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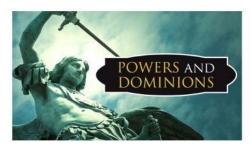
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Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

he first reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28. A notion very prevalent among the Jews, all through their history, was that the sins of parents were punished in their children. Ezekiel tells his audience that each man is responsible for his own sins. As each man has a free will, the good man may foolishly turn to sin, and likewise, the sinner may repent and live a good life.

The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 2:1-5. St. Paul is urging his new converts to live in unity of love and mutual charity. Each one must esteem his neighbor as of more importance than himself and help him in every way. In doing this, they are only imitating their Savior Christ Jesus who although Creator became a creature, though Master He made Himself a slave—all for love of us.

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 21:28-32. This parable was primarily intended to show up the hypocrisy of the chief priests and elders of the Jews, and the perilous position in which they stood in relation to God and heaven. It is, however, a warning against hypocrisy for all time. Lip service of God will not merit heaven. Nominal Christians are not working in the Lord's vineyard. At any moment they may be called from this life, and what defense can they offer the just judge? Will

they dare to offer the flimsy excuses with which they try to silence their consciences now: "we didn't realize how sinful we were"; "we were too occupied with family and personal cares to have time for our spiritual duties"; "we were led astray by bad example"; "we didn't like to be different from others"; "we were going to put things right"? Who will dare to offer such excuses at the judgment seat? Their utter futility will then be apparent in all its nakedness.

However, we are still on earth, and while we are the door of God's mercy is wide open to us. If in the past we said, "I will not go into your vineyard", we still have time to reverse that sinful decision. Not only can we with God's grace turn over a new leaf, but we can completely wipe out the sinful pages of our life's story written up to now. Remember that what God in His mercy did for the tax-collectors and harlots in the parable, the Matthews, the Mary Magdalenes, the Augustines, the Margarets of Cortona, the Matt Talbots and the millions of unknown penitents who are now saints in heaven He can also do for you.



"The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Bartolome Esteban Murillo

We answered the call to God's vineyard by accepting baptism and membership of His Church. If we have grown lax in our fervor and refused to do the tasks allotted to us, we still have time, thanks to God's mercy and patience, to put things right. Today, look into your conscience and see how much of your past life you have given to God and how much you have kept for yourself. If you were called tonight to render an account to the Lord, would the balance sheet be in your favor? Is your corner of the vineyard producing abundant crops, or is it perhaps filling up with weeds, briers and brambles? If the latter, then we will say a heartfelt "Thank you, God, for not calling us to judgment today. We will begin right now to understand our sinful past, so that our corner of your vineyard will be in good order when you do call us. Thank you, Lord, for your mercy. God grant that we shall never abuse it."

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan,

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

"Love. . .thy God. . .and. . .thy neighbor as thyself" (Gospel).

Jesus reveals His Love by curing the victim of dropsy. Love overcomes all human obstacles. The humble man does not, of On these two (loves) depend the whole code and creed. Each time we walk in (this) law (Introit), we not only avoid. ... contact with the devil (Prayer), but we answer the question: What do you think of. . .Christ? By deeds we profess our faith that He is My Lord (Gospel). We bear with one another in love, because through Baptism God becomes the Father of all (Epistle). Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Sunday, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Latin)

Reconciliation:

Wednesday and Saturday, 6:00pm, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Wed., 6:00 p.m.

(See Weekly Schedule for any changes to times or *location!)*

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.

Parish Office Hours: (By Appointment)

Sunday, 10:30 - 12:30 Monday, 9 - 4 Tuesday, 9 - 4 Wednesday, 12 - 5 Thursday, 9 - 1 Friday, 9 - 1

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Sunday

Low Mass: 8:30 am

Weekdays & Saturday

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am, Saturday: 9:30 a.m.

Park& Pray

Reminder: the Blessed Sacrament is present at the side door of the Parish Office every day for private prayer until around 6:00 p.m. Come out and spend some time in the presence of Our Lord!

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You

sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself

wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Second and Special Collections

- September 26 & 27: The Catholic University of America
- October 3 & 4: Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund*
- October 17 & 18: World Mission Sunday

*This collection was to be held on March 13 & 14. Due to the importance of this collection, Bishop Brennan rescheduled it for October 17 & 18. If you previously gave to the collection by mailing in your contributions, we thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 26, 2020, Saints Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

Sunday, September 27, 2020, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 a.m. Confessions

10:30 a.m. Mass for †Alli Hamrick

12:00 p.m. Confessions

(Latin Mass) Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 12:30 p.m.

Mass for †Ava Rowan by family

Wednesday, September 30 2020, Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

5:00 p.m. Confession

6:00 p.m. Mass for †Cathy Snuffer by John and Lesley White

Saturday, October 3 2020, Saturday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Mass for †Clarence and Mary Lou Weber by Bob and Kathy Sims

Sunday, October 4, 2020, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 a.m. Confessions

10:30 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. Confessions

12:30 p.m. (Latin Mass) Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Mass for †Robert Park by Mr. & Mrs. Philip Woodruff

Bishop Brennan has suspended the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice. Those who elect not to attend Mass on those days, at this time, do not incur sin."

Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- Those who are sick: Jim Arsenault, Nick Bakas, Jean Scott Chase, Brad Curtis, Nick Cutlip, Rose Determan, Larry Dodson, Tom Fealy, Carl Ford, Marsha Garton, Jack Gum (brother of Susie Determan), Robert Hamilton, Courtney Clevenger Heimberger, Fr. John Hollowell, Mary Jo Hull, Barbara MacKenzie, Pam Mahdavi, Julia Marsh, Philomena Martin, Steve Moran, Ed and Mary Ann Murray, Susan Murray, Delores Paugh, Raylee Rahming, Mike Riley, Ron Roth, Keith Rose, Shane Rowan, Tom Ruppert, Sheila Savre, Jim Shaver, Diane Snyder, Cindy Sumpter, Mary Taylor, Helen Tomaro, Fr. Pat Wash, Philip Woodruff
- Those who have died: Joe Murray, Grace Turner, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- All Military Personnel: Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton, Stephen Lindsey, R. Brody Springer, Justin Stark
- **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- Former priests and religious of our churches
- Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.
- All diagnosed with Covid 19
- All health care workers, first responders, mail carriers and essential employees

Attendance & **Collections**

Saturday Sunday (10:30) 77 Sunday (Latin) 42

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Wednesday

6:00 p.m., RCIA begins with Mass in the

Saturday, October 17, Virtual School Elimination Dinner

Our Neighbor Collection

September

- Cleaning Supplies
- Laundry Supplies

Items can be placed in the red box on the back porch of St. Patrick Church parish

Liturgical Calendar & **Scripture Readings**

- Sunday, September 27, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-
- Monday, September 28, Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr, Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday, September 29, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels, Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
- Wednesday, September 30, Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday, October 1, Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels, Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 (459)/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Saturday, October 3, Saturday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time, Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24

Liturgical Calendar for **Traditional Latin Mass**

- Sunday, September 27, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
- Monday, September 28, St. Wenceslaus, Duke & Martyr
- Tuesday, September 29, Dedication of the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel
- Wednesday, September 30, St. Jerome, Priest, Confessor & Doctor

Thursday, October 1, St. Remigius,

- Bishop & Confessor Friday, October 2, Holy Guardian
- Angels
- Saturday, October 3, St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

Virtual Elimination Dinner

October 17
Dinners can be pick up from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
The drawing begins at 7:00 p.m.
Pick up your dinner and watch the drawing from the comfort of your home!

The Annual Elimination Dinner for St. Patrick School will be held virtually this year on Saturday, October 17, The drawing will be held via a Facebook Live.

Chances for a 50/50 drawing and for a ticket in the final ticket can be purchased when you pick up your dinner.

Tickets can be purchased from St. Patrick's School students, Parish Office or calling the school at (304)269-5547. the menu choices are chicken or baked steak.

2020-2021 RCIA

RCIA is held every Wednesday at at St. Patrick Church. We begin at 6:00 p.m. with Mass in the church. After Mass, we will continue the session in the parish meeting room. We will wear masks and practice social distancing. If you know someone who wants to become Catholic or just inquire and learn about our faith, please contact the parish office at 304-269-3048 or by email at secretary@spchurchweston.net. You may also email the RCIA coordinator, Jesse Cunningham at caufdrop45@gmail.com.

The RCIA program is intended to be a formation process and one of the biggest parts of the formation is to attend Mass. Not only on Wednesdays for our sessions but on Saturday or Sunday as well. After all, attending weekend Mass is something you will be doing for the rest of your life if you do choose to join the church. Every Catholic church in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has specific guidelines to follow. Fr. DeViese has done an excellent job at St. Pat's implementing these guidelines. One of our parishioners even makes masks for people who need them.

Sacraments Course

(October 18-November 21)

This five week course will look at the history and theology of the sacraments. Beginning with a look at the Liturgy, we will then explore Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation (the sacraments of Initiation). We will then look at the sacraments of healing, that is, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick. Finally, we will examine the sacraments of communion, also known as the Sacrament of Marriage and the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

If you are a catechist, work with the RCIA, couples preparing for marriage, parents preparing to baptize their children, or are an adult interested in deepening your faith, please join fellow Catholics from across the Diocese as we learn more about our Tradition.

This course is a hybrid model. It is composed of both weekly live two hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF).

This course is being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of the books associated with the course. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dwc.org with your name, address, and phone number. The last day to register is Friday, October 16th.

Catholic Women's Book Club

The Catholic Women's Book Club will meet at Lewis County Park on Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 p.m. "Quo Vadis" By Henryk Sienkiewicz is the book to be discuss.

Save the Date



Annual Spaghetti Dinner Sunday November 1

The annual spaghetti dinner to raise money for the Christmas food baskets is scheduled for Sunday, November 1. Due to Covid-19, the dinner will be drive-thru pick up only. T

Prices and times will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

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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.

Masks Available

Masks are available for anyone attending Mass who might need one. They are reversible and have a non-woven interfacing liner. Please hand wash them instead of putting them in the machine. Different sizes are available, The sizes are written on the zip lock bags they are in. Currently there are just a few of the different sizes available but more will be available as they are made. Masks are free. Please remember to take them with you when you leave Mass.

First Communion 2020

Judy Jerden will be contacting the parents of the children who did not receive First Communion in May to coordinate lesson reviews with their children. After that, we will move forward with First Communion. Please work with your children in advance to assure they understand what the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion are. This will assist Judy when she meets with children so that they can receive the sacraments at the earliest possible date.

Saint Wenceslaus

(c. 907 – 929) Patron Saint of: Bohemia

Saint Wenceslaus' Story

If saints have been falsely characterized as "other worldly," the life of Wenceslaus stands as an example to the contrary: He stood for Christian values in the midst of the political intrigues which characterized 10th-century Bohemia.

Wenceslaus was born in 907 near Prague, son of the Duke of Bohemia. His saintly grandmother, Ludmilla, raised him and sought to promote him as ruler of Bohemia in place of his mother, who favored the anti-Christian factions. Ludmilla was eventually murdered, but rival Christian forces enabled Wenceslaus to assume leadership of the government.

His rule was marked by efforts toward unification within Bohemia, support of the Church, and peace-making negotiations with Germany, a policy which caused him trouble with the anti-Christian opposition. His brother Boleslav joined in the plotting, and in September of 929 invited Wenceslaus to Alt Bunglou for the celebration of the feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian. On the way to Mass, Boleslav attacked his brother, and in the struggle, Wenceslaus was killed by supporters of Boleslav.

Although his death resulted primarily from political upheaval, Wenceslaus was hailed as a martyr for the faith, and his tomb became a pilgrimage shrine. He is hailed as the patron of the Bohemian people and of the former Czechoslovakia.

Reflection

"Good King Wenceslaus" was able to incarnate his Christianity in a world filled

St Peter's Basilica"s Altar of St. Wenceslas by Angelo Caroseli, 1627-30

with political unrest. While we are often victims of violence of a different sort, we can easily identify with his struggle to bring harmony to society. The call to become involved in social change and in political activity is addressed to Christians; the values of the gospel are sorely needed today.

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