



“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

MATTHEW 25:40



Pay Attention to Your Instincts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Invite Marty into your home and the first thing he'll ask is whether or not you have any cats. Marty is allergic to cats, big time, even if they have been quarantined to another room. His eyes turn red. He sneezes. He begins to cough and wheeze like an old-time Model T. Cats are his nemesis. It is ironic that Marty has befriended a stray cat from his neighborhood. Though he never pets the kitty or allows him into his home, each day he feeds him and puts milk out for him on the deck outside his living room. And if the cat fails to come around, he worries about him.

There is something instinctive in us that moves us to care for the underdog, even if it's a cat. The Sunday Gospel this week suggests that the innate desire to care for the weakest among us is a Godly instinct. It's where we meet God, and we need to pay attention to it simply because it's how we come to a sense of God in our lives.

We all search for meaning, looking for it every day in the hidden corners of our lives and in the open daytimes of our busyness. Sometimes we find it, and sometimes we limp back home at the end of the day. More often than not it's when our day has been brushed with the color of caring for someone else that we feel good about that day. It's a Godly instinct that's not to be ignored. ●

Reflect

Has your instinct to care for the underdog ever not made sense to others?

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 am to 12 pm. Please phone (304-265-3861) or email (Staugustinegrafton@comcast.net) bulletin announcements by 7 am Thursday.

PASTORAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE SICK

If you know of someone who is ill or in the hospital and requires prayer or the Eucharist, please contact Rev Babu Joseph on his cell phone at any time. If you don't reach him on his cell phone, please leave a message.

Parish Prayer Line

Lizz Holland:
304-265-4920

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November 18 & 19 Stewardship

Offering: \$1223

Improvement Fund: \$1200

ATTENDANCE:

Saturday-21 Sunday-39

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Nov 25 Sat 4:30 pm Bob & Mary Malone
Nov 26 Sun 9 am People of the Parish
Nov 26 Sun 10:45 am at Philippi
Nov 27 Mon *No Mass Scheduled*
Nov 28 Tues 6 pm Patty Marshall
Nov 29 Wed 8:30 am at Philippi
Nov 30 Thu 8:30 am Lisa Jesena
Dec 1 Fri at Philippi
Dec 2 Sat 4:30 pm People of the Parish
Dec 3 Sun 9 am Fred Wittek
Dec 3 Sun 10:45 am at Philippi

MINISTER SCHEDULES

SATURDAY, Nov 25

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Peters
Lector: Suzie Grossman
Ushers: Kathy Moats & Tom Jenkins

SUNDAY, Nov 26

Eucharistic Minister: April Rhodes
Lector: Shaela Duckworth
Usher: Blake Shay
Server: Emari Duckworth

SATURDAY, Dec 2

Eucharistic Minister: Leisa Jones
Lector: Jan Day
Ushers: Kathy Moats & Tom Jenkins

SUNDAY, Dec 3

Eucharistic Minister: April Rhodes
Lector: Barb Alvarez
Server: Emori Duckworth
Usher: Tom Hussion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Manager Wanted

Office Manager needed to serve St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Parishes. Location will be in the Grafton office. General accounting and computer skills are helpful, along with organization and attention to detail. Training will be provided. If you or someone you know would like to apply, please submit a letter of interest along with a resume to Father Babu either directly or by email

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Advent and a new Church year is now upon us. Next weekend on the First Sunday of Advent, you will find a bulletin insert asking you to update your information for the parish records, as well as a listing of the various parish ministries which you may be willing to volunteer your God-given talents and skills. Please be on the lookout for these forms and give them your careful and prayerful attention.

Requesting a Mass

You can call 304-265-3861 to schedule a time and date or leave your request in the offering. A monetary donation is traditionally given in return. A Mass may be offered for a deceased loved one or for those who are sick or suffering. A Mass may also be offered in celebration of an anniversary, graduation, or birthday.

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. In addition to civil authorities, 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.



Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

A Family Perspective - Bud Ozar

Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirsty toddlers and welcome strangers and even estranged relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do. Family life is Beatitude life.

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE NEEDY

The Womens Guild is partnering with the Taylor County Family Resource Network (FRN) to provide Christmas food baskets for the needy. The following items are specifically requested: Gravy (2), Stuffing, Rolls, Mini or regular size pumpkin pies, Egg noodles, Cans of Cool Whip. These items can be left in the in the shopping cart located in the back of the church by Wednesday December 13th. Take along shopping lists and envelopes for monetary donations are also available in the cart.

Additionally the Guild will also supply baskets to anyone you a may know who could benefit. Just let Father Babu or the parish office know. A special thank you to Gump's IGA for loaning us the shopping cart and to you for your generosity,

ANGEL TREE RETURNS

Once again the parish will be sponsoring an Angel Tree. The tree will be in place for the first Sunday in Advent December 2nd. & 3rd. You will have the opportunity to choose a child or children to provide needed gifts. For details with guidelines and deadlines will be available next weekend.

Did You Know...

Our Rodgers electric organ located in the choir loft was purchased from the Fine Arts Center of Carnegie by Fr Eugene O'Laughlin. A blessing and dedication recital was held December 10, 1984.

Welcome!

Dear Padre,

In the liturgy, how do a solemnity, a feast day, and a memorial differ?

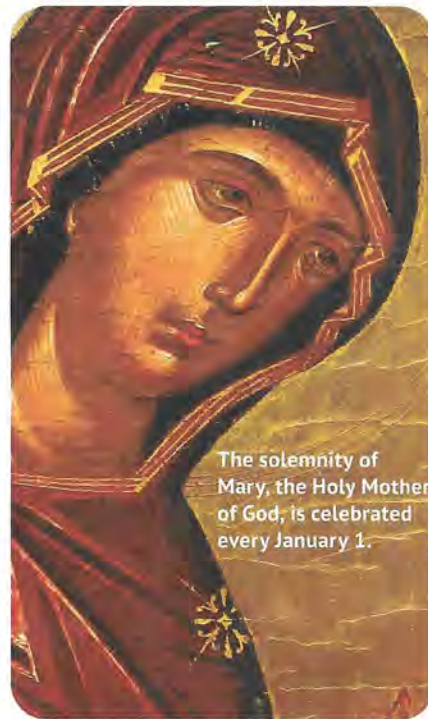
Celebrations in the Church calendar are named according to their rank or importance. Solemnity is the highest rank. The next rank is feast, celebrating an event in the life of Christ, Mary, the apostles, martyrs, and a few other important saints.

Solemnities are usually celebrated by the whole Church, but celebrations may be made solemnities for local churches. For instance, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a solemnity in Mexico and a feast in the United States.

A memorial commemorates the day a saint died. An obligatory memorial is celebrated by every church in a diocese or country. The memorial of Redemptorist St. John Neumann, for example, is obligatory in the United States because of his historical contribution to the American Church as the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. It's also obligatory in Redemptorist churches around the world.

Optional memorials are saints' days an individual priest can celebrate Monday through Saturday if he chooses. For example, Jesuit St. Robert Bellarmine's memorial is obligatory in Jesuit churches or in churches named for him, but it's optional everywhere else.

During Ordinary Time, solemnities that fall on Sunday are celebrated, but feasts and memorials that fall on Sunday are not. During Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, some solemnities that fall on Sunday are transferred to a weekday because of the importance of these seasons. ●



The solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is celebrated every January 1.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 27 <i>Weekday</i> Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4	November 28 <i>Weekday</i> Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11	November 29 <i>Weekday</i> Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19	November 30 <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i> Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22	December 1 <i>Weekday</i> Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33	December 2 <i>Weekday</i> Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36	December 3 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] tells us that the good we do to one of our least brothers and sisters—whether hungry or thirsty, a stranger, in need, sick, or in prison—we do to him (see Matthew 25:37-40). In this way, the Lord gives us his “gift list” for the eternal wedding feast he will share with us in heaven.

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S BASILICA, NOVEMBER 22, 2020