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February 29, 2017

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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UpFront
with Mary Hendricks

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Matthew 5:13-16

Today, Jesus warns us not to put our light under a bushel: “Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

You know how you can be friends with someone for years and not really “know” them? Lisa and I were friends by default; our sons were in the same class at school and on the same soccer and basketball teams. It wasn’t until the St. Pat’s trip to Italy that we actually shared stories. Here’s hers:

“I was working at Jackson’s Mill during the summer of 1995 as a tour guide at the Mary Conrad Cabin, giving tours and selling souvenirs. My plan was to start my senior year as an education major at Fairmont State College. I heard a plane circling overhead and then heard the plane crash. Just before the crash, I could hear the birds singing in the trees. After the crash there was complete silence. It was so quiet and eerie.

“My friend stayed in the store to call 911, and I ran to the site. The minute I saw the pilot, I knew he was dead. A woman passenger was unconscious but moaning and was badly hurt. There were two little girls in the back seat of the plane, and they were both unconscious, not making any sounds at all. It seemed like forever before people came to help. My husband was there—he and our sons had come to take me to lunch—and the boys stayed in the cabin while my husband came to help.

“The girls, both eight years old, were friends, and one was the daughter of the pilot and the woman passenger. They were from Ohio. The mother died in transit to Morgantown, and the girls recovered after a long rehabilitation. The friend’s family adopted the girl who lost her mother and father in the plane crash. I went to the hospital at WVU to meet them, and the family later sent me gifts, which I still treasure. But there was no return address, and I couldn’t thank them or tell them what a difference they had made in my life.

“You see, I had been praying about my life and my career choice. I enjoyed working with children, but I was starting to wonder about whether I was doing the right thing by becoming a teacher. Everyone in my family was in the (emergency) squad except me, and it seemed ironic that I would be involved in this accident scene. I felt like God definitely got my attention. I had thought about a career in medicine, but I have a weak stomach.”

Lisa didn’t hide in the gift shop when the plane crashed. She ran out to help and even followed up with the family at the hospital. Because of her experience with those people in crisis, she changed her life’s path and now works full time as a registered nurse. She adds, laughing, “I vomited all the way through nursing school, but I made it through. I became a nurse because I wanted to make a difference.”

My friend “Lisa” is Lisa Marlow, one of our St. Pat’s family members, the daughter of Dale and Micki Kraus Snyder, wife of Stanley, mom to Matthew and Aaron, and grandmother of three. She did as Jesus commanded; she let her “light shine before others.”

When Jesus spoke these same

words, he was talking to working people, not religious professionals. They were farmers, fishermen, tax collectors, tradesmen, servants, and shepherds, people like you and I. If they decided to follow Jesus after this Sermon on the Mount, they served others and lived the Beatitudes. Their “light” and their “good works” gave glory to God and turned the world upside down.

Like Lisa, they made a difference.

Pray with me: Lord Jesus, you have given light to my soul so that I can be a light for others. Help me to have confidence in the power of your light: the power of your truth and grace. Let me be brave enough to allow this light to penetrate my soul even more today. Let me be brave enough to not hide from your light; let me be brave enough to give it to others. Amen.

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Pastoral Notes & Ramblings

God's House or Our House

The opening lines of the Mass for the Dedication for a Church really say it all: "How terrible is this place, O Lord!" "Terrible," not in the common sense indicating dislike, but in its truest sense: something that strikes terror, awe, or fear into a person. In modern times we have somewhat eschewed this sense of a Church being a place that inspires wonder and awe, and many churches built in the last 50 years have a more "homey" feeling, with carpeted vestibules, potted plants, couches, and gathering areas. While these touches lend themselves to putting people more at ease, I often wonder if we are not doing ourselves a disservice in this regard. Entering into the House of God should be a thrilling experience, one that evokes a sense of mystery at the awe-inspiring power of our Creator. It should never be a casual thing, as it often is. I know that I've touched on this before, and

to some I probably sound like a broken record. But we should ask ourselves constantly whether we truly feel upon entering the Church that we have just bridged the gap between the earthly and the heavenly, if we are aware that we have just set foot into the presence of the Almighty God. Even I, on occasion, lose sight of that. And we are so blessed to have a Church with excellent "bones," a well-built edifice that truly does speak to the majesty and grandeur of Him who resides within. A particular cause for concern that has increasingly nagged at me has been a lack of basic Church etiquette regarding the good order of the Church building. Perhaps we have become a bit too familiar with this House of Prayer which truly is not our own, but is the dwelling of the Most High God. Bulletins left in pews, used tissues stuffed into the hymnal racks, kneelers left down, food on the floor...the list goes on. And this begs the question of just how respectful we are of God's House. I don't believe that anyone is intentionally trashing the Church or is coming here looking to dispose of their excess cheerios or Kleenex. But the good stewardship to which we are called translates

very much into how we treat the House of the Lord. Do we seek to leave it just as we found it or better than we found it? Is how we leave our worship space indicative of a deeper issue, perhaps a lack of understanding about the nature of the Church or simple absentmindedness? Whatever the case may be, we can all use the occasional reminder that God's House is not our house, and we ought not treat it with a casual attitude. When we enter the House of the Lord we should be struck by the immensity of what God, in His Providence, has given us—a remarkably stunning structure built for His glory and our edification. When we gather to worship as He commands, let's all take greater care to treat the House of God with respect as an outward showing of our own piety and devotion, with gentleness, reverence, and a healthy sense that in crossing that threshold we have stepped from this world into the next, into the presence of the Living and True God. And while God desires from us the very best we have to offer, I am reasonably certain that He has no need of our discarded tissues and gum wrappers. So let's make sure to take them with us!

RCIC Class

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) will meet on **Sunday, February 19 at 10:30** in the parish meeting room in the back of the parish office building. These classes are for children 7—18 who want to become Catholic. The sessions are led Sheila West.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will meet on **Sunday, February 19** at 10:30 in the cafeteria. This class is for baptized Catholics in the 6th grade or older who have not been confirmed. The Confirmation instructor is Judy Jerden.

Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ◆ **Those who are sick:** Shirley Mason (SJM), Clara Ann Moran, (UHC), Sr. Theresa Metz (Wheeling Hospital), Anita Ballard, Geneva Glover, Jackie Robinson, John Collins, Betty Reed, Virgil Gregory, Steve Colborn, Rose Determan, Robert Fealy, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's father), Rob Dodson, Larry Lowe, Shannon & George Kiro (Nick Kiro's sister and father), Shelly Kraus, Mary Ann Murray, Matt McCauley, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Jane Taylor, and Megan Westfall.
- ◆ **Those who have died:** May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- ◆ **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- ◆ **All Military Personnel:** Alan Hamilton

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

- February -**
- 3-5 Knights of Columbus retreat
 - 5 Sun: DTS-6pm
 - 12 Sun: GIFT, cafeteria, 10:30 Confirmation Retreat, St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston DTS-6pm
 - 19 Sun: 10:30, Confirmation Class, Cafeteria 10:30 RCIC Class, cafeteria DTS-6pm
 - 25 Sat: "Pursuit-" Youth Retreat, cafeteria 7pm
 - 26 Sun: DTS-6pm



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

We are collecting **NEW socks for the homeless.** Socks for men, women, and children can be taken to the parish office or left in the sock box in the church. Socks will be distributed to shelters who work with homeless people.

The next regular monthly meeting will be **Monday, February 20 in the parish meeting room.** ALL Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join the Catholic Daughters. Find out more by going to catholicdaughters.org.



Knights of Columbus

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Monthly Meeting is the first Tuesday of the each month @ 7 pm. (02/07/17)

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"Helping the Needy Where I Live"

- **Division 1** - Grades 4-5: Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art
- **Division 2** - Grades 6-7-8: Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography
- **Division 3** - Grades 9-12 Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography
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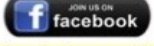
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Kids' Corner
Catechesis

If God Gives Us Every-
thing We Ask For, Then
How Come We Don't
Have Everything?

God doesn't give us everything we ask for. He gives us everything we need, when we need it. Sometimes we want things that could hurt us, such as when a baby wants to play in the fire. God knows what can hurt us, so he doesn't give us those things because he loves us. God wants to give us what is good for us.



Key Verse

When you do ask you don't get it because your whole aim is wrong. You want only what will make you happy. (James 4:3)

Related Verses

Matthew 7:7-11; 21:22; Luke 11:9

Note to Parents

If your child is older, you may want to explain that there are three types of prayers: (1) those who don't ask, (2) those who ask with the wrong motives, and (3) those who consider what God wants and pray accordingly. This question may be a chance to find a need that your child has and pray with him or her about it.



SoulCore classes will be Thursday, February 2 and February 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If school is cancelled or there is an early dismissal due to weather, the classes are also cancelled. Everyone is welcome to attend, men, women, and youth. Those under 18 will need a parent to sign a waiver. There is a free-will offering for the class, but not required to attend! Bring an exercise mat and light hand weights if you have them! Feel free to check out the website: www.soulcore.com for additional information, or contact Rachel at rachelfweber@yahoo.com!

The
Dead Theologians
Society



The Dead Theologians Society is a Catholic apostolate for high school-aged teens. "Through the Saints of yesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow."

The Next Meeting will take
place on
Sunday, February 5
at 6:00 p.m.
in the downstairs Parish
Meeting Room

All high school teens from St. Patrick's and the surrounding parishes are invited and encouraged to attend.

For more information, check out
www.deadtheologianssociety.com

CALENDAR CASH
WINNERS

- Feb. 1: \$200 - Rod Wyman sold by Jakob Radcliff
Feb. 2: \$75 - Joan Riffle by Andrew Lybarger
Feb. 3: \$75 - Jason Wilson sold by Emily Bush
Feb. 4: \$75 - Dave Chipps sold by Mia Parks
Feb. 5: \$100 - Dot Aman sold by Johna Cunningham



Middle & High School Rally
&
Confirmation Gathering
Sunday, February 12

St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston

This is an opportunity for ALL middle and high school students and teens preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to gather. Small parishes and large parishes will be represented. Participants will have fun, meet new friends, pray, learn, laugh and have the opportunity to grow in their faith. The day is high energy, just like the participants, with lots of music and movement.

Contact Mary Hendricks or Judy Jerden for more information.

Need Help? Get Help!

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

Narcotics Anonymous
NA - Mon., 8pm school
basement

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

This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday—February 4
Saturday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for Margaret Shea by John and Jackie McLaughlin
RDGS: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday — February 5
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for
RDGS: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
11:45 Confessions
12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Mary Patricia Cain by the Bernardo Family
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Monday — February 6
Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
8:15a Mass for †Rev. George Toner
RDGS: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday — February 7
Tuesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time
8:15a Mass for †Marjorie Ruppert by Ed and Mary Lough
RDGS: Gn: 1:420-2:4a; Ps 8: 4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday — February 8
Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
No Mass today!
RDGS: Gn: 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104: 1-2, 27-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday — February 9
Thursday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time
No Mass today!
RDGS: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday — February 10
Saint Scholastica, Virgin
No Mass today!
RDGS: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday—February 11
Our Lady of Lores
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †John Gallagher by Barbara Daugherty
RDGS: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6; 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday — February 12
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for People of the Parish
RDGS: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34: 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37
3:15 Confessions
4:00p Mass (Latin) for †Joe and Theresa Boyle by Family
Septuagesima Sunday

Weekly Attendance & Collection (01/15/2017)

Saturday: 113
Sunday: 244
Latin Mass: 20

General: \$3501
Loan: \$125
School: \$25
Latin Mass: \$420
Church in Latin America: \$685.25

(Tax statements for those giving more than \$200 in 2017 were mailed on January 31, if you did not receive one, please call the parish office at 304 269-3048.)

Upcoming Collections and Appeals

March 1 (Ash Wednesday): Church in Central and Eastern Europe
March 4 & 5: Catholic Missions among Black and Native Americans

Ministry Schedule for
February 11 and 12, 2017

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017

Greeters: Micki Snyder
Servers: Madison Hall and Caden Kelly
Reader: Debbie Rittenhouse
Offertory: T. J. and Mindi Hall
EMHC: Mike and Ann Lee Determan, Margaret Blake
Cantor: Diane Collins

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017

Greeters: Addy Murray and Kara Determan
Servers: Jack Paugh and Manny Robinson
Reader: Erin Turner
Offertory: Children's Mass
EMHC: Butch Cain, Judy Foster, Steve Corley
Cantor: Children's Mass

February Linens: Luanne Bowers
February Funeral Greeters: Gennette Casto, Barbara King

Stewardship Thoughts

By Mary Hendricks

Stewardship 5:

So far in this series, we've learned that God is the creator and owner of all the earth, and he graciously gives us gifts. Those who make stewardship a lifestyle are rewarded with joy, awareness, involvement, and a Christ-centered life. God asks us to share a portion of the gifts he gives us with him.

One way to describe the sharing God asks is called tithing. Those who were received into the Catholic Church from another denomination know a lot more about tithing than many cradle Catholics do. Our Protestant brothers and sisters, in churches half our size, give twice as much in the collection basket. Yikes!

Yeah, we don't have a great reputation for tithing, which, according to the Old Testament, was giving one-tenth of

the annual increase in crops or flocks in support of the priesthood at Jerusalem. This tithing was mandatory, compared to free will offerings given in thanksgiving for God's blessings. Alms was assistance to the poor.

The Church today is more general in its guidelines on giving. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says in #2043, "The faithful...have the duty of providing for the material needs of the church, each according to his abilities." No numbers are mandated or even listed.

But look at that last phrase of the Catechism: "according to his abilities." It means that, like in all areas, we are to discern God's will for our lives. We can't know how much we can donate until we know all of our obligations, and Church support is one of those obligations. It doesn't seem to be a priority for many these days. Listen to what one priest said about Catholics and giving: "If a Catholic couple has \$50, they go out to dinner; \$20, they go see a movie; \$10, they get

fast food. But if they have \$1, they go to church."

Giving according to our ability may be 10-percent of our income. St. Pat's Principal Maureen Gildein told me a story recently about the seventh grade class and their tithing discussion. One student asked, "Are we supposed to give 10-percent of our gross income or net income?" Another responded, "Do you want to be blessed on all of your life or just a fraction of it?"

Out of the mouths of babes...

Next time: Discerning our ability.

Mass Intentions

Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions. Intentions are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

COLLECTING OLD PALMS

Please bring your old palms to the church or church office this month. The palms will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

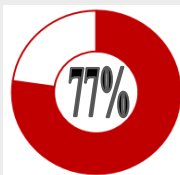
I'M IN! CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Goal: \$345,000.00

145 Pledges and gifts to Date:
\$266,504.50

If you prefer not to make a pledge, please give through the diocese to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Since we have reached the 50% mark of that goal, all donations given will be returned 100% to our parish throughout the coming months.

"For it is in giving that we receive."
— Francis of Assisi



Valentines Chocolate Lovers Feast

Saturday, Feb. 11, 1 - 3pm, Glass
Museum (230 Main Ave.)

All kinds of chocolate: beverages, bonbons, candies, cakes, cookies, a chocolate fountain and much more! Eat all you want, but there will not be take out this year due to the large number of people served.

Adults \$10 per person (\$5 if you arrange IN ADVANCE to donate homemade chocolates for the event.)

Advance tickets available.

All proceeds benefit the Lewis County Glass Museum. For more info, contact Sheila Sayre or Faye Bell at 304 269-4761 or the Glass Museum at 269-5006.



GIFT

Growing In Faith Together

"Healing the Wounds"

Our next inter-generational faith formation session will be Sunday, February 12 at 10:30 in the cafeteria. We will begin the session with a scrumptious meal provided by Sheila McCartney and her Girl Scout troop.

Msgr. McSweeney will be the speaker.

How does your family pursue Christ?

Join us for a

Family Night

for middle and high school families!

Join our Diocesan Missionaries from Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center for a family-oriented evening of prayer, song, and inspiration. Open to all middle school and high school students and their families.

Saturday, February 25
Beginning with Mass at 6:00 and then moving into the School Cafeteria. All are welcome!

Liturgical Musings

Pulling Back the Veil (5)
By Fr. J. DeViese

Following a discussion of the integral and necessary covering of the tabernacle and the altar, both as a matter of prescribed Scriptural tradition and current ecclesial law, we turn our discussion to the use of more common veils—common in the sense of being of a lesser significance more than of prevalence. There are many items within the Church that are veiled at various times and for various reasons, as discussed in the first installment of this series, including sacred vessels, relics, statuary, etc. Having now a better understanding of the theory behind the practice of using veils within the Church, we turn our attention to some specific items that are commonly covered.

First, along with the prescription regarding the use of an altar frontal (*antependium*), a veil over the chalice and paten is also prescribed. This veil serves multiple purposes. First of all, as a sacred vessel, the veil denotes that the chalice is set apart for a specific and special use. In addition to this, its being veiled during the Mass highlights in a very visual way the separation between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The chalice is veiled for the former and uncovered for the latter, making clear the indispensable relationship between the chalice and the Eucharistic Sacrifice about to unfold.

Second, one might notice that a ciborium will sometimes have a veil and sometimes not. While the practice of veiling a ciborium has lamentably fallen by the wayside in many parishes, the custom

of doing so is observed here to indicate that it is a vessel which contains the Blessed Sacrament. Thus, the ciborium brought forward at the Offertory containing unconsecrated hosts is unveiled. But that which is places for reservation in the Tabernacle leaves no doubt as to the presence of the Holy Eucharist within, the same as does the tabernacle veil itself.

A more esoteric veil that is seen in the context of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction is called the humeral veil. It takes its name from the fact that the humerus, the long bone of the arm, is covered by it. Some unwittingly claim that the priest or deacon dons the humeral veil for Benediction so that he does not touch with his bare hands the monstrance containing the Eucharist. However, this is untrue. By virtue of being ordinary ministers of Holy Communion and the priest's hands being consecrated, that is no consideration (after all, the priest or deacon does not veil his hands whilst distributing Holy Communion or transferring the ciborium to the tabernacle). Rather, the humeral veil's purpose is to obscure the person of the priest (or deacon) giving Benediction or walking in procession with the Blessed Sacrament, that all that is seen is God Himself, and not the cleric. At Benediction, it is not the priest who blessed, but the Eucharistic Lord Himself. Likewise, in a Eucharistic Procession, it is not the priest carrying the Blessed Sacrament in procession, but our Eucharistic Lord Himself processing.

I do realize that as I write these not everyone is enthralled with liturgical trivia and minutia as I am. I am grateful for your patience and your willingness to explore these topics with me, as I do think they will form the basis of a much wider liturgical catechesis as we move forward.

Commentary for the Readings in the
Extraordinary Form:

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



"Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field?" He said to them, 'An enemy has done this'" (Gospel).

The problem of evil is indeed a mystery. But the problem of good would indeed be a greater mystery, did not the good seed of the word of Christ dwell amongst us unto a harvest of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience (Epistle); did not Jesus offer up today's sacrifice of reparation (Secret) and give us a Sacrament of salvation (PostCommunion).

During the week, the enemy will try to sow weeds in the field of our daily life; but in our Mass today, the Divine Sower sows His good seed, that it may grow and ripen until gathered by the Divine Reaper into the heavenly barns.

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Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week

2/06	St. Titus, <i>Bishop & Confessor</i>
2/07	St. Romuald, <i>Abbot</i>
02/8	St. John of Matha, <i>Confessor</i>
02/9	St. Cyril of Alexandria, <i>Bishop, Confessor & Doctor</i>
02/10	St. Scholastica, <i>Virgin</i>
02/11	Our Lady of Lourdes