8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.
Matthew 6:34
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.

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 http://www.usccb.org. Under “Issues and Action,” click “Child and Youth Protection” from the drop down menu.
ST. LUKE COMMITTEES

Community at Liturgy - A joyful liturgy.
Coordinator: Shaly Alappat (304) 594-0285
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Community of Stewardship - A Christ centered community.
Coordinator: Charlie Bern (304) 594-1363
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Community of Welcome - A welcoming hospitality.
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Community in Celebration - A celebrating people.
Coordinator: Toni Southern (304) 594-3618
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Community of Care and Support - A nurturing atmosphere for all members.
Co-Coordinators: Debra Cyphert & Jenny Sizer (304) 594-3925
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Community of Reaching Out - A commitment to serve God and others.
Coordinator: Carolyn Sisler (304) 379-8574

Community in Formation - A learning atmosphere.
Coordinator: Aaron Percich or (304) 594-2353
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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 February 18-19, 2017
Regular Collection-$4058.23
Building Fund-$100.00
School Envelope-$10.00
Total Attendance # 331
Biggest and Best List of Confirmation Saints (for Guys and Girls) (Continued)

by RACHEL PENATE from lifeteen.com blog

Saints who are Doctors of the Church
No, we’re not talking about Dr. House or Dr. Who, but rather physicians of the theology of the Church. Men and women who, through their own intense study and reflection, have given the Church great wisdom and insight.

St. Ambrose
St. Jerome
St. Gregory the Great
St. Athanasius
St. John Chrysostom
St. Basil the Great
St. Gregory of Nazianzus
St. Thomas Aquinas
St. Bonaventure
St. Anselm of Canterbury
St. Isidore of Seville
St. Peter Chrysologus
St. Leo I, the Great
St. Peter Damian
St. Bernard of Clairvaux
St. Hilary of Poitiers
St. Alphonsus Liguori
St. Cyril of Jerusalem
St. John of Damascus
St. Cyril of Alexandria
St. Bede the Venerable
St. Ephrem the Syrian
St. Peter Canisius
St. John of the Cross
St. Robert Bellarmine
St. Albert the Great
St. Anthony of Padua
St. Francis de Sales
St. Lawrence of Brindisi
St. Catherine of Siena
St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Next week: Saints with a really cool conversion story

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.

ST. LUKE LENTEN OBLIGATION

For confirmation candidates through adult
Parents, please guide younger children to participate with you.

OBLIGATION DIRECTIONS:

1. PICK—A Scroll from the Bowl
2. PERFORM-As directed on the chosen Scroll. Attend Stations of the Cross, etc.
3. POST—After completing your task, write the Passion Word on the provided Post-It and place it on the matching color on the Cross in the window.

PASSION WORDS:
Cross-Attend a Stations of the Cross & pray your personal intentions.
Thorns-Attend & offer a Daily Mass.
Nails-Participate in the CRS RiceBowl
Wood-Bring in canned goods for St Ursula Food Pantry & Food for Preston for the Knights of Columbus Food Drive
Purple-Volunteer Service (community service)

Suggested Volunteer Opportunities:
   Birthright
   Sarah’s Table
   Christian Help

Lenten Schedule for This Week

Ash Wednesday—March 1st
Mass at Noon and 6:30pm
Stations of the Cross—Friday, March 3rd
6:30pm

Thank you to Father Bill Kiel for celebrating Mass with us Saturday Evening.
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.

The Morgantown Housing Fair will be held on Saturday, March 4 from 10am-2pm at the Mountaineer Mall for working individuals and families, and individuals who might be considering downsizing to a smaller home. Information for building, buying, renting, constructing, financing and other housing services will be provided by dozens of exhibitors. Those attending will get free coupons for the Sparks play area for children, and discounts on food items at Hometown Hot Dogs; door prizes will be awarded. Visit www.chapwv.org for more information or call 292-0186.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Our Deepest Sympathy goes to the family of Father Colombo F. Bandiera (former Pastor at St. Francis de Sales) who passed away on February 19, 2017.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Lenten Retreat

Overshadowed by the Holy Spirit

The Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R. invite you 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.
Living with Christ this week
Our Sunday Eucharist is a reminder to live out the promise of our empowerment by the Holy Spirit. This week Sirach advises us to enrich our relationship with God by offering forgiveness, returning thanks, and recalling and proclaiming God’s works. The gospels remind us that with God all things are possible, that God is more generous than we imagine, and that God is eager for us to share Jesus’ ministry of healing our world of evil.

Next Week’s Readings
March 5, 2017
First Sunday of Lent

Reading 1
The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reading 2
Brothers and sisters:
Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

Gospel
At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written:
One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:
He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written:
The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.
Discernment
By Peter Kreeft

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I'm happily haunted by Chesterton's image of the playground fence erected around the children on top of the mountain so that they could play without fear of falling off the side. That's why God gave us his law: not to make us worried but to keep us safe so that we could play the great games of life and love and joy.

Each of us has a different set of Instincts and desires. Sin infects them, of course. But sin infects our reason and our bodies too; yet we are supposed to follow our bodily instincts (for example, hunger and self-preservation) and our mind's instincts (for example, curiosity and logic). I think he wants us to follow our hearts. Surely, if John loves Mary more than Susan, he has more reason to think God is leading him to marry Mary than Susan. Why not treat all other choices by the same principle?

I am not suggesting, of course, that our hearts are infallible, or that following them justifies sinful behavior. Nor am I suggesting that the heart is the only thing to follow. I mentioned seven guidelines earlier. But surely it is God who designed our hearts—the spiritual heart with desire and will as much as the physical heart with aorta and valves. Our parents are sinful and fallible guides too, but God gave them to us to follow. So our hearts can be worth following too even though they are sinful and fallible. If your heart loves God, it is worth following. If it doesn't, then you're not interested in the problem of discernment of his will anyway.

Here is a fifth clue. When we do follow Augustine's advice to "love God and then do what you will," we usually experience great relief and peace. Peace is a mark of the Holy Spirit.

I know a few people who have abandoned Christianity altogether because they lacked that peace. They tried to be super-Christians in everything, and the pressure was just unendurable. They should have read Galatians.

Here is a sixth clue. If God has one right choice in everything you do, then you can't draw any line. That means that God wants you to know which room to clean first, the kitchen or the bedroom, and which dish to pick up first, the plate or the saucer. You see, if you carry out this principle's logical implications, it shows itself to be ridiculous, unlivable, and certainly not the kind of life God wants for us—the kind described in the Bible and the lives of the saints.

Clue number six is the principle that many diverse things are good; that good is plural. Even for the same person, there are often two or more choices that are both good. Good is kaleidoscopic. Many roads are right. The road to the beach is right and the road to the mountains is right, for God awaits us in both places. Goodness is multicolored. Only pure evil lacks color and variety. In hell there is no color, no individuality. Souls are melted down like lead, or chewed up together in Satan's mouth. The two most uniform places on earth are prisons and armies, not the church.

Take a specific instance where different choices are both equally good. Take married sex. As long as you stay within God's law—no adultery, no cruelty, no egotism, no unnatural acts, as, for example, contraception—anything goes. Use your imagination. Is there one and only one way God wants you to make love to your spouse? What a silly question! Yet making love to your spouse is a great good, and God's will. He wants you to decide to be tender or wild, moving or still, loud or quiet, so that your spouse knows it's you, not anyone else, not some book who's deciding.

Clue number seven is an example from my own present experience. I am writing a novel for the first time, and learning how to do it. First, I placed it in God's hands, told him I wanted to do it for his kingdom, and trusted him to lead me. Then, I simply followed my own interests, instincts, and unconscious. I let the story tell itself and the characters become themselves. God doesn't stop me or start me. He doesn't do my homework for me. But he's there, like a good parent.

I think living is like writing a novel. It's writing the story of your own life and even your own self (for you shape your self by all your choices, like a statue that is its own sculptor). God is the primary author, of course, the primary sculptor. But he uses different human means to get different human results. He is the primary author of each book in the Bible too, but the personality of each human author is no less clear there than in secular literature.

God is the universal storyteller. He wants many different stories. And he wants you to thank him for the unique story that comes from your free will and your choices too. Because your free will and his eternal plan are not two competing things, but two sides of one thing. We cannot fully understand this great mystery in this life, because we see only the underside of the tapestry. But in heaven, I think, one of the things we will praise and thank God the most for is how wildly and wonderfully and dangerously he put the driving wheel of our life into our hands—like a parent teaching a young child to drive.

You see, we have to learn that, because the cars are much bigger in heaven. There, we will rule angels and kingdoms.

God, in giving us all free will, said to us: "Your will be done." Some of us turn back to him and say: "My will is that your will be done." That is obedience to the first and greatest commandment. Then, when we do that, he turns to us and says: "And now, your will be done." And then he writes the story of our lives with the pen strokes of our own free choices.

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