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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading is taken from the book of Deuteronomy 30:10-14 and is the final discourse of Moses, just prior to the selection of Joshua to lead the people into the promised land. It is the conclusion of the covenant making ceremony.

The second reading is from the letter of Paul to the Colossians 1:15-20 in which he uses the occasion to instruct the Colossians and to restate for them the truth about the absolute supremacy of Jesus Christ, as beginning and end of all creation. He was imprisoned in Rome when he wrote this letter but had learned about dangerous doctrines which had recently made their way into the church, threatening both faith and morals. False teachers were introducing a series of outdated Mosaic practices and an exaggerated emphasis on the role of angels as intermediaries between God and men, which threatened to undermine the true doctrine of Christ as the only mediator.

The Gospel is from St. Luke 10:25-37 and tells the parable of the good Samaritan. This passage is two-pronged. While providing a powerful lesson about mercy toward those in need, it also proclaims that non-Jews can observe the Law and thus enter into eternal life. Following other Fathers, St Augustine (De verbis Domini sermones, 37) identifies the good Samaritan with our Lord, and the waylaid man with Adam, the source and symbol of all fallen mankind. Moved by compassion and piety, he comes down to earth to cure man's wounds, making them his own (Is 53:4; Mt 8:17; 1 Pet 2:24; 1 Jn 3:5). In fact, we often see Jesus being moved by man's suffering (cf. Mt 9:36; Mk 1:41; Lk 7:13). And St John says: "in this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 Jn 4:9-11).

This parable leaves no doubt about who our neighbor is — anyone (without distinction of race or relationship) who needs our help; nor about how we should love him — by taking pity on him, being compassionate towards his spiritual or corporal needs; and it is not just a matter of having the right feelings towards him: we must do something, we must generously serve him.

Christians, who should be disciples of Christ, should share his love and compassion, never distancing themselves from others' needs. One way to express love for one's neighbor is to perform the "works of mercy," which get their name from the fact that they are not duties in justice. There are fourteen such works, seven spiritual and seven corporal. The spiritual are: To convert the sinner; To instruct the ignorant; To counsel the doubtful; To comfort the sorrowful; To bear wrongs patiently; To forgive injuries; To pray for the living and the dead. The corporal works are: To feed the hungry; To give drink to the thirsty; To clothe the naked; To shelter the homeless; To visit the sick; To visit the imprisoned; To bury the dead.

~Excerpted from The Navarre Bible - St. Luke

The Parable Of The Good Samaritan is a painting by Francesco Bassano

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

"Go first to be reconciled to they brother, and then come and offer thy gift" (Gospel).

This is Brotherhood Sunday! Human experience confirms the need of this Divine teaching. Only when the Fatherhood of God is recognized, will the Brotherhood of Man be realized. Returning good for evil is possible only to those who love God (Epistle). Oh, how much our hate-torn world needs this prayer: "Pour into our hearts. . .an experience of They Love" (Prayer).

In the practice of the Golden Rule, we plead with the Divine "Helper" against worldly persecution (Introit) and diabolical "enemies" (Postcommunion).

How can one who harbors anger, envy, bitterness, indifference, aversion of any kind against his neighbor, have part in the Sacrifice of Him Who offers Himself for His enemies? The sacrifice of our selfish or even wounded feelings for Christ's sake, is a most acceptable "gift" to "leave. . .before the altar" (Gospel).

~Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Traditional Latin Mass

The Traditional Latin Mass (the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite) is offered weekly at St. Patrick Church in Weston. Confessions begin at 11:45 followed by Mass at 12:30. The second Sunday of each month is the traditional "High" Mass with music and the choir. Everyone is invited. This Mass does fulfill as your weekend Mass obligation.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha



Feastday: July 14
Patron of the environment and Ecology
Birth: 1656
Death: April 17, 1680
Beatified By: Pope John Paul II
Canonized on 10/21/2012 by Pope Benedict XVI

St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband.

She contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth. She was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Worse, her entire family died during the outbreak. Kateri Tekakwitha was subsequently raised by her uncle, who was the chief of a Mohawk clan.

Kateri was known as a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. However, she refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to entertain the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in. Instead, she remained quiet and diligent. Eventually they were forced to relent and accept that she had no interest in marriage.

At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbors. Some of her neighbors started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community south of Montreal.

According to legend, Kateri was very devout and would put thorns on her sleeping mat. She often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. According to the Jesuit missionaries that served the community where Kateri lived, she often fasted and when she would eat, she would taint her food to diminish its flavor. On at least one occasion, she burned herself. Such self-mortification was common among the Mohawk.

Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Her practices of self-mortification and denial may not have helped her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680.

Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena.

<https://www.catholic.org/saints>

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NA - Mon. at 7pm

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 8pm

Parking

Just a gentle reminder, for parishioners and visitors of St. Patrick Church and School, not park in the lot of the Danser Hardware Building. That lot is private property and we do not have permission to park there. Thank you for respecting the wishes of the property owner.

Altar Server Boot Camp

July 29 - August 2

9:00 a.m.-Noon
(For both current and new altar servers.)

Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club for Catholic Women will be Sunday, July 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the parish meeting room of St. Patrick Church. Discussion will continue on the remaining chapters of "The Organic Development of the Liturgy" by Dom Alcuin Reid and a short, fictional novel, "Catholics" by Brian Moore. A few copies of the latter book are available for loan in the St. Patrick Church Parish Office. Email christinacrim@yahoo.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you.

Introduction to Catholicism

We are excited to announce that "Introduction to Catholicism" classes will start on Wednesday, August 21. We will begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m. then continue in the parish meeting room. If you know someone wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith please invite them!

Please contact the parish office at 304-269-30048 to register.

CCD

Please mark your calendars NOW! Religious Education will begin on Sunday, September 8. Classes on Sunday are at 8:15 a.m. and are for all **1st—8th graders and ADULTS**. This is our third year of having the adult religious education class and every year, often more than once per year, a "cradle Catholic" tells us how much they have learned in the classes. Many of them attended Catholic schools through the twelfth grade! The info was probably there all along, it was just buried as they got older and learned other things. Just like anything else, you have to use it or you will lose it.

CCD is required for those preparing to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner

St. Boniface Annual Chicken Supper, Bazaar, and Quilt Raffle



Saturday, August 3, 2019

4:30—7:00 p.m.

\$10 - Adult

\$5 - children 6 to 12

Free - 5 and under

Mass will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Chances for the quilt are available in the St. Patrick Church parish office!



National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week - JULY 21 - JULY 27, 2019.

Natural Family Planning is Cooperating with God's design for married love. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign. The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Contact nfp@usccb.org for more information.

Save the Date

The St. Patrick Church Carnival will be on Saturday, August 24. More details will be available in upcoming bulletins.

WVU Season Football Ticket Chances for Sale

Chances are available through the Knights of Columbus Council for a chance to win a pair of season tickets to this seasons WVU home football games. Chances for \$5 each. See any member of the Knight of Columbus to purchase a chance. Tickets are also available in the St. Patrick Church office. All chances (sold and unsold) and money must be turned in to Lakyn McCartney no later than the next monthly Knights' Council meeting on August 6 so they can be returned to the state council for the drawing.



Parish Membership & Benefits:

To be considered an "active" member of any parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the "Active Parishioner Rate of tuition" at a Catholic school), the parish takes into account family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries, and Mass attendance. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the appropriate person at your parish. Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.