent’s will provide a light lunch at the beginning of the event.

SPECIAL MASS TO PRAY FOR THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC: On **February 1, 2018 at 7:00 pm**, all are invited to a special Mass at St. Michael Church to pray for healing and an end to the overwhelming opioid epidemic that is plaguing our area, our state and our country. As well, they will remember in a special way all whose lives have been impacted by drug abuse and those who have lost their lives due to the effects of drugs.

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop’s designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the “Diocese” tab, then click “Office of Safe Environment” under the “Offices” menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church’s efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under “Issues and Action,” click “Child and Youth Protection” from the drop down menu.

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Masses

Sundays: 6:00 p.m. (Saturday)
8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 12:05 p.m. Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. Saturday

Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin

Confessions

Friday 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Saturday: 5:00-5:45 p.m.
or by appointment



BAPTISMS / INITIATION

Both Baptism and the Rite of Initiation for Adults can be arranged by contacting the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for a visit.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office.
Please notify the parish office of address changes through the parish office or by visiting the website.

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