

Paul ...

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I asked, 'What shall I do, sir?'
The Lord answered me, 'Get up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told about everything appointed for you to do.'

Since I could see nothing because of the brightness of that light, I was led by hand by my companions and entered Damascus.

"A certain Ananias, a devout observer of the law, and highly spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, came to me and stood there and said,

'Saul, my brother, regain your sight.'

And at that very moment I regained my sight and saw him.

Then he said, 'The God of our ancestors designated you to know his will,

to see the Righteous One, and to hear the sound of his voice; for you will be his witness before all to what you have seen and heard.

Now, why delay? Get up and have yourself baptized and your sins washed away, calling upon his name."



Hearing devices for mass are now available in the vestibule of the church before masses, just ask a greeter. Please return after use.

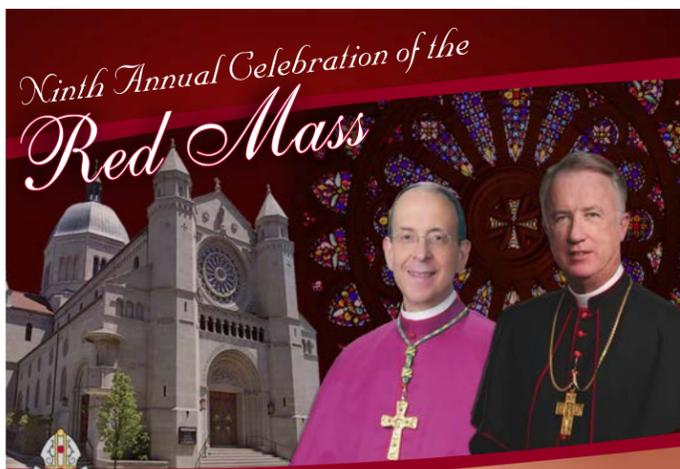
Celebrate World Marriage Day

Join St. Vincent de Paul parishioners Saturday, Feb. 11, for an evening of celebrating your love and the blessing of your marriage. Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m., followed by a wine and cheese social. A candlelit dinner will follow.

Cost is \$ 45 per couple. Reservations are required and must be made no later than Feb. 8. For more information, contact the Beiter's at (304) 238-4904 or the Reed's at (304) 242-8156.

Intercessions

Please keep in your prayers: Steve Rice, Celeste Barton, Margaret Scheiblehood, 1st Lieutenant Zachery Basich (US Marines), Dallas Disbro, David A. Kress, Jr., Edward Fanning, Kathy Cooley, Barb Mazzocca, Rick South, Eva Wood, Mary Alice Florio, James Midcap, Lukie Brown, Hines Rotriga, Patricia Kalisz, Janie, Jim and Dee, Judy Pack, Milissa Rose, Michael DeBlasis, Liam Manning, Mary Ann Fowler, Henry Vogler, Dustin Ronevich, Bob Jones, Frank Davis, Jimmy Hocking, Susan Graff, Brogan Gallentine, Richard Simon, Mark Davis, James Benner, Susan Schulte, Margaret Stocke, Thomas Griffith, Julia Sheets, William Schultz, Jean and Chuck Schultz, R. J. Stocke, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Milly Burke, Norma Bosold, Stephanie Bugaj, Arthur Danehart, Jon-Michael Lasher, Shawn Thomas, Thelma Pearson, Kermit Klosterman, Mary K. Schlosser, Anne Sobota, Susan Mize, Rick Burgy, Betty Teater, Sarah Sargent, Sally Jochum, Martha Yocum, Mary Walicki, George Kirchner, Shirley DeCaria, Haley Carter, Caleb Hlebiczi, Bob Armstrong, Austin Cook, Ron Hickman, Stanley Kyr, Annie Midcap, Charles Heizer, Gail Koch, Pete Mack, Nancy Witzberger, Fred Herink, the Children of the Youth Services System, Chuck Fair, Darleen Williams and Mona Wurtzbacher



Ninth Annual Celebration of the Red Mass
at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling
6 p.m. January 28
The Red Mass is celebrated for members of the local bar association, members of the court and other civil officials. All are invited to attend.
Celebrant and Homilist
Our Metropolitan Archbishop William E. Lori
Archbishop of Baltimore
Designated Concelebrant
His Excellency Most Reverend Michael J. Bransfield
Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

Stewardship Thought

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

The Stewardship Committee

Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph

The Conversion of St. Paul



Paul addressed the people in these words:

"I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city.

At the feet of Gamaliel I was educated strictly in our ancestral law and was zealous for God, just as all of you are today.

I persecuted this Way to death, binding both men and women and delivering them to prison.

Even the high priest and the whole council of elders can testify on my behalf.

For from them I even received letters to the brother sand set out for Damascus to bring back to Jerusalem in chains for punishment those there as well.

"On that journey as I drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from the sky suddenly shone around me.

I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?'

I replied, 'Who are you, sir?'

And he said to me, 'I am Jesus the Nazorean whom you are persecuting.'

My companions saw the light but did not hear the voice of the one who spoke to me.

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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.

Christian Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

My brother and I shared a bedroom up until our college days. Tommy had the twin bed by the window. This was the favored spot for a cool breeze in the summer. I liked lying on his bed at night, which was taboo if he was at home, looking at the lights of the Suspension Bridge and listening to the radio. The lights were mesmerizing. It could have been the confused adolescent years of growing up in an era of uncertainty with war and racial violence, or just being a lost in emotion teenager that would lend to gazing at the night lights and drifting into dreams that are forgotten with time. There is something about a small light in a dark room or a light far off in the darkness that draws our attention. We always walk toward the light in a dark room. Our attention is drawn toward the light in the distance when driving on a dark road or interstate. The light is not held captive by the darkness. It breaks through to provide direction and comfort. It draws us closer in movement and thought. During a storm when electricity is interrupted and the house lights are out, we hold tight to a flashlight, aiming this small means of light in all directions. Are we aiming the light to see or to hold off sounds we hear in the darkness from coming closer? "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in dark-

ness, but will have the light of life,'" (John 8:12). In times of trouble and uncertainty we call out to God, and we ask others for prayers as we pray. We turn toward the light of Christ for comfort and security. In our Christian belief we hold Jesus Christ as the Light of the World. As the celestial sun lights and warms the world in which we live, Jesus Christ lights and warms our spiritual world. Yes, I am aware we all know this, but sometimes a reminder is good to have. Just as when we go to the grocery store without a shopping list for several items, there may be something forgotten. Though we may not need to look at the list, it provides a reminder in hand for what we need to buy. Mentioning Jesus Christ as the Light of our World is a reminder to follow His teachings in a world filled with distractions. Besides, if we know so well what is right and wrong, why do we allow ourselves to be troubled by our mistakes or anger? Maybe for a time, we turned from the Light of Christ since we did not have a reminder in hand.

Have you noticed the candle lit before the Tabernacle in a Catholic Church? This candle or candles are to signify that Jesus Christ is present in the Blessed Sacrament. The sanctuary or tabernacle lamp is often incased in red. This distinguishes this light from other votive lights within the church. This light symbolizes the eternal presence of God which is never extinguished. This is a light that draws us near in reverence,

The Light

in thanksgiving, in worry, and in pain. What is it about a camp fire, burning logs in a fire place, or a lit candle that draws our attention? We watch the flames jump and dance. We allow our minds the freedom to roam a world of dreams. We become silent, almost reverent. "Do not model yourselves on the behavior of the world around you, but let your behavior change, modeled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do," (Romans 12:2). Though we are drawn to the light of a candle or the fire from burning logs we cannot touch the flame as to avoid being burned. In the same manner, at least for me, though I am drawn to Jesus Christ, I am not ready to touch the leather straps of his sandals. I can be silent and pray, but unlike the Desert Fathers, I cannot flee into the desert to free myself of the temptations that lead me to sin. Thomas Merton wrote in *The Wisdom of the Desert*: "Society...was regarded by the Desert Fathers as a shipwreck from which each single individual man had to swim for his life...These were men who believed that to let oneself drift along, passively accepting the tenets and values of what they knew as society, was purely and simply a disaster." As Christians we attempt to make the world around us filled with the love of Christ, but there exists an abyss of domination and manipulation in which we can easily fall and lose our

soul. This is where, like the Desert Fathers, we need a time and place for solitude, meditation and prayer to see the light before us.

I end with the following from "The Way of the Heart," by Henri J. M. Nouwen. "Do not judge and you will not be judged yourselves is a word of Jesus that is indeed very hard to live up to. But it contains the secret of a compassionate ministry. This becomes clear in many stories from the desert. Abba Moses, one of St. Anthony's followers, said to a brother: To die to one's neighbor is this - to bear your own faults and not to pay attention to anyone else wondering whether they are good or bad. Do no harm to anyone, do not think anything bad in your heart towards anyone, do not scorn the man who does evil, do not put confidence in him who does wrong to his neighbor, do not rejoice with him who injures his neighbor...Do not have hostile feelings towards anyone and do not let dislike dominate your heart." Sound familiar? Look at the list we have been given in the *Light of the World*.

"This is how you pray continually-not by offering prayer in your words but by joining yourself to God through your whole life so that your life becomes one continuous and uninterrupted prayer."

St. Basil the Great

My continued prayers are said with you in mind as I hope I am remembered in yours.

"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"

Alex J. Nagem

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Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—January 22nd—THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 6:00p Mass for Thomas E. Flatley
8:00a Mass for Frank Pasden
9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices
RCIA, Rectory
10:30a Mass for the Parishioners
RDGS: Is 8:23—9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
1Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23

Monday—January 23rd—Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

12:05p Mass for Rose Breiding
RDGS: Heb 9:15, 24-28 Ps 98:1-6 Mk 3:22-30
Vincent, died 304 in persecution of Diocletian at Valencia; deacon of the church of Saragossa; protomartyr of Spain; Prudentius, Spanish-born poet, sings his praises in his narrative poem *Peristephanon*; patron of wine-producers.

Marianne Cope, died 1918; a religious of the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse, NY; known for her charitable works and virtuous deeds. For 35 years she cared for the lepers on the island of Moloka'i.

Tuesday—January 24th—Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

12:05p Mass for Kylie Edmister and Jamie Ruble
RDGS: Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8, 10-11
Mk 3:31-35

Francis de Sales, died 1622; bishop of Geneva; sought to bring many back to the Church through his personal life and writings, especially his *Controversies* and several devout treatises, including his *Introduction to the Devout Life*; cofounder with St. Jane Frances de Chantal of the Visitation Order; patron of writers, journalists, and the deaf.

Wednesday—January 25th—THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

12:05p Mass for Ann Schlatt
RDGS: Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18
6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thursday—January 26th—Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops

12:05p Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie
RDGS: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10 Mk 4:21-25
Timothy, from Lystra in Asia Minor, and Titus, of Greek origin, died 1st c.; companions of St. Paul and overseers of the churches of Ephesus and Crete, respectively; recipients of the so-called pastoral epistles.

Friday—January 27th—Saint Angela Merici, virgin +Joseph H. Hodges Anniversary of Death 1985

11:15a Confession

12:05p Mass for +Joseph H. Hodges
RDGS: Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40
Mk 4:26-34

Angela Merici, died 1540 at Brescia; orphaned at ten; foundress of the Ursulines, the first teaching Order especially for poor young girls; sought re-evangelization of families through the education of future wives and mothers.

Saturday—January 28th—Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church

9:00a Mass for Jack Jochum
Rosary

5:00p Confessions

6:00p **RED MASS**

RDGS: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41

Thomas Aquinas, died 1274; O.P.; the "Angelic Doctor" who wrote the *Summa Theologiae* and authored *Adoro te devote*, *O salutaris*, *Tantum ergo*, and *Pange lingua*; patron of Catholic schools, colleges, and universities; of philosophers, theologians, and booksellers.

Sunday—January 29th—FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Mass for Ginny Felton
9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices
RCIA, Rectory
10:30a Mass for Chris Miller
RDGS: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 5:1-12a

Respect Life Vigil Set at St. Michael Parish

St. Michael Parish will host its 4th annual Respect Life Vigil Jan. 26-27. The schedule of events is as follows:

Jan. 26, 7p.m.—Candlelight Prayer Service followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7 a.m. Jan. 27.

January 27, 7:30 a.m.—Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Recitation of the Pro Life Rosary every hour on the hour until 5 p.m.

3:00pm—Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by the recitation of the Rosary.

Please consider participating in these events to pray for the renewal of the respect for life from conception to natural death and to be in solidarity with the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$3,503 Loose: \$509.50

Online: \$393