

## Women's Faith Sharing Group



The Women's Faith Sharing Group will gather for our monthly meeting Thursday, August 18, at Mount St. Joseph from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our day will begin with 11:15 Liturgy, followed by lunch with the sisters. We will gather together for our meeting at 1 p.m. and lastly, there will be an opportunity for prayer, meditation or visiting. Fee for the day is \$9.00 for lunch. RSVP by noon on Monday, Aug. 15.

For more info or ride call Diane (304-233-8574).

## Auxiliary Hosts Summer Social with the Sisters Aug. 21 at Mount St. Joseph

The Auxiliary of the Congregation of St. Joseph will host its second annual "Summer Social with the Sisters" on Sunday, Aug. 21 at Mount St. Joseph, Pogue's Run Road, Wheeling.

The day will begin with Mass at 11 a.m. in the chapel, followed by brunch. Members of the auxiliary are invited to bring a guest.

Reservations are necessary and may be made by contacting Tammy Poppe at (304) 233-6600 (day) or (740) 310-0606 (evening). No walk-ins can be accommodated.

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### Parish Staff:

Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield, Pastor

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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.

## It's Picnic Planning Time

Mark your calendars for the annual parish picnic to be held Aug. 28. Join us at Haller Shelter—the picnic site just past the Pine Room at Oglebay Park and adjacent to the pool—for Mass beginning at **12:30 p.m.**

After the Mass, we will have a lovely feast organized by our parishioners, followed by fun and games for everyone. There will also be wristbands available for anyone who wishes to take advantage of everything the park has to offer.

Here is how we would like to break down the food arrangements—families with last names beginning with A-Q, please bring a casserole or side dish; families with last names beginning with R-Z, please bring a dessert.

The Society of St. Joseph will be helping out before the Mass to deliver the goods to the shelter. If you would like to help us out, and we need all the help we can get, please contact Ken Staley by e-mail at [kstaley@dwc.org](mailto:kstaley@dwc.org) or Tim Bishop by email at [tbishop@dwc.org](mailto:tbishop@dwc.org). See you at the picnic!



### IT'S TIME TO REGISTER

**for the 2016-2017 Faith Formation Year! Classes start Sunday September 11 at 9:15am . First Communion and Confirmation in the Cathedral offices, RCIA in the Rectory. Registration is open until August 29. Email or call Debbie Fahey to register or get more information. [dfahey@dwc.org](mailto:dfahey@dwc.org) 304-233-4121**

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Mr. Albert Lutz, Sexton

# Il Corriere del Duomo

*Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph*

## St. James the Greater, Apostle



Nothing is known of St. James the Greater's early life, though it has been established that he is the son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John the disciple. The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter than James "the Greater." Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fisherman, who were unable to catch any fish that day,

to dip their nets in the water once again.

When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight. Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration, and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus.

Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He traveled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain. It is said that one day, as he prayed, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did. Later, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him. Saint James the Greater is known as the first apostle to die.

As he was not allowed to be buried following his martyrdom, his remains were taken to Compostela, Spain, by some of his followers, who buried him. In the ninth century his remains were discovered and moved to a tomb in Santiago de Compostela. Today, his remains can still be found in the Cathedral of Santiago.

Because Santiago de Compostela is the most frequently visited place pilgrims migrate to following Rome and Jerusalem, Pope Leo declared it a shrine.

### St. James the Greater Prayer

*O glorious Apostle,*

*St. James, who by reason of thy fervent and generous heart*

*wast chosen by Jesus to be a witness of His glory on Mount Tabor,*

*and of His agony in Gethsemane;*

*thou, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory:*

*obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life,*

*that, having constantly and generously followed Jesus,*

*we may be victors in the strife and deserve to receive the victor's crown in heaven.*

**Amen.**

## Christian Awareness

**By: Alex J. Nagem**

Being a Christian is not easy. There are many distractions that blind the eyes as we try to focus on Christ. Distractions in our Christian life come from worries about employment, medical conditions, and bills, needed home repairs and can be as elementary as traffic congestion in our daily commute to and from our place of employment. Our focus on Christ may be lost. Instead of silently saying "God bless you" when we pass someone, we may be yelling out of frustration because they cut us off while exiting the interstate instead of pulling in behind us. They must have been in a hurry to sit in traffic on the exit ramp. Any way, we know what frustrates us in life. I don't need to make a list. But, along with the frustrations and distractions in our lives, there are also the signs of God's love and promises all around us.

Some days I leave all the distractions behind, well at least I try to ignore them for a stretch of time, and immerse myself in all the wonders that God has created. My travels do not need to take me far. I can stand on my front porch and view the hillsides covered with trees, holding their branches to the sky revealing leaves of different shapes and sizes in various shades of green. I can hear the songs of robins, sparrows and mourning doves as they sing for all to enjoy. I can gaze upon the moving canvas of the blue sky, etched with narrow bands of clouds that appear as a rumpled curtain of sheer

texture floating in the wind. Though noise from the traffic below my home, which is nestled on a hillside, can be a distraction, for the time being I focus on the beauty God has placed before me and breathe the fresh air that embodies the world outside our homes.

Thomas Merton, O.C.S.O. believed that each creature is in the actuality a "thought of God." He wrote "God buries thought too vast for words in seeds and roots and blade and flower." Merton described the rain as "divine speech, pouring down, selling nothing, judging nobody, drenching the thick mulch of dead leaves, soaking the trees...What a thing it is to sit absolutely alone, in the forest, at night, cherished by this wonderful, unintelligible, perfectly innocent speech, the most comforting speech in the world, the talk that rain makes by itself all over the ridges, and the talk of the watercourses everywhere in the hollows." The inviting scent from flowers in the spring, or the harmony of songs from birds resting in the trees, or the hues of color in the morning and evening sky are the signs that God is with us. These are the gifts we can easily overlook and take for granted with our hurried life. We miss the signs and ask where God is in our life.

*I've come to notice the wonders of God's earth, the beauty of nature and the joy of new birth.*

*Nestled in the undergrowth, a rabbit makes a home.*

*He looks safe and warm, but he is not alone.*

*In the field ahead, two spotted fawns play and jump in the air.*

*All I can do is stop and*

## The Signs

stare.

*Birds flying above me sing a joyous song.*

*In the beauty of nature, I find no wrong.*

*These are gifts from God, a sign for you and me,*

*that He is always with us, we need only open our mind to see.*

Nature being the purest sign of God's love that we can see and experience does not ignore us as we may ignore one another. Nature does not tell us to wait while someone else enjoys the beauty and scent of a flower or the song of a bird. As beautiful as nature can be, we are also reminded with a violent storm God is the one with ultimate power and control. Nature also reminds us that we need to be patient to enjoy the fruits of our toil, just as St. Peter tells us "But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with Him. Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation...be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever," 2 Peter 3:13-18.

On a morning walking, listing to the enchanting voice of Kate Rusby on my iPhone, my morning view of nature's beauty captivated my thoughts. My mind wondered, as it does often, to what nature can teach us. Acts of Humility can be learned with every step tak-

en on green grass in a field or yard. No matter how many steps are taken on the grass, it will spring back and continue to grow. No matter what ordeals we must face, God is there to help us spring back and grow. Mature trees will provide shade for comfort from the heat and bear fruit for all to enjoy, just as we are to take care of others in need. Nature does not discriminate. All may enjoy its beauty and majesty. How many instances have we snubbed someone or held a grudge toward someone? Can you imagine if you were snubbed by nature and nothing would grow, provide fruit, fresh water and air? But for those who live in a fruitless life, we are to provide for them as told in Isaiah 58:7. "Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?"

Sometimes I surprise myself with my thoughts about our Triune God. Maybe I finally reached that pinnacle in life where my own mortality is more apparent with my graying years and aging body, and evidenced with the unexpected loss of innocent lives. As we search for God in our life and a meaning beyond material pleasures that tarnish and crumble, I pray that eyes are open to the signs God has placed before us for a redemptive and eternal life.

You are remembered in my continued prayers to our forgiving God, as I hope I am remembered in yours.

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

## Mass Intentions and Readings

**Sunday—July 24th—SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sat 6:00p Mass for Chris Miller  
8:00a Mass for the Parishioners  
10:30a Mass for Jean Huff  
RDGS: Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13

**Monday—July 25th—SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE**

12:05p Mass for Margaret Ryff  
RDGS: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1b-6 Mt 20:20-28  
**James**, brother of John, is called "the Greater" because he followed Christ before the other apostle of the same name; first of the Twelve to be martyred, being decapitated by the order of Herod Agrippa I; venerated at Compostella, Spain; named in the Roman Canon; patron of pilgrims, of Spain, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.

**Tuesday—July 26th—Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:05p Mass for Ron Radcliffe  
RDGS: Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Mt 13:36-43  
**Saints Joachim and Anne**; names for the parents of Mary found in the 2nd c. Protoevangelium of James; veneration of Anne originated in the 6th c. East; patroness of childless women and miners; devotion to Joachim dates from the 8th c.; patron of fathers and grandparents.

**Wednesday—July 27th—17th Week of Ordinary Time**

12:05p Mass for Sydney Hughes  
RDGS: Jer 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18 Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday—July 28th—17th Week of Ordinary Time**

12:05p Mass for Richard Schlosser  
RDGS: Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1b-6b Mt 13:47-53

**Friday—July 29th—Saint Martha**

11:15a Confessions  
12:05p Mass for John F. Prascik  
RDGS: Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Jn 11:19-27  
**Martha**, died in 1st c.; sister of Mary and Lazarus; model of hospitality and faithful disciple; confessed her faith in Jesus as the Son of God; patroness of housewives, waiters, and waitresses.

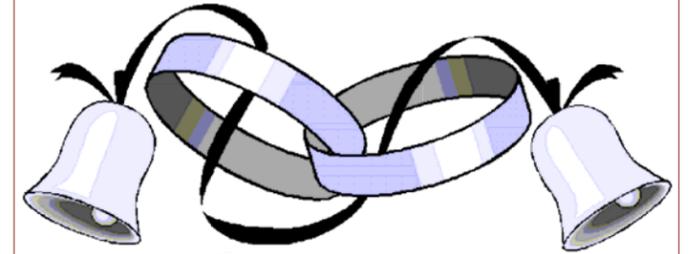
**Saturday—July 30th—Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor of the church**

9:00a Mass for Daniel Schlosser  
5:00p Confessions  
6:00p Mass for The Parishioners  
RDGS: Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 14:1-12

**Peter** died in c. 450; called "Chrysologus" meaning "of golden speech" for his exceptional preaching ability; 170 homilies are extant; bishop of Ravenna.

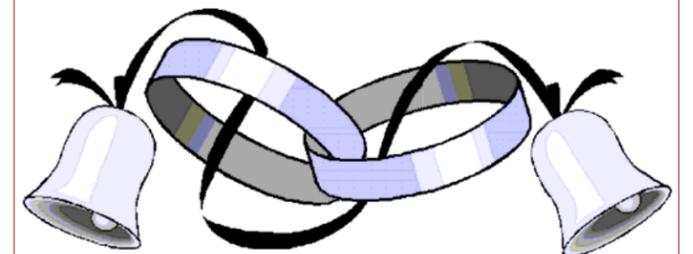
**Sunday—July 31st—EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00a Mass for +Francis B. Schulte Anniversary of Installation 1985  
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RDGS: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21



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**Erin Mazzocca & Michael Anderson**  
**August 13, 2016**

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**Steven Campbell and Jamie Baron**  
**August 6, 2016**

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