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The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus 17:8-13. In this reading the Israelites are attacked in their journey from Egypt to Canaan by the Amalek tribe who would have annihilated them were it not for Moses's intercession with God. The second reading is from the second letter of Paul to Timothy 3:14, 4:2. St. Paul continues to exhort and encourage his disciple Timothy to be loyal to the Christian faith which he had received from the most trustworthy of sources, St. Paul himself, and the sacred Scripture of the Old Testament. Timothy must continue to preach this "word," this faith, no matter what the obstacles may be.

The Gospel is from St. Luke 18:1-8. There are many devout Christians who are deeply puzzled by what they think is God's indifference to their fervent pleas for spiritual favors, which to them appear essential in their journey heavenwards. These people would readily admit that God has good reasons for not granting temporal favors—they might not be for their eternal good. Why refuse or delay granting their spiritual needs? The man or woman who has dedicated his or her life exclusively to the service of God still suffers from human weaknesses. He or she is attracted to worldly things, is finding humility and obedience very difficult, suffers from dryness in prayer or worse still is scrupulous to a degree that makes the religious life almost unbearable. Such people could work so much better for God and for their neighbor if only God would remove these weaknesses which, in fact, he could so easily do.

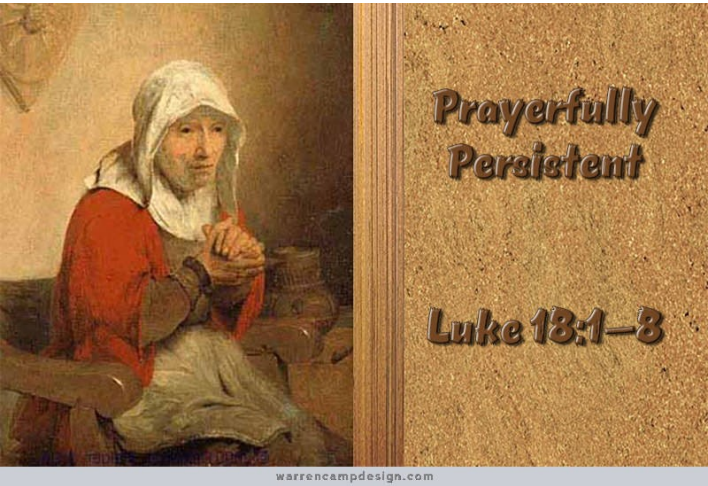
Or again, why should whole nations of devout Christians suffer persecution from atheistic tyrants? See their children brought up deprived of the right to practice their faith, or, worse still, taught to despise it? Surely God should answer the prayers of these good people and the fervent prayers of millions of their fellow-Christians on their behalf ...

These and many similar questionings arise in our minds because our limited, human intellects can see but one small section of the immense tapestry which God is weaving for the human race. We would all like immediate results in our own tiny corner

of that tapestry while the all-wise God is occupied with the whole picture. He is not forgetting us either. If He delays in answering our urgent appeals, we can be certain that the reason is not that He wants to punish us, but rather to help us. There are many saints in heaven who would perhaps never have become saints if God had not allowed them to struggle on longer than they would have wished, against trials and difficulties—spiritual as well as physical.

Our divine Lord teaches us, in this parable, the need for perseverance in prayer. This perseverance develops our trust and confidence in God. It helps us to become humble and to realize how weak we are when left to ourselves. It keeps us close to God, as we learn how dependent we are on His generosity. If we only would realize that God is perhaps never closer to us than when we think He is forgetting us! The trials of life, spiritual or temporal, which He allows us to suffer are not obstacles to our spiritual progress but rather stepping-stones without which we could not cross the rivers of life at all.

God wants every one of us in heaven but just as no two men on earth have the same identical features, so also no two men on earth have the same road to lead them to heaven. God is supervising the journey of each one of us. He is ever there to help if the obstacle on one's road is insurmountable. We may and we must, keep asking God for the spiritual and temporal favors which we feel we need. We must never grow despondent or feel that God has lost interest in us, if He delays in granting these favors. When we shall look back on our earthly journey from the happy vantage point of heaven, we shall see how effectively and



how lovingly God regulated our journey. When He did not grant a certain favor it was because He had a much more important one to give us, one we did not ask for or even realize we needed.

"Ask and you shall receive," not perhaps what you wanted, but what God knew you needed. "Seek and you shall find," not the easy way which you thought you deserved, but the harder way which would make you more deserving of heaven. "Knock and it shall be opened unto you," not the door you were standing at, which would have delayed or endangered your progress, but the door further down the street where refreshment and new courage to continue on your upward climb were awaiting you.

— Excerpted from The Sunday Readings Cycle C, Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.

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Sunday, October 20
10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
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St. Patrick Church Altar Serving Training

Would you like to be an altar server? Are you thinking about becoming a server but want a better understanding of what you do as a server? Do you want a refresher course on serving? If you answered yes to any of these questions you are invited to altar server training on Saturday, October 26 from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the church.

Weekly Activities at St. Patrick Church

- Sunday, 8:00 - 9:15 a.m., CCD and Adult Religious Education
- Sundays, 8:45 - 9:15 a.m., Choir practice
- Sunday, 6:00 p.m., DTS (Dead Theologians Society), for High School Students, parish meeting room
- Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m., Scripture study, parish meeting room
- Wednesday, RCIA, begins with Mass at 6:00 p.m., finishes in the parish meeting room

A Special Visitor to the Fifth Grade Class

Two years ago, Miss Sydney Bush was a long term sub for the 3rd grade class at St. Patrick School. At that time, she and her class would FaceTime her brother Tanner who was deployed with the US Army. He showed them around the barracks, answered questions, told stories and spoke with each student. This year, Miss Bush is our 5th grade teacher and has those students again. This week her brother was able to get “leave” and come home and visit for a few days. On Monday, October 14, Tanner and his friend Stephen came to school and visited the kids Tanner “met” two years ago. The kids asked questions, presented cards, gave him a tour of the classroom, and played with the hedgehog. Thank you Tanner for your service to our country and for visiting our school!



Fifth Grade gets a New Class Pet

Our new Hedgehog - “Spikey 2”, AKA: Miss Maggie May! We are so excited to welcome her to the fifth grade family



Income Projections for Organ Fund (Goal of \$150,000)

The goal has been set to find 500 contributors by Friday, November 1, 2019 to complete the cost of the organ renovation. Suggested giving levels are set below, but participants are encouraged to give according to one's means. No contribution should jeopardize "keeping one's body and soul together."

Some options are: "Coins for Pipes" - saving weekly pocket change or part of an allowance, \$175, \$250, \$350, \$500 and \$1000 +. Pledges can be made via a single check or in monthly installments. However, it is suggested that a quarter of the total amount pledged be paid with the initial check.

Donations may be placed in the weekend collection basket either in the regular envelope or in a white envelope. However, the envelope needs to be marked "Organ Fund." It would be helpful for the check memo space to indicate "Organ Fund" as well. Donation also may be mailed or brought to the church office.

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

"Jesus, seeing (the) faith (of those who brought the paralytic) said. . . 'Take courage, son; thy sins are forgiven thee'" (Gospel).

We approach the end of the Church's year. We, too, have grown to maturity. In our youth we regarded perfection an easy accomplishment. Now we plead for Redemption. We implore His Mercy to direct our hearts (Prayer) in the evening of our life (Offertory).

Our plea today is: Give peace, O Lord. What is the condition for peace with neighbor, peace amongst nations? It is a call to set ourselves right with God!

Are we ambassadors of peace to others? The paralytic was unable to do anything for himself. Did not Jesus cure him, absolve him, only when his friends brought him and He saw their faith?

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

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All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the states, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, & become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers ever.

Friday, October 25, 2019
6:00 p.m.
St. Patrick School Cafeteria

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Catholic Women's Book Club News & Reviews

October 20th, 2019 @ 2 pm in Parish Meeting Room is where our next meeting will take place. The Meeting is only 1 Hour Long; unless we have a guest speaker or special event. Study Guides are provided for each book at the meetings. For October, the book will be Archbishop Chaput's "Strangers in a Strange Land: Living the Catholic Faith in a Post-Christian World". Bishop Chaput parses American history and the current situation in American life. He then gives guidance on how to reframe the culture we live in, and how to live a robust life, characterized by fidelity to Catholic teaching in an ever-changing world. Join us for this discussion! Any questions email: christinacrim@yahoo.com

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 the following things. First, to receive a discount at a Catholic School or to receive a sacrament, the children MUST attend weekend Mass. Second, family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries are taken into consideration. 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 should register as a household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

Seeking New Participants

The St. Patrick Church weekly scripture study group invites parishioners from all parishes to join them on Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. for reflection on weekend Mass readings. Meetings are in the parish meeting room which is located in the church office.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser **Change for Life**

October 5 - November 3

How to Participate:

1. Pick up a bottle (or two).
 2. Fill it with change or paper money or checks.
 3. Return it to the church before November 3.
- (Checks should be made payable to: CDA 379)



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- West Virginians for Life
- North Central West Virginia Center for Pregnancy Care
- The Family Resource Center

Please return ALL bottles at the end of the fundraiser.

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Advance Medical Directives: **Planning for Your Future**

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respectlifeprogram.org/advance-directives.

Human life is good and to be protected. All medical decisions ought to reflect this core belief. Yet some medical and legal documents used to define a patient's future care can be harmful. No matter how well-crafted, they can't predict all the possible scenarios and best courses of action. In each set of circumstances, we need to judge whether a given treatment will provide real benefit to the patient, without causing harm or disproportionate burdens. The safest option is to designate a health care agent to make decisions if you become incapable of doing so. It's best to appoint a responsible, trustworthy person who understands and shares your Catholic values, and can apply them when the need arises.

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