

## Awareness ...

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my thoughts of Christianity. But, maybe I should wait until a better time of day than a little after 5AM? Prayers are continued for their ministry and family. They are some of the last people who will take care of the burial of our earthly body. They see that it is done in a dignified way. I have reached my turn around spot at the entrance of Wheeling Park. The nice thing about this route is that it is now mostly downhill from here. The end is faster to achieve than reaching the half way mark. Is this the way we should look upon our life that the end is always fast approaching? Can we always remember that truth in all things matters? Do we have continued conversations about our Christian faith outside of the Mass, if not, why? We should pray for all the souls of the departed each day without being reminded. Christ taught us with his words and actions. He saved us with his suffering and death. Maybe our continued suffering is due to our not listening closely enough or maybe there isn't enough fear of what comes after death. Maybe we need to look upon the times of innocence, gratefulness, and the welcoming of our faith to guide us through each day. Maybe I just need to find another route to walk that does not take me past churches and cemeteries which feed my free spirited imagination.

"Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from you. From the wicked foe defend me. At the hour of my death call me and bid me come to you. That with your saints I may praise you forever and ever. Amen" Anima Christi

You are remembered in my prayers as I ask to be remembered in yours.

*"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"*

Alex J. Nagem

### Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$2,918 Loose: \$611.91

Online: \$513

### Intercessions

Please keep in your prayers: Steve Rice, 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 Kalisch, 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, 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 Hlebiczkki, Bob Armstrong, Austin Cook, Ron Hickman, Stanley Kyrk, 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

## The Memorial of Saint Blaise

We know more about the devotion to St. Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary Acts of St. Blaise were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and

then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

As the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, the legend has it, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

*"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Blessing of St. Blaise).*

### Women's Faith Sharing Group

The next Women's Faith Sharing gathering is Friday, February 10, 1:00 pm, in the parish office conference room, following the noon liturgy and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Reflection: Mary's Story, Let It Be (If schools are delayed or canceled due to the weather our meeting will be canceled and rescheduled.

Call Diane 304-233-8574)

# Il Corriere del Duomo

*Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph*

## Welcome Archbishop Lori

Most Rev. William Edward Lori, S.T.D., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and Metropolitan will be the celebrant and homilist for the 9th annual Red Mass at the Cathedral at 6 p.m. Jan. 28.

Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield will be the designated concelebrant and priests of the diocese will be concelebrating. 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.

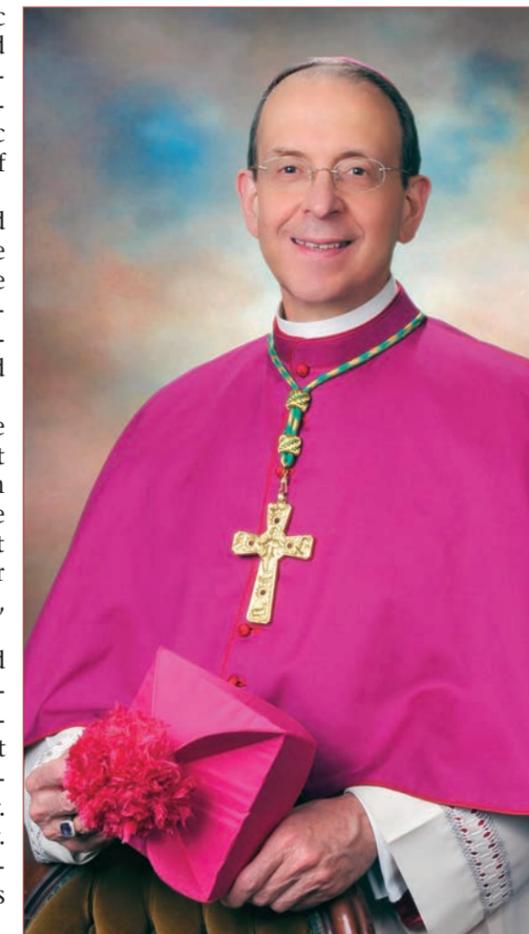
Archbishop Lori is Chancellor and Chairman of the Board of St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Chancellor of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, and past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Catholic University of America. Archbishop Lori is the former Chairman and current member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine,

Chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Universities and Colleges, a member of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for the Defense of Marriage.

In 2005, he was elected Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, where he has the responsibility of overseeing the spiritual welfare of the Order's 1.8 million members and their families.

On March 20, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI named the Most Rev. William E. Lori the 16th Archbishop of Baltimore. The Mass of installation occurred at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore on May 16, 2012.

For the celebration of the Red Mass, the celebrant and concelebrants wear red vestments representing the tongues of fire that symbolize the Holy Spirit. Concelebrating the Mass will be 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.



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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

It is not quite 5am. The temperature outside is a brisk 30 degrees. There is no snow on the ground and no rain in the air that I can see from the living room window. I am dressing warm today to keep the chill away. Low cut cotton socks are worn under a heavier wool blend sock. The t-shirt is layered under a thermal shirt, cotton pullover, a Barbour thermal vest, and an all weather zip jacket. The pants are a cotton, tight weave, material thick enough to keep out the cold as long as I walk at a brisk pace. I double tie the laces of my walking-hiking shoes. Two knitted toboggan hats are worn to protect the head with the receding hair line. Finally, knitted gloves are placed on my hands which still dry out in winter weather. I am ready to face the cold, the early morning darkness, and spend time in prayer and thoughts. I drove to St. Michael's smaller church lot to begin my cardio exercise for the day. Today's walk will be on the stretch of National Road leading toward Wheeling Park. This should give me an easy 3 mile walk before the light of the sun overtakes the darkness of the night. I glance at the cross atop St. Michael Church and begin my walk with the Sign of the Cross. There is much family history within the walls of this church. My wife, Lori, received the Sacraments of Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation in St. Mike's. Our

daughters were Baptized in this church and attended school here. The other Sacraments were received at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. As a family, we spent many hours attending school and church functions. The days of our daughters holding our hands as we walked into the school or church are now a memory that makes me smile. Early morning walks give me time with my thoughts. The mind seems clearer when walking in solitude. Thoughts come and go as fast as each few steps are taken.

The first prayer of my walk begins with the Our Father said for the parishioners of St. Joseph Cathedral. Years passed before prayer became part of my early morning routine. They are now a gentle reminder of my need for Christ in my life. Prayers are needed to overcome temptations and to live a Christian lifestyle. I am still trying to learn how to do both. Counting the Lutheran Church, the chapel at the Welty Round House, and the chapels at the two cemeteries, there are nine places of worship on this one and half mile stretch of road. Just thought I would share this bit of trivia with you. The direction I walk takes me passed the Church of Christ. My thoughts are taken to the celebration of life I attended for my friend, Harold Thomas, of what seems a short time ago. Harold was an iconic figure in Wheeling, one of the old-time bankers who you could call on the phone for a loan. By the time you went to the bank he would have the pa-

4:45 a.m.

perwork ready for you to sign and have your check in hand. I do miss those days. Harold served as a church elder for half his life. He was one of the many reminders that business and religion can be mixed, as long as your Christian faith came first with business decisions. I glance over to the church building. "Church of Christ" is in large letters on its front. As my leg muscles begin to loosen, thoughts are drawn toward the words on the church. I wonder how Christ felt walking with the cross he accepted for us. How tight or weak were his leg muscles. I imagine the pain from the wounds on his body would be more than any one of us could handle. Think about the cuts to his back, arms, legs, and head, the overwhelming pain Christ endured. How long had it been since he had any substantial food? After being beaten, ridiculed, and unfed, now he must drag a wooden cross, which was probably of substantial weight in his condition, to the place where he would be crucified. He sacrificed himself for us and what has he received in return? Makes you want to squirm a little in your seat, doesn't it? The discomfort in my legs as the muscles stretch is nothing in comparison to his pain. I begin another Our Father. I pass the First Christian Church on the other side of the road. The large round window on the side of the building reminds me that God is everlasting, and we are not. Our present life will end. Will we have a life in the presence of God? More prayers

are said. I am reaching the crest of the long upward grade and coming upon The First Baptist Church. A sign in front of the church reads "Truth Matters." How truthful have I been this past week? How truthful have others been to me? I look back on the past week to search for anything I should repent. There is nothing and there is some. Catholic guilt is hard to overcome. But as the words on the sign state, truth does matter in the presence of God. I come upon Greenwood Cemetery. There are no lights on in the cemetery. This adds to the mystery of this gated piece of land. I wonder how many souls lay waiting for prayers to be said on their behalf. You could almost imagine the souls peering through the iron fence with their hand outstretched in hopes of one more prayer to allow them the right to enter Heaven. I begin another set of prayers on their behalf. Maybe they will respond with prayers for me? Are there lost souls within the boundaries of this cemetery or is this just my imagination being influenced by the early morning darkness? We are asked to pray for the souls of the departed. This is their time. I pass the care takers home of Mt. Calvary Cemetery. I don't see any lights on this time of the morning. I wonder if Deacon Doug and Becky would mind if I stopped for a cup of coffee or tea and have an early morning talk about Christian faith. Deacon Doug is always feeding

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## Mass Intentions and Readings

**Sunday—January 29th—FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sat 6:00p RED MASS  
8:00a Mass for Ginny Felton  
9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices  
RCIA, Rectorry  
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

**Monday—January 30th**

12:05p Mass for Blanche Naegele  
RDGS: Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday—January 31st—Saint John Bosco, Priest**

12:05p Mass for Chris Miller  
RDGS: Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 Mk 5:21-43

**John Bosco**, died 1888 at Turin; founded (1859) the Salesians, today numbering around 16,000 religious; dedicated to educating youth; with St. Mary Mazzarello, founded the Saletians Sisters; a pioneer in vocational training; first saint in history to submit to a press interview; forty thousand people filed past his body at his death; first canonized saint in whose honor a national holiday was declared in Italy; patron of editors; known as the "Apostle of Youth."

**Wednesday—February 1st**

12:05p Mass for Jack Scott  
RDGS: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6  
6:30p Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday—February 2nd—THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

12:05p Mass for Bonnie Jo Oliver  
RDGS: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18

This feast, originating in the 4th c. Jerusalem, came to be celebrated in Rome by the middle of the 5th c. under its Greek title, "Feast of the Meeting"; known also as Candlemas Day.

**Friday—February 3rd—Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop-Blessing of throats after Mass First Friday**

11:15a Confession  
12:05p Mass for Dr. Henia D. Johnson  
12:40p Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
RDGS: Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9 Mk 6:14-29

**Blaise**, believed martyred in the persecution of Licinius, early 4th c.; bishop of Sebaste in Armenia; associated with the healing of throats; venerated as well by the Eastern Church.

**Ansgar**, died 865 at Bremen; O.S.B. missionary of Denmark and Sweden; bishop of Hamburg; great preacher and administrator; known as the "Apostle of the North"; patron of Denmark, Germany, and Iceland.

**Saturday—February 4th**

9:00a Mass for Marlene Martin  
Rosary  
5:00p Confessions  
6:00p Mass for Julie Shutler  
RDGS: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday—February 5th—FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00a Mass for the Parishioners  
9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices  
RCIA, Rectorry  
10:30a Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes  
RDGS: Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

### Stewardship Thought

One month of the new year is almost gone. Only eleven more to go and then we will be celebrating Christmas and welcoming in the year 2018.

Why a stewardship thought about that now? Because many of us get frustrated, depress, stress out and the fear of Christmas past comes back to haunt us months before Christmas arrives. So through out the year we can practice. Then when Christmas 2017 approaches we can face it with a smile. And really it's not just about Christmas time...it's about every day life. OK, but what are we to practice? Glad you ask!

Practice adding up your assets! The psalmist gives us the clue to begin by blessing the Lord. What has the Lord done for you? What can you expect Him to do for you in the future? He forgives. He heals. He redeems. He crowns you with loving kindness. He renews your strength! (Psalm 103: 1-5) Remember these are your assets, with them you can face everyday.

Now begin to add up other assets that we all take for granted. List your friends, your education, your citizenship. You get the picture...what other assets do you have? Adding up your assets is a great therapy for depression and stress.

Practice through out the year. Find a quiet place and list on paper all of your assets. Read them to yourself and read the 103 Psalm. By doing so you will be a good steward of your time and your thoughts and God promises that when you remember daily what benefits He has sent your way, you will have renewed strength like an eagle!

Then you can say...bring on this day! Bring on Christmas 2017! I am ready!

**The Stewardship Committee**