7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.
Matthew 5:48
Mission Statement: With the help of the Holy Spirit, we seek to build a Christ centered community upon the foundation of a joyful liturgy, a welcoming hospitality, a celebrating people, a learning and nurturing atmosphere for all members, and a commitment to serve God and others, while spreading the Good News to those who seek to share in the blessings of our Catholic faith.

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Sacramental Information

BAPTISM: You must attend Baptismal Preparation Classes prior to the baptism. Contact the pastor to arrange one.  
MARRIAGE: Please contact six months in advance. No date will be set over the phone.  
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 4:30pm, Week-days before or after daily mass or by appointment.

February
20 ......................Michael Castle,  
Jeremiah Olson
21 ......................Donna Konchesky,  
Cecelia Vitale, Isabella Vitale,  
Wesley Nestor
23 ......................Carolyn Grove,  
Deborah Summers
24 ......................Morgan Miller
25 ......................Cathy Campbell,  
Dale Royce, Michael King

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA  
FEBRUARY 19, 2017  
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, AND ACTIVITIES

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Saturday, February 18
7:00am       Men’s Group
5:00pm       Pray Rosary
5:30pm       For Joshua Espinoza

Sunday, February 19
8:00am       +Salvatore Vitale
9:30am       Faith Formation
11:00am      For Parishioners

Monday, February 20—NO Daily Mass
Tuesday, February 21—NO Daily Mass
Wednesday, February 22—NO Daily Mass
Thursday, February 23—NO Daily Mass
Friday, February 24—NO Daily Mass
9:30am       Women’s Group

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Saturday, February 25
7:00am       Men’s Group
5:00pm       Pray Rosary
5:30pm       +Mary F Cholock

Sunday, February 26
8:00am       For Scott Hauser
9:30am       Faith Formation
11:00am      For Parishioners
6:00pm       Teen Mass
              +Mike Smith
ST. LUKE COMMITTEES

Community at Liturgy - A joyful liturgy.
Coordinator: Shaly Alappat (304) 594-0285
Pastoral Council Liaison: John Wassick (304) 594-0494

Community of Stewardship - A Christ centered community.
Coordinator: Charlie Bern (304) 594-1363
Pastoral Council Liaison: Margaret Richardson (304) 594-0929

Community of Welcome - A welcoming hospitality.
Coordinator: Christine Robison (304) 594-0689
Pastoral Council Liaison: Rich Robison (304) 594-0689

Community in Celebration - A celebrating people.
Coordinator:
Pastoral Council Liaison: Toni Southern (304) 594-3618

Community of Care and Support - A nurturing atmosphere
for all members. Co-Coordinators: Debra Cyphert & Jenny Sizer (304) 594-3925
Pastoral Council Liaison: Jenny Sizer (304) 594-3925

Community of Reaching Out - A commitment to serve God
and others.
Coordinator:
Pastoral Council Liaison: Carolyn Sisler (304) 379-8574

Community in Formation - A learning atmosphere.
Coordinator: Aaron Percich or (304) 594-2353
Pastoral Council Liaison:

Bulletin Deadline by NOON, MONDAY. Please email bulletin
announcements to: st.luke.secretary@comcast.net

If you are interested in becoming a
St. Luke’s Parishioner, please pick
up a Welcome Folder located on
the desk in the Gathering Space.

MASS INTENTIONS

The suggested stipend is $10 for a weekday Mass and
$20 for a weekend Mass. If you are interested, call the
Parish office at 304-594-2353.

If a parishioner is ill, hospitalized, or has lost a
family member or loved one or if you know of
anyone in need of prayer, please contact Pat
Cyphert or Jackie Caserta, at 304-292-4992 or the
Parish office 304-594-2353.

Weekly Collection for
Weekly Collection for February 11-12, 2017
Regular Collection-$3740.99
Building Fund-$2.00
School Envelope-$28.00
Total Attendance # 331

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH  MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA  FEBRUARY 19, 2017

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE
February 25-February 26, 2017

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The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the
protection of its children and young people. The Diocese
complies with the United States Conference of Catholic
Bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young
People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To
report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your
local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West
Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by
calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected
cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop’s designees at
888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264;
Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr.
Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese’s Office
of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the “Diocese”
tab, then click “Office of Safe Environment” under the “Offices”
menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church’s efforts in preventing
sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit
Youth Protection” from the drop down menu.

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AROUND THE PARISH

Teen Corner

Biggest and Best List of Confirmation Saints (for Guys and Girls) (Continued)

by RACHEL PENATE from lifeteen.com blog

Modern day saints

Men and women who know what it means to live in the 20th century and still live a holy life. Whew, that’s not only impressive, but beautiful. We have a lot to learn from these men and women.

St. John Paul II
St. Gianna
Bl. Chiara Badano
St. Josemaria Escriva
St. Teresa of Calcutta
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
St. Katharine Drexel
St. Maria Faustina Kowalska
St. John XXIII
St. Pauline of the Suffering Heart of Jesus
St. Luigi Orione
St. Andre Bessette
St. Jaime Hilario Barbal
St. Riccardo Pampuri
St. Maria Bernard Butler
St. Pius X
St. Mary MacKillop

Next week: Saints who are Doctors of the Church

NOTE: Our confirmandi at St Luke’s are not required to choose a confirmation saint or even a saint’s name for confirmation. However, feel free to choose a saint to be your “friend” through your journey.

NEXT TEEN YOUTH GROUP

February 26th at 6:00PM

Thank you to Father Bill Kiel for celebrating Mass with us this weekend.

Online Giving Collection Amounts

From January 1, 2017 to February 5, 2017

Regular Collection-$1510.00

Responding to the Word

Jesus challenges us to pray for our enemies and persecutors.

• How can I better respond to those who hurt or offend me?

Jesus, help me...

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Goal:$20,725.00

Pledges Received: $49,817.00

Keep the Pledges coming in!!!

All gifts donated at this point return to St Luke!
**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

### Ecumenical Mission Team Planning Flood Rebuild:

The Ecumenical Mission Team formed in cooperation with the Greater Fairmont Council of Churches is planning a weeklong trip to Richwood, WV the week of March 12th-17th. This coincides with Spring Break at Fairmont State University. Participation is open to all people of faith who are 18 years of age or older.

Anyone interested in learning more about this mission trip or to make a donation (Make checks out to “St. Peter the Fisherman CC” 407 Jackson St., Fairmont, WV 26554, noting “Mission Fund”) to the group, please contact Deacon David at 363-7434, extension 26, or e-mail him at davidplester@aol.com. An application will be sent by mail after initial inquiry. Applications and the $75 fee must be submitted by March 1st for those wishing to participate in the mission trip.

### St. John University Parish

St. John University Parish is looking to hire a part-time Office Manager/Secretary. Must be able to multi-task, be familiar with computer operations, and be very people-oriented. HS diploma required; college degree preferred. Please send resumes with cover letter to: stjohnmorgantown@comcast.net.

No phone calls, please.

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**FROM THE DIOCESE**

The Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R. invite you to be immersed in the Holy Spirit at our Lenten retreat on Saturday, March 25th from 8:30am to 4:00pm. The retreat includes Mass, Adoration, lunch, talks, testimonies, and more. The retreat will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Monastery in Toronto, Ohio. Registration is required by Monday, March 13th. Suggested donation is $25. Register online at www.franciscansisterstor.org/lenten-retreat-2017/ or call (740) 544-5542 ext. 112.

2017 Communities of Salt and Light Honorees Chosen

Catholic Charities of West Virginia’s Central Region is pleased to announce the 2017 Communities of Salt and Light Honorees. Please join us on April 21 at 5:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall in Fairmont to recognize their commitment to improving the lives of their neighbors through service. Our award recipients this year are: Joan Burns from St. Peter the Fisherman Parish in Fairmont, Ellen Condron from All Saints Parish in Bridgeport, Martha/Mary Ministry from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Stonewood, and The Summer Home Repair Committee of the Catholic Churches of Preston County. Tickets to the awards dinner are $35 per person. There will be a live auction, silent auction, and several drawings for prizes. Sponsorships for the event are available at varying levels and ads can be purchased for the program. Proceeds from the dinner support the programs and services of the Central Region of Catholic Charities WV. For more information, or to order tickets, contact Alissa Wilmoth at awilmoth@ccwva.org, or (304)292-6597.

Practice for Confirmation will be held at St. Francis de Sales Church on Friday, April 21st at 6:00 PM. This is a mandatory practice for confirmandi and their sponsors.

Confirmation:

Saturday, April 22nd at 5:15pm at St Francis de Sales
Living with Christ this week

Every Eucharist celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. With the signs of wind, fire, and words, the Holy Spirit empowers us to be God’s people with a mission. In the first readings this week, Sirach offers practical guides for shaping a life with God at the center. In the gospels, we follow Mark’s account of Jesus’ final journey toward Jerusalem.

GOSPEL  MT 6: 24-34

Jesus said to his disciples:
"No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?

Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

"Instead of trying to avoid hardships, ask God for the grace to bear them well."

St. Andre Bessette
Now to our question. Does God have just one right choice for me to make each time? If so, I must find it. If not, I should relax more and be a little looser. Here are some clues to the answer.

The answer depends on what kind of person you are. I assume that many readers of this page are (1) Catholic, (2) orthodox and faithful to the teachings of the church, (3) conservative, and (4) charismatic. I have had many friends—casual, close, and very close—of this description for many years. In fact, I fit the description myself. So I speak from some experience when I say that people of this type have a strong tendency toward a certain character or personality type—which is in itself neither good nor bad—which needs to be nourished by one of these emphases more than the other. The opposite personality type would require the opposite emphasis.

My first clue, based on my purely personal observation of this kind of people, is that we often get bent out of shape by our desire—in itself a very good desire—to find God’s perfect will for us. We give a terrible testimony to non-Christians; we seem unable to relax, to stop and smell God’s roses, to enjoy life as God gives it to us. We often seem fearful, fretful, terribly serious, humorless, and brittle—in short, the kind of people that don’t make a very good advertisement for our faith.

I am not suggesting that we compromise one iota of our faith to appeal to unbelievers. I am simply suggesting that we be human. Go watch a ball game. Enjoy a drink—just one—unless you’re at risk for alcoholism. Be a little silly once in a while. Tickle your kids—and your wife. Learn how to tell a good joke. Read Frank Schaeffer’s funny novel Portofino. Go live in Italy for a while.

Here’s a second clue. Most Christians, including many of the saints, don’t, in fact, have the discernment we are asking about, the knowledge of what God wills in every single choice. It’s rare. Could something as important as this be so rare? Could God have left almost all of us so clueless?

A third clue is Scripture. It records some examples—most of them miraculous, many of them spectacular—of God revealing his particular will. But these are reported in the same vein as miracles: as something remarkable, not as general policy. The "electronic gospel" of health and wealth, "name it and claim it," is unscriptural, and so is the notion that we must find the one right answer to every practical problem, for the same reason: we are simply never assured such a blanket promise.

Darkness and uncertainty are as common in the lives of the saints, in Scriptural as well as afterwards, as pain and poverty are. The only thing common to all humanity that the gospel guarantees to free us from is sin (and its consequences, death, guilt, and fear), not suffering and not uncertainties. If God had wanted us to know the clear, infallible way, he surely would have told us clearly and infallibly.

A fourth clue is something God did in fact give us: free will. Why? There are a number of good reasons—for instance, so that our love could be infinitely more valuable than instinctive, unfree animal affection. But I think I see another reason. As a teacher, I know that I sometimes should withhold answers from my students so that they find them themselves, and thus appreciate and remember them better—and also learn how to exercise their own judgment in finding answers themselves. "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." God gave us some big fish, but he also gave us the freedom to fish for a lot of little ones (and some big ones) ourselves.

Reason and free will always go together. God created both in us as part of his image. He gives supernatural revelation to both: dogmas to our reason and commandments to our will. But just as he didn’t give us all the answers, even in theology, in applying the dogmas or drawing out the consequences of them, so he didn’t give us all the answers in morality or practical guidance, in applying the commandments and drawing out their consequences. He gave us the mental and moral equipment with which to do that, and he is not pleased when we bury our talent in the ground instead of investing it so that he will see how much it has grown in us when he returns.

In education, I know there are always two extremes. You can be too modern, too experimental, too Deweyan, too structureless. But you can also be too classical, too rigid. Students need initiative and creativity and originality too. God’s law is short. He gave us ten commandments, not ten thousand. Why? Why not a more complete list of specifics? Because he wanted freedom and variety. Why do you think he created so many persons? Why not just one? Because he loves different personalities. He wants his chorus to sing in harmony, but not in unison.

I know Christians who are cultivating ingrown eyeballs trying to know themselves so well—often by questionable techniques like the enneagram, or Oriental modes of prayer—so that they can make the decision that is exactly what God wants for them every time. I think it is much healthier to think about God and your neighbor more and yourself less, to forget yourself—follow your instincts without demanding to know everything about them. As long as you love God and act within his law, I think he wants you to play around a bit.

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