23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 4, 2016

We Are Family! St. Patrick Church

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UpFront with Mary Hendricks

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

With only 25 verses, Paul's letter to Philemon would take you only minutes to read. It is the only letter written to an individual, and it's an interesting, passionate, personal plea for a slave's life...an appeal for mercy.

Philemon is a prominent leader in the Christian community, most likely a young man, who has a home church. At the letter's opening, Paul commends Philemon for his love of Christ and of the "holy ones" under his care, as well as for his faith.

Paul is in prison as he writes this letter, probably in Rome. He was instrumental in Philemon's conversion, it is believed, so Paul says he has the right to make a request of his protégé. He declares he will not order Philemon to consent to the request but asks him to comply "out of love." What does Paul want?

Well, here's the back story. Philemon owned Onesimus, a slave, whose name means "useful." Owning slaves wasn't unusual in the ancient world. Some were captives from wars; some were paying off debts owed; some were born into slavery. They were considered property, not persons, and they could be sold or traded at will.

Onesimus may have stolen money from Philemon, but, in any case, he ran away from his owner's home. A fugitive in Rome, he heard Paul preaching and became a Christian. Paul became a father figure to him and was an important part of his ministry.

From his prison cell, Paul calls himself "an old man," perhaps to imply even more authority or seniority over Philemon. He tells his friend that he is sending Onesimus back to him, even though he'd rather Onesimus stayed in Rome to assist him, maybe as a "go-fer" or a fellow evangelist. "Sending him back"? Philemon didn't send him in the first place! The guy was a runaway! By rights, a thief should stand trial or, in some way, be punished for his crime. Paul does not want that for Onesimus. But, Paul says, "I don't want to force you into anything. Seriously. Let this be voluntary on your part. Welcome him as your would me."

Oh, wow. Welcome a thief back into the household and treat him as a brother and partner? He is asking that Philemon forget about the crime, the escape, and the class status of Onesimus. "Treat him like a brother in Christ, not a slave." That's a huge favor Paul is asking for.

What did Philemon do? Apparently, he stepped up to the challenge to be a Christian in the truest sense of the word: "Love others as I have loved you. The tradition of the Church is that Onesimus eventually became the bishop of Ephesus. Paul may be been the most influential letter-writer in history.

What would you do in that situation? Would you forgive and forget? Would you welcome the one who betrayed you?

Actually, don't even answer that. Here's what I really want to know. What are we doing to foster reconciliation between those who are estranged? Are we challenging others to forgive wrongs? To love each other as Christ commanded us to do? Or are we claiming boundaries are more important?

Paul really stuck his neck out for Onesimus, and it was worth it. Can't we do the same for others?

Pastoral Associate:

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Mass Schedule:

Monday: 9:30am (Labor Day) Tuesday: 8:15am Wednesday: 6pm Thursday: 8:15am Friday: 8:15am Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 9:30am Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays, 9-12

The Sacraments:

Baptism - By arrangement Marriage - At least six months' notice Reconciliation - Wednesday: 5:00 - 5:45 Saturday: 5:00 - 5:45pm Sunday: 9:00 - 9:20am Anytime by request (304-269- 3048)

Pastoral Care of the Sick - Please notify the parish office (304-269-3048) of parishioners who are hospitalized or homebound and wish to receive Eucharist or the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): RCIA: Wed, 6:30 in the parish meeting room. For more info, contact Mary Hendricks at 304-269-1244.

Counseling: Contact Valerie Corley at 304-476-6009.

Rosary: Weekly: Wed 5:35pm & Thurs: 7:35am Oct. and May: Saturday: 5:30pm, Sunday: 9am

Miraculous Medal Novena: Wed, 5:55pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fri, 11:30am

Prayer Line: Micki Snyder 304-269-3688 or 304 476-6516

St. Patrick School "An Excellent Beginning" Pre-School – 7th Grade

224 Center Ave. Weston, WV 26452 304-269-5547 Principal: Maureen Gildein Secretary: Regina Frazier email: st.pats@stpatswv.org website: stpatswv.org

Stewardship Update - Thank You!

9/07

V. Brumley

Mass Attendance		Weekly	Monthly			Over/Short	Over/Short		Debt Reduction			
Sat	Sun	Total	Church Offering		Total	Goal		Over/Short Year to Date	School		Electronic Monthly	Total
93	237	330	3,453.00	0	3,453.00	4231.00	-\$778.00	-\$11,514.16	5	700	0	700

MASS INTENTIONS								
S	9/3/16	6:00 PM People of the Parish						
S	9/4/16	9:30 AM	Ryan, Kelly & Griffin Faulkner	Jim & Tammy Arsenault				
М	9/5/16	9:30 AM	†Bettie Jo Newhouse Mary Boyle and S Ray Jr.					
Т	9/6/16	8:15 AM	†Stephanie Morrison	Prayer group				
W	9/7/16	6:00 PM	†Carmelo and Josephine Nacida	Nacida Family				
Т	9/8/16	8:15 AM	Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield and †Rev. Harold					
F	9/9/16	8:15 AM	Porfirio Pascasio	Emma Pascasio				
S	9/10/16	6:00 PM	†Louie Mazza	Robinson family				
	9/11/16	9:30 AM	People of the Parish					
S	Loveberry	2:00 PM	People of St. B	People of St. Bernard Church				
	St. Patricks	4:00 PM	Latin Mass					

Wednesday Rosary Leaders:

Rosary begins at 5:35pm each Wednesday when Mass is celebrated, followed by the Miraculous Medal novena

9/21

R. Pascasio

9/14

M. Snyder

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

•Sept. 10 & 11: Diocesan Scholarship Association

•Sept. 24 & 25 Catholic University

WHAT IS THE DIOCESAN SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIANTION?

The Diocesan Scholarship Association (DSA) was established in 1961 by Reverend Daniel Kirwin and Archbishop Swint to encourage students from our diocese to attend Wheeling College, now known as Wheeling Jesuit University. Since its inception, the DSA has assisted hundreds of students who chose to attend Wheeling Jesuit University where they received an excellent education at West Virginia's only Catholic institution of higher education.

Ministry Schedules											
DAY	DATE TIME	Greeters	Altar Servers		Readers		Gifts		Eucharistic Ministers	Cantor	
SAT	9/3	Lynne and Allia Shaver	А	Briana Franklin	1	Nancy Law	Rose Neal, Spring		Barbara King		
			В	Madison Hall	2	Rudy Pascasio	Franklin and	2	John Weber	Bob Thompson	
	6 PM							3	Margaret Blake		
SUN	9/4	Mary Ann Edwards and	А	Lily Davis	1	Jimmy Fealy	-	1	Butch Cain		
			В	Gracie Marsh	2	Martin Riley	Brannon Garton and family		Judy Foster	Jeremy Garton	
~	9:30	Mikey Linger							Steve Corley	Garton	
	9/10	Kelley Skinner	А	Zoe Skinner	1	Daniel Pascasio	Joe and Amanda Blake & family		Larry Bowers	Rudy Pascasio	
SAT			В	Garrett Skinner	2	Deanna Pascasio			Luanne Bowers		
	6 PM								Pam Thompson	1 000000	
	9/11	Sheila West, Ashley West	А	Michael Riley	1	Steve Corley	Tim and Kim Derico & family	1	Jeremy Garton	Joe Derico	
SUN			В	Jack Paugh	2	Theresa Francis		2	Jenny Garton		
	9:30	and family							Betty Hill		
	2 PM St., Bernard Church	Dorothy Butcher and Julia Nicholas	А	Jack Paugh	1	Jim Mullooly	ТВА				
			В		2	Vincent Snuffer			TBA	TBA	
								3			
SAT	9/17	Dave and Becky King	A	Manny Robinson	1	Sara Robinson		1 2	A. L. Determan		
			В	Allia Shaver	2	GL Shearer	 Lynne Shaver & Daylen Robinson 		Mike Determan	K. Sims	
	6 PM	Deoky King							Julia Marsh		
	9/18	Butch Cain and Judy	Α	Ethan Mehr	1	Jim Mehr	Sam and Marissa Aman and family		Tyler Mehr	la ha	
SUN			В	Jayna Jerden	2	Judy Jerden			Paul Derico	John Collins	
2	9:30	Foster							Danielle Mick	Comine	

9/28

G. Riley

PLEASE DO NOT CALL, EMAIL, FACEBOOK, TEXT, etc., SANDY, MARY, or THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE WHEN SCHEDULED. *Please find a substitute!*

PLEASE PRAY FOR ♦Those who are sick: Bob Fultineer (Kim Derico's dad), Ed Hubbs, Jane White,	NOTEWORTHY EVENTS
 Rose Mazza, Fred Turner Sr. (Fred Turner's father), Rose Determan, Robert Fealy, Brandi Francis, Sarah Jane Huntz, Mary Ann Murray, Jane Myers, Burke Riley, Jane Taylor, and Clarence Weber. Those who are homebound or in nursing homes! Those who have died: Fr. Daniel Sinbaldi, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life 	September – Paper Towels LCFRN—Spaghetti and Sauce Linens - Kathy Boyle Funeral Greeters - Veronica Brumley & Scott Garton
 Those in RCIA: Brad Curtis, Jenny Delgado, Michelle Droppleman, Tammy Stalnaker, Brandi Francis. All Military Personnel: Ryan Faulkner, Fr Jeff Paveglio 	Bell Choir Practice: Sundays after Mass or after GIFT; each Wednesday after 6pm Mass
Pope Francis "Tweets" @ Pontifex August 31, 2016: Serving with love and tenderness those who are in need helps us to grow in humanity.	4 Sun: Canonization of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata 5 Mon: Labor Day—No School and parish office closed
CONFIRMATION SESSIONS ARE NOT JUST FOR KIDS Letters were mailed this week to prospective confirmandi. If you are eligible for Confirmation (6th grade through adulthood) and did not receive a letter, please contact Mary at 304-269-1244. Classes begin with a mandatory student/parent (at least one parent present) meeting in the cafeteria after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, September 11.	5 Mon: 9:30 Mass 6 Tue: 7pm, Knights of Columbus mtg., cafeteria 8 Thu: 6pm, Virtus training, cafeteria 11 Sun: 10:30 Confirmation class, cafeteria
ST. BERNARD CHURCH HOMECOMING MASS Sunday, Sept. 11 2pmImage: Comparison of the sector of the s	 11 Sun: 2pm, St. Bernard Church Homecoming Mass and Picnic, Loveberry 11 Sun: 4pm, Latin Mass, church 12 Mon: 7pm, Catholic Daughters of the Americas mtg., cafeteria 17 & 18: Gifts from the Holy Land for sale
LATIN MASS A Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite) will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church, 210 Center Ave, Weston, WV on Sunday, September 11th, 2016 at 4:00p.m. Confessions will begin at 3:15.	 21 Wed: 8:15, Student prayer service, church 27 Tue: 6pm, Finance Council mtg, parish meeting room 29 Thu: 6pm, Blue Mass, church
We have Latin - English missals and printed Propers for the day's Mass available for use by all who attend and new people are always welcome.	
CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL UPDATE "Opening the Doors of His Mercy" 16 gifts = \$3060 18% of goal	
Envelopes are in the pews for you to commit today. You can place your envelope in the collection and we will mail them to Wheeling. Checks for the Catholic Sharing Appeal should be made payable to The Diocese of Wheeling.	LABOR DAY MASS Mon., Sept. 5 at 9:30
Wheeling-Charleston. You can also donate online at www.dwc.org and following the links.	SCHOOL COLLECTION
<i>I'M IN!</i> CAMPAIGN UPDATE Goal: \$345,000.00 124 Pledges to Date: \$246,018.00	Sept. 2: \$109.78 Thank you! Benefits the backpack program.
17 Other gifts: \$1385.00 Total: \$247,403.00 Pledges Needed to complete campaign: \$97,597	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED The parish office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.

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Alcoholics Anonymous AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat., 8pm school

Narcotics Anonymous

Use the door on the side of the school building facing the rectory for AA and NA

NA - Mon., 8pm school basement

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

It's not too late to participate! You can make a one-time gift or pledge for any number of months, make a onetime gift, or give when you have a little extra cash, whatever works best for your situation.

"For it is in giving that we receive."

ALL ADULTS NEED VIRTUS TRAINING TO VOLUNTEER AT THE SCHOOL & PARISH

Virtus course will be offered Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 PM at St Patrick School. Anyone who wants to volunteer, drive or chaperone a field trip must take this course. There is also an online version of the course and those instructions are available on the school website at stpatswv.org. Any questions, call 269-5547.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUPS

Prayer and scripture study groups will resume SOON!

- •Tues., 11 am Resumes on Sept.13, Scripture study of the Mass readings, Tierney house, 2319 Gee Lick Rd, Weston
- •NEW DAY AND TIME: Thurs., after Mass—Resumes on Sept. 15, Scripture study of the Mass readings, Parish Meeting Room (These groups follow the Quest Reflections book from Small Christian Communities.)
- •Thurs., 6pm Scripture Study and prayer service, Criss Manor, 124 First St., Weston (This group follows *"At Home with the Word"*, by Liturgical Training Publications, and meets year round.)

GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Sept. 16 and 17 we will have a display of beautiful handmade olivewood carvings from the Holy Land. The Christians of the Holy Land have been suffering and continue to live in difficult economical situations. Olive wood carvings are part of a tradition handed down from one generation to another; Christian families have worked over 2000 years to protect the Holy sites in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and to spread the word of Jesus. For about the past 1000 years they used carvings to keep the Bible alive in dimensions. Our mission is to support our fellow Christians in the holy land by selling some of their olive wood carvings which are one major source for their income. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Christian families in Bethlehem/Holy Land. Last century, The Christians were about 37% but today they are only 5%.

By your support through the purchasing of these carvings, 200 families will be helped to remain in the Holy land. Supporting these families is important also for the peace in the Middle East. Please stop by our tables and get your gifts directly from the little town of Bethlehem. Thank you all and God bless.

bethlehemowood@hotmail.com



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet on Mon., Sept. 12 at 7 in the cafeteria.



FOOTBALL FRENZY tickets will be available soon! You don't have to know anything about football, you don't have to watch football, you don't even have to watch football. All you have to do is buy a ticket. STAY TUNED!

MEETING DATES: The Knights of Columbus regular monthly meeting will be on Tues., Sept. 6, at 7 in the cafeteria.

The monthly board meeting will be on Tues., Sept. 27 at 7 at the Hickory House Event Center. All officers and members are invited!

Dear Padre

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

My mother has appointed me to make health-care decisions on her behalf if and when she is unable to do so for herself. I have prayed and thought about this, and for many reasons I don't want to do this. I feel guilty and fear that by refusing I would show a lack of respect for her wishes. Do you have any advice?

I will respond by making two points. First, you are free to decline your mother's request. You have no intrinsic or moral obligation to assume this responsibility. If you don't feel you could fulfill the duties of that role properly, tell your mother and ask her to choose someone else.

I would also like to point out that you may be making more out of this responsibility than is warranted. Your duties as a medical or health-care power of attorney are called upon only "if and when" your mother becomes incapacitated. If she hasn't already, your mother would fill out and sign an advance directive that indicates her intentions and preferences concerning the use of any extraordinary means of health care. You would not have to make independent decisions; you would only have to follow through on decisions she has already made. Finally, you would have your family and the medical team to guide you. All your mother asks is that you, rather than a stranger, oversee the implementation of her directives.

Fr. Daniel L. Lowery, CSsR sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Monday SEPTEMBER 5 Weekday 1 Cor 5:1–8 Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday SEPTEMBER 6 Weekday 1 Cor 6:1–11 Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday SEPTEMBER 7 Weekday 1 Cor 7:25–31 Lk 6:20–26

Thursday SEPTEMBER 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mi 5:1–4a or Rom 8:28–30 Mt 1:1–16, 18– 23 or 1:18–23

Friday SEPTEMBER 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest 1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27 Lk 6:39–42

Saturday SEPTEMBER 10 Weekday 1 Cor 10:14–22 Lk 6:43–49

Sunday SEPTEMBER 11 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 32:7–11, 13– 14 1 Tm 1:12–17 Lk 15:1–32 or 15:1–10

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