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May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ To The World!

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

**May God have pity
on us and bless us;**

**May he let his face
shine upon us.**

**So may your way be
known upon earth;**

**Among all nations,
your salvation.**

Psalm 67

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Mass registration is currently required

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Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education

Linda Davis-Kyle, Organist & Choir Director

Angela Bowers, Organist

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What did Jesus mean by the expression "throwing bread to the dogs" (Mt.15:21-28)? The Jews often spoke of the Gentiles with arrogance and insolence as "unclean dogs" since the Gentiles did not follow God's law and were excluded from God's covenant and favor with the people of Israel. For the Greeks the "dog" was a symbol of dishonor and was used to describe a shameless and audacious woman. There is another reference to "dogs" in Matthew's Gospel where Jesus says to his disciples, "Do not give to dogs what is holy" (Matthew 7:6). Jesus tests this woman's faith to see if she is earnest in receiving holy things from the hand of a holy God. Jesus, no doubt, spoke with a smile rather than with an insult because this woman immediately responds with wit and faith - "even the dogs eat the crumbs".

Jesus praises a Gentile woman for her faith and for her love. She made the misery of her child her own, and she was willing to suffer rejection in order to obtain healing for her loved one. Her faith grew in contact with the person of Jesus. No one who ever sought Jesus with earnest faith - whether Jew or Gentile - was refused his help. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, your love and mercy knows no bounds. May I trust you always and pursue you with indomitable persistence as this woman did. Increase my faith in your saving power and deliver me from all evil and harm.

Readings for Next Sunday,

August 23, 2020

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20



St. Joan of the Cross

Jeanne Delanoue was born in 1666 in Anjou, France, the youngest of twelve children. Her father was a draper and her mother ran a shop selling religious goods, catering to pilgrims to a local shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Jeanne worked at the family business from an early age and took over the shop at the age of 25 when her mother died. She also provided accommodations to pilgrims who were visiting the shrine. The fact that her only goal was to make money from them was apparent when she opened her store on Sundays, an unusual practice in that period. She quickly became known for her greediness and insensitivity to the beggars who often came seeking help.

That was until she was touched by the strange woman who claimed she was on intimate terms with the deity. Jeanne, who had always been devout, became a new person. She began caring for needy children. Then the poor, elderly, and sick came to her. Over time, she closed the family business so she could devote herself fully to good works and penance.

She went on to found what came to be known as the Congregation of Saint Anne of Providence. It was then that she took the religious name of Joan of the Cross. By the time of her death in 1736 she had founded 12 religious houses, hospices, and schools. Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1982.



Feast Day: August 17

Lord, You invited Jean to give up her self-centered and avaricious life and instead to dedicate herself to helping others.

Jeanne listened and said yes. She gave up her self-centered ways and instead of seeking her own comfort and riches, she changed her focus to helping those in need, especially orphaned children, of which there were many.

May God grant us the courage and strength to accept that same challenge in our own lives today. Amen.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, August 15

4:00 p.m. - Mickey Calemine †

Sunday, August 16

8:30 a.m. - John Coffman †

Monday, August 17

No Mass

Tuesday, August 18

No Mass

Wednesday, August 19

6:00 p.m. - Marsh, Roach & Cessna Families

Thursday, August 20

12 noon - Jordan Placka †

Friday, August 21

6:00 p.m. - Betty Crossland †

Saturday, August 22

4:00 p.m. - Rosie Landis' Intentions

Sunday, August 23

8:30 a.m. - Joe Balassone †

Collections & Attendance:

Week Ending August 9, 2020

Offertory Envelopes \$1,760

Loose Donations \$1,080

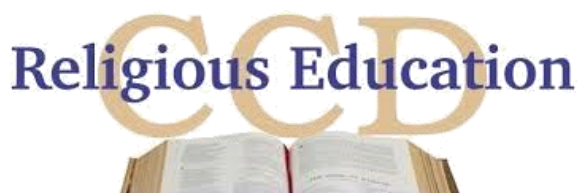
Total \$2,840

Saturday Attendance 18

Sunday Attendance 36

Total 54

THANK YOU!



Attention CCD Parents

Please watch your home mail for an important letter and registration form from Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education, about our plans for CCD instruction this year.

Two plans are being proposed: one which is a combination of "in person" and virtual instruction; one which is all virtual. Please take some time to review the information in the letter, complete the registration form (including which instruction plan you would prefer), and return it to the church office by Friday, August 21. Whichever plan receives the most responses will be the one that is implemented.

Additionally, we are still in need of teachers for Grades 1-2 and Grades 3-4. If you are able to volunteer for this or would like more information, please contact the parish office.

Upcoming Lector/Cantor Schedule

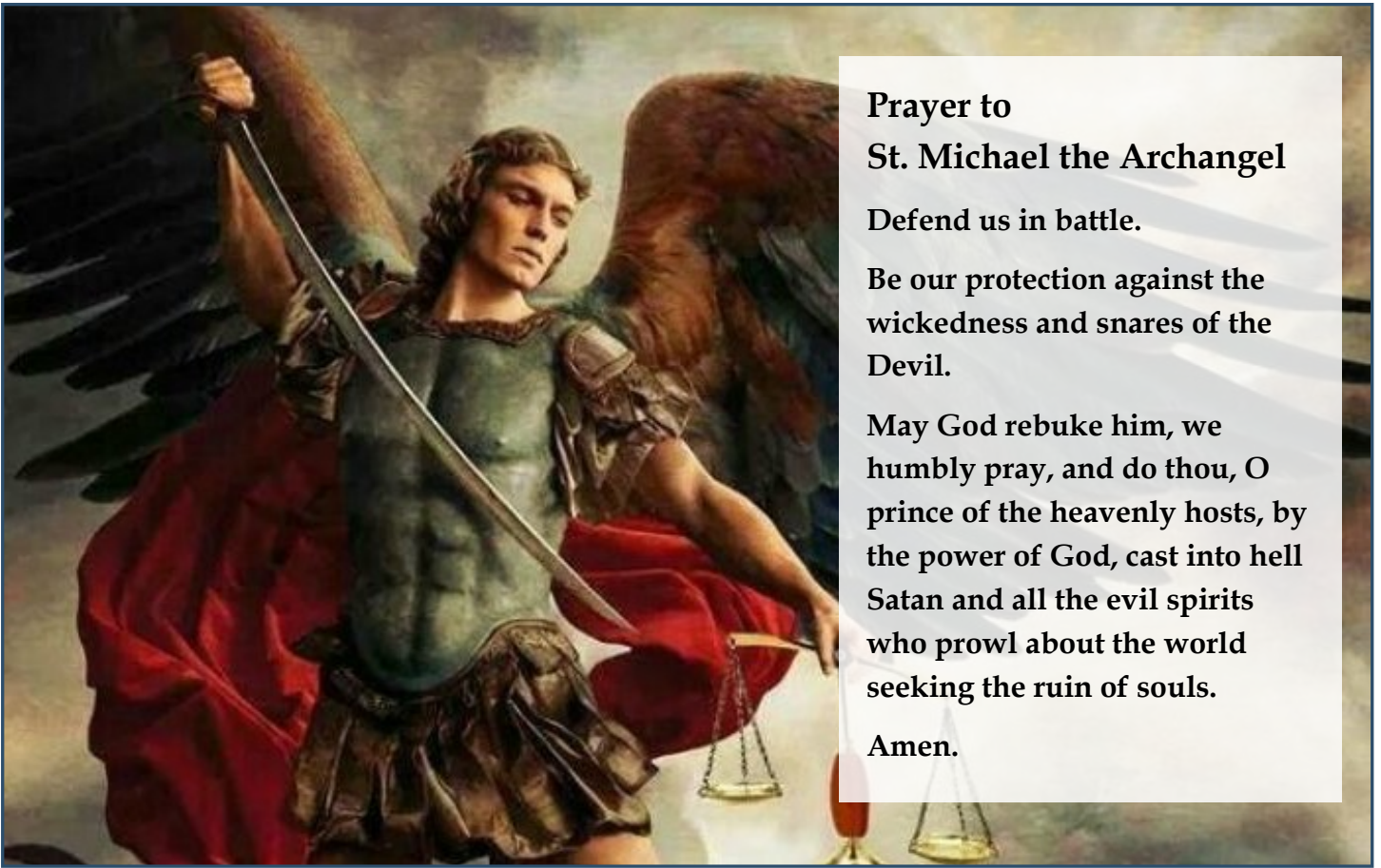
Saturday, August 22 Alan Taylor (L)
Anita Tetreault (C)

Sunday, August 23 Pam Williams (L)
Nancy Starcher (C)

Saturday, August 29 Celia Cole (L)
Linda Marsh (C)

Sunday, August 30 Pam Williams (L)
Julie Alt (C)

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date, please arrange for a replacement.



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Catechetical Certification Offered

The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston is partnering with Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer an internet-based, distance-learning program that supports both catechists and those seeking to deepen their faith. The cost is paid for by the diocese.

From Aug. 30 to Oct. 6, "Introduction to Scripture" will be offered. This course will make use of all the advantages of internet-based learning (discussion boards, electronic materials, etc.), plus meet weekly via Zoom for face-to-face discussion, facilitated by Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu.

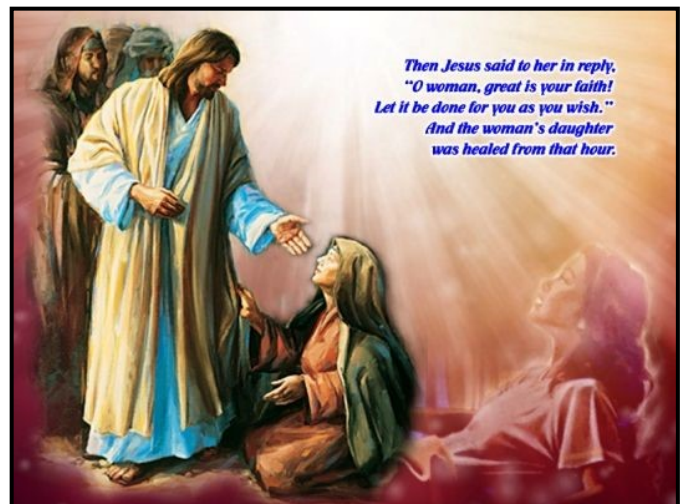
If you are interested in catechetical certification or just want to learn more about your faith, here is a chance to learn with folks from around the diocese.

For more information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets in the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis at jmckeets@dwc.org or 304-233-0880, ext. 374.

Prayer List

Jennifer Boling	Helen Holder
Wanda Bruno	Viola Huffman
Bobby Dorsey	Sue Spotts
Joe & Barbara Gratto	Maleigha Taylor
Sue & Mick Greco	Bonnie Whetzel

To have a name added to the prayer list, please call or email the Parish Office, or drop a note in the offertory basket.



*Then Jesus said to her in reply:
"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish."
And the woman's daughter
was healed from that hour.*