

The Cathedral of St. Joseph

Parish Mission Statement:

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.

Saint Joseph, pray for our parish.

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Schedule

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.

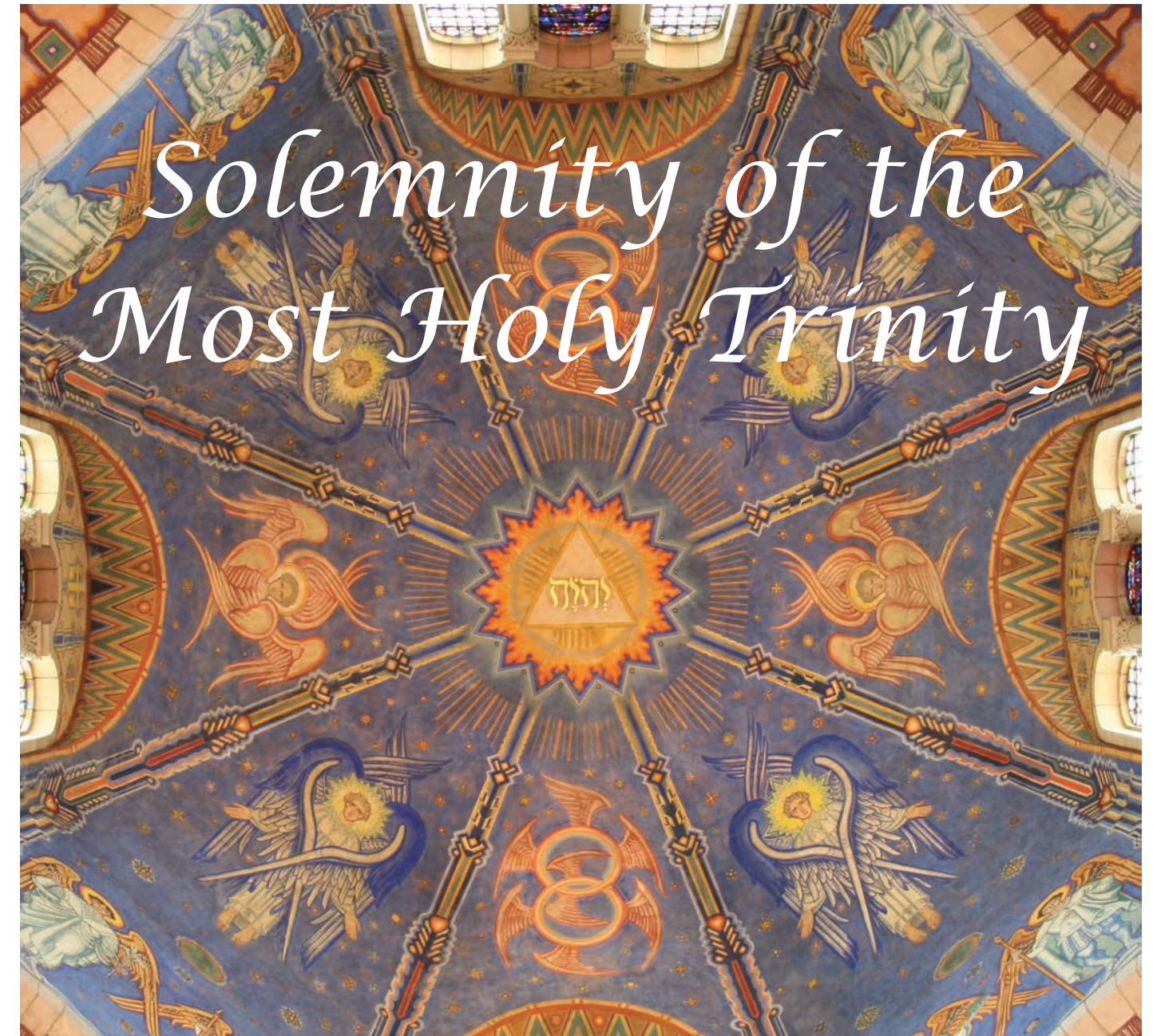
Initiation/Baptism: Rites of Initiation for Adults can be arranged by contacting Debbie at the office. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Call Debbie to make arrangements.

Marriage: Engaged couples should contact Debbie at the office at least six months in advance for pre-marriage preparations.

Anyone needing a ride to Mass or a parish event, please call Laurale Hetzel at (304) 232-2915 or Diane Fredericks at (304) 233-8574..

Il Corriere del Duomo

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Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

Me: Good morning, God. Do you have time to talk? I have a few thoughts that have been weighing on my mind.

God: Of course, my child. I am always here for you.

Me: Why is it every time I feel like things are getting comfortable in life, something comes my way that changes the comfort zone? Don't you think I have enough to worry about?

God: Comfort zone and worry? You have taken a bride, which also means you have taken her family. Your marriage

gave birth to children. Well, that is a story in itself. You purchased a home, cars, and have pets. Where is the comfort zone? You must be watching too many commercials. The comfort zone is with me. Not with what you acquire or build. Your family will also find a comfort zone with me. Without their reliance on me, they will bear the weight of problems, too.

Me: I pray each day giving thanks for all that has been provided me. I ask for direction and guidance for each day. But, problems still occur. Why is there no relief?

God: You are taking the first step. You are

Why, God?

coming to me. Remember the words of my Son, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light," (Mt. 11:28-30). You need to stop running from one activity to another, trying to have a life filled with purpose, peace and happiness. My children have not changed in thousands of years. Everyone is looking for something more. They are looking for more because they do not know their purpose in life. Wanting more not

only puts stress in someone's life, but those around them. If someone steals because they want more, they may blame someone else for the theft. This causes stress for both. But, if there is a life with me, well, the theft would have never happened and the stress would have never appeared in either life. It is so very simple.

Me: Have I told you how much easier you make things in life? Talking to you eases the worries.

God: You have told me. But, I do enjoy praise. You can tell me, again, how good I am to you.

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Rector's Ruminations

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Sunday, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity and give thanks for this mystery of the Godhead which Christ has revealed to us in His own life and ministry among us and by the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we also take a moment to celebrate two wonderful groups of people within our Parish: our parishioners graduating from High School and the two leaders of our Music Ministry.

Among the young people who are graduating from High School this year are Rachel Bugaj, Carlo Perri, and Spencer Rodgers. In my 11 years here at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, I have shared with you the privilege of watching each

of these young people grow into the kind young people and leaders they are becoming. They have all faithfully served at the Altar and participated in many aspects of the Parish's life. Each of them are loving siblings and obvious examples of filial piety. I know that they will enjoy great success as they go on to College and to the wide world beyond. In addition to joining in the celebration for these graduates after today's 10:30 Mass, please pray for them, their health and wellbeing, and their success in College.

At the same time, we will be anticipating a farewell to Dr. Zvonimir Nagy and Mr. David O'Donnell, our Diocesan Organist and Director of Music respectively. These two men and their growing families have become such a valuable part

of our Cathedral Parish community in the years they have been with us. The music they have shared with us and their work with our choir, our visit musicians, and our organ have been great gifts to our community. I always receive wonderful compliments from visitors about the music here at the Cathedral and have personally enjoyed Zvonimir's improvisations and David's service as cantor and the motets he often prays through song on our behalf: in both cases, it is to me akin to eavesdropping on the simple yet deeply loving words of a child spoken to his mother as he is tucked into bed ... and such should be the nature of our relationship with the Lord God. I thank them for sharing their talents with us and know I

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Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—May 22nd—THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

8:00a Mass for the Parishioners

10:30a Mass for Eugene Pleva

RDGS: Prv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

Monday—May 23rd—8th Week of Ordinary Time

12:05p Mass for Fr. Leroy Beyer

RDGS: 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c

Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday—May 24th—8th Week of Ordinary Time

12:05p Mass for Ron Radcliffe

RDGS: 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1-4 Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday—May 25th—Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin

12:05p Mass for Joseph Paytach Jr.

RDGS: 1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

Mk 10:32-45

Bede, died 735; born in Northumbria; O.S.B.; called "Venerable" while still living; authored the Ecclesiastical History of the English People and wrote Scriptural expositions, commentaries, and homilies; known as the "Father of English history."

Gregory VII, died 1085; from Tuscany; O.S.B.; championed reform of the clergy against simony, clerical marriage, and lay investiture, leading the excommunication of Henry IV; expanded the authority of the Roman See.

Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, died 1607; Carmelite mystic of Florence who led a hidden life of prayer and self-denial, praying particularly for the renewal of the Church and encouraging her fellow sisters in holiness; instrumental in the reform of her order.

Thursday—May 26th—Saint Philip Neri, Priest

12:05p Mass for Jean Huff

RDGS: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12 Ps 100:2-5 Mk 10:46-52

Philip Neri, died 1595; founded the Congregation of Priests of the Oratory, today numbering about 570 members, to promote holiness of priestly life and foster effective preaching; noted for his joyful and simple spirit, and his use of short, wise maxims; known as the "Apostle of Rome" and "Reformer of the Eternal City."

Friday—May 27th—Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

11:15a Confessions

12:05p Mass for Lane Family

6:00p CCHS Baccalaureate Mass

RDGS: 1 Pt 4:7-13 Ps 96:10-13 Mk 11:11-26

Augustine, died 604; monk of Mt. Coelius in Rome; sent with forty other monks by Pope Gregory I to England, king of Kent; ordained a bishop in 597; established the

Sees of Canterbury, London and Rochester; in 601, received the pallium as Primate of England.

Saturday—May 28th—8th Week of Ordinary Time

9:00a Mass for Doris Burke

Rosary

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Mass for Chris Miller

RDGS: Jude 17, 20b-25 Ps 63:2-6 Mk 11:27-33

Sunday—May 29th—THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

(*Corpus Christi Sunday*)

8:00a Mass for Antoinette Kobasko

10:30a Mass for the Parishioners

RDGS: Gn 14:18-20 Ps 110:1-4 1 Cor 11:23-26

Lk 9:11b-17

Congratulations!!!

The Cathedral of St. Joseph, its staff and parishioners offer a heartfelt congratulations to all of graduates of the Class of 2016. We wish you much success as you head towards continuing your education.

Rachel, Carlo and Spencer are all serving at our 10:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday! Grab them and wish them well.

If you see our other graduates, please congratulate them as well!

St. Michael Parish offers Eucharistic Adoration. The Adoration Schedule is as follows:

Mon.-8am-5pm, 6pm-10pm

Tues., Thurs., Fri. - 8am-5pm

Wed. - 10am-5pm

Sat. - 8am-noon

Please contact Gretchen Wilson (304)280-1451/ Shaney Faini (304)639-4523 with any questions.

Estate Planning at the Cathedral of St. Joseph

The Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling continues to offer unique planned giving opportunities for its parishioners and other individuals or families interested in leaving a legacy to our historic church and diverse faith community. Historically, many trusts and estates have been provided to our parish, and because of this generosity, the parish and its ministries continue to serve the greater Wheeling community. If you are considering the Cathedral of St. Joseph in your estate plans, we would gratefully recommend using the following language in your will or estate plan:

“I give \$_____ to the Most Reverend Michael J. Bransfield, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and his successors in office, for the benefit of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling, West Virginia.”

Endowment Program at the Cathedral

“To endow is to establish a permanent fund for provision for perpetual support... to furnish with a gift.”

The Cathedral of St. Joseph partners with the West Virginia Catholic Foundation to assist families and individuals with charitable gift planning and with the administration of the many endowment funds entrusted to the Cathedral parish.

The following legacy funds have been established by parishioners and friends of the Cathedral of St. Joseph and actively support the ministries of our parish. You may consider donating to one or more of these funds during your lifetime, as a memorial to a loved one, or through your estate plans:

St. Joseph Cathedral Scholarship Fund: Provides scholarships to parishioners of the Cathedral parish to local schools.

St. Joseph Education Fund: Provides operating support to the religious education programs of the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

St. Joseph Cathedral Memorial Fund: Supports the day to day operations of the parish and care of its religious artifacts.

The Cathedral of St. Joseph has been blessed over the years to have received many generous gifts from individuals who included the Cathedral in their estate plans. If you would like to include the Cathedral in your will or living trust, create a charitable gift annuity or, if you are older than 70, make a gift through an IRA Charitable Rollover, **please contact the West Virginia Catholic Foundation at (304) 233-0880, extension 263 for more information.**

Family Fun Night to be Held June 9

By Jacob Manning

As you may have seen in last week's Courier, the Cathedral parish is hosting a Family Fun Night June 9. What is this? How can you join? Read on for the details.

Family Fun Night is part of a new initiative at the parish. It was an idea that a few of us discussed as a way for the younger families and their kids and the newlyweds in the parish to get to know one another outside of mass. We noticed that we tend to hustle in and out of mass, often trying to keep up with the kids, and we don't make time to socialize. And if it doesn't happen at

mass, we aren't making time for it.

We hope this won't be just a single night, but what the group is or will be is really up to all of us. The group can be what we want it to be: an occasional movie night with kids, a service project, a night out for the adults, or anything else.

For our first outing, though, we'll have a cookout at the Bethlehem Community Park, followed by a kid-appropriate movie. We'll supply all of the food and drinks and a few games, and of course, the kids will be free to play on the playground. We'll start at 6:00 p.m. and begin the movie closer to dark.

At some point during the evening, we hope to get the adults together to talk about where we might go with this group, so bring any ideas you have. Anyone is welcome. We have no age limit.

So that we can plan for food and drinks, can we make one request of you? Can you let Tim Bishop or me know you are coming? Text or call (304-280-9684) or email me (jacob.manning@dinsmore.com) or text or call (304-312-0332) or email Tim (tbishop@dwc.org), and let us know how many to expect. Thanks in advance, and we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

To Ignore the Poor is to Despise God, Pope Says at General Audience

By Junno Arocho Esteves Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—How Christians treat the poor is the clearest demonstration of their relationship with God, Pope Francis insisted.

“To ignore the poor is to despise God! And we must learn this well: To ignore the poor is to despise God!” the pope said May 18 during his weekly general audience.

The pope focused on the Gospel parable of the rich man and Lazarus and said the story is a reminder of the “harsh reproach” that will come at the final judgment for those who ignore the needs of the poor.

Lazarus represents

both “the silent cry of the poor of all time and the contradiction of a world in which vast wealth and resources are in the hands of a few,” the pope said.

By excluding Lazarus, the pope said, the rich man “made himself the center of everything, closed in his world of luxury and waste.”

In the parable, the rich man has no name, he noted, while Lazarus' name — which means “God helps” — is mentioned five times.

“Lazarus, lying at the door, is a living reminder to the rich man to remember God, but the rich man does not welcome this reminder. Thus, he is condemned not because of his wealth, but for being incapable of feeling

compassion for Lazarus and helping him,” the pope said.

Only in death and in suffering the torments of hell does the rich man remember Lazarus' name, the pope said. And then the rich man asks Lazarus for help while in life he pretended to not see him.

“How many times so many people pretend to not see the poor; for them the poor do not exist!” the pope lamented.

The parable offers a clear warning that the mercy of God “is tied to our mercy toward our neighbors” and if one's heart is closed, even “God's mercy cannot find space” to enter, Pope Francis told those gathered in St. Peter's Square.

“If I don't throw open

the door of my heart to the poor, that door remains closed, even to God, and this is terrible!” the pope said.

The rich man's request to send Lazarus to warn his family is a reminder that Christians should not wait for a miraculous event to convert, but “to open their hearts to the word of God, which calls us to love God and neighbor.”

“No messenger and no message can substitute the poor we meet along the way because through them we meet Jesus himself. Thus, the mystery of our salvation is hidden in the reversal of fortunes the parable describes, in which Christ links poverty to mercy,” the pope said.

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But let's finish our conversation first.

Me: I do want to commit my life to you, Lord. I ask you to come into my heart. I want to know you better. I do worry, and at times, this may seem like a lack of faith. I ask for help and guidance from the Holy Spirit to lead my back to you. It is difficult to always have a pleasant, happy face.

God: I have seen you smile when you watch the deer running and playing near your home. I have watched you as you stop and look at the color of flowers. I have heard you as you recognize how beautiful the sky looks through the day. I have seen you laugh and play with the animals you have adopted as pets. I know the feeling in your heart as you pray. Now tell me again why you can't have a pleasant and happy face?

Me: Now come on, you know the world you provided has been changed by humankind. We have a mix of the beauty and the beast in our lives. Sometimes I feel like the beast is gaining ground. I try to make changes in my life and in the life of others. I see others trying to do the same. But it is like trying to empty the ocean with a cup.

God: Humankind has changed the world I created. I did provide

you with free will. The free will allows you to choose to believe in me and love me. You can chase after pleasures that consume your time or you can enjoy a life with me. I didn't say this was to be your lasting life on earth, though I won't add more stress to your day to let you know what will happen if you don't believe in me and love me. I like to keep some mystery in your life. As for the beast gaining ground, your short life on earth is your time to show how much you love me by following in the footsteps of my Son. You are tested. The testing is needed because of your free will. Your free will allows you to find pleasures now, or an indescribable pleasure later with me. By the way, the pleasures now won't last long. Nothing on earth as you see it now will last. But again, I leave this to the mystery in your life. This is one time when you jump ahead and read the last chapter in the book you only find what will happen to you if you don't believe, in detail. You are tested each day by those who don't believe in me or don't believe they will be punished. Though you can live a life of luxury and greed, and on your last day admit your wrongs and believe in me. You don't know if that is good enough to pass through the gates of Heaven, though. But just because someone may appear to live in luxury compared to your lifestyle, doesn't mean they don't fear for their eter-

nal life. They may believe in me and follow the teachings of my Son. Are you judging them? You know I don't like that. They may be helping those in need, but doing it quietly. They may have nice earthly comforts. That doesn't mean they have placed these material aspects of life before me. But appearance does mean much to humankind. You should guard against every kind of greed. Your life is not about having accumulated material possessions. Greed comes to you in many ways. But this is a story for another day.

Me: Again, I feel like I have more homework to do after we talk. At least I am listening to you. But please forgive me if I stumble and fall. I am trying.

God: As long as you get back on your feet and continue to walk in my direction, you will be saved. I love you my child. Enjoy nature as I have provided it for you on your journey home. I am always here to listen and to talk with my children.

"The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays." Søren Kierkegaard

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

"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"

Alex J. Nagem

May 22, 2016

Intercessions

Please keep in your prayers: David A. Kress, Jr., Edward Fanning, Helen Kouski, Rosalie Davis, Kathy Cooley, Barb Mazzocca, Rick South, Eva Wood, Mary Alice Florio, James Midcap, Lukie Brown, Hines Rotriga, Patricia Kaliscz, Janie, Jim and Dee, Judy Pack, Milissa Rose, Michael DeBlasis, Liam Manning, Virginia Joseph, Dolores Joseph, Mary Ann Fowler, Henry Vogler, Dustin Ronevich, Bob Jones, Frank Davis, Jimmy Hocking, Susan Graff, Brogan Gallentine, Janet Cupp, 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, Jr., Anne Sobota, Susan Mize, Rick Burgy, Betty Teater, Sarah Sargent, Sr., Sally Jochum, Martha Yocum, Father Joseph Wilhelm, Mary Walicki, George Kirchner, Shirley DeCaria, Haley Carter, Caleb Hlebiczk, 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

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Ruminations ...

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speak for many of you when I say that I shall greatly miss them, as they take their leave of us on June 5, 2016.

To both these groups, I offer Father Daniel Berrigan's 10 Commandments for Life. I know that some may think this an "unorthodox" choice, but those who know me well know that I have a penchant for Jesuits and their lists and this particular list of life commandments seems spot on in so many respects. I hope our graduates and our gifted musicians will make us of the list and flourish in their lives, for God's greatest joy is in the human person fully alive. Father Berrigan offered the following as ten ways to be fully alive in Christ and thereby have our joy made complete:

1. Call on Jesus when all else fails. Call on Him when all else succeeds (except that never happens).

2. Don't be afraid to be afraid or appalled to be appalled. How do you think the trees feel these days, or the whales, or, for that matter, most humans?

3. Keep your soul to yourself. Soul is a possession worth paying for, they're growing rarer. Learn from monks, they have secrets worth knowing.

4. About practically everything in the world, there's nothing you can do. This is Socratic

wisdom. However, about of few things you can do something. Do it, with a good heart.

5. On a long drive, there's bound to be a dull stretch or two. Don't go anywhere with someone who expects you to be interesting all the time. And don't be hard on your fellow travelers. Try to smile after a coffee stop.

6. Practically no one has the stomach to love you, if you don't love yourself. They just endure. So do you.

7. About healing: The gospels tell us that this was Jesus' specialty and he was heard to say: "Take up your couch and walk!"

8. When traveling on an airplane, watch the movie, but don't use the earphones. Then you'll be able to see what's going on, but not understand what's happening, and so you'll feel right at home, little different then you do on the ground.

9. Know that sometimes the only writing material you have is your own blood.

10. Start with the impossible. Proceed calmly towards the improbable. No worry, there are at least five exits.

Please pray for our graduates, our musicians, our Bishop, and the two Deacons who will be ordained Priests on June 4, 2016: Deacon Cody Ford and Deacon Brian Crenwelge. And, be assured of my prayers for you.

Affly, Msgr. Quirk

Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$2,354.50 Looses: \$1,257.69 Online: \$263

Stewardship Thought

Prayers for Greater Stewardship

Stewardship Prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will – all that I have and call my own.

You have given it all to me.

To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will.

Give me only your love and your grace. That is enough for me.

Irish Prayer of Gratitude

You've blessed me with friends, and laughter, and fun.

With rain that's as soft as the light of the sun.

You've blessed me with stars to brighten each night.

You've given me help to know wrong from right.

You've given me so much. Please, Lord, give me too, a heart that is always grateful to you.

The Stewardship Committee

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