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8th Sunday of Pentecost

- ***Weekend Masses:** Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays: Mass at 10:30 a.m.
 - ***Weekday Masses:** Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.
Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass at 12:00 Noon
 - ***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every 1st Saturday and Sunday of the month after Mass.
 - ***Confession:** Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment.
 - ***Baptism:** Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic.
 - ***Weddings:** Please make arrangements at least six months in advance before any other plans are made.
 - ***Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688
 - ***Parish Council:** Lou Khourey, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad, Gary Weisner.
 - ***Choir Members:** Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Holly Stahl.
 - ***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer
 - ***Altar Servers:** Joe Roxby and Christopher AlKhouri
 - ***Cedar Club:** Linda Duffy, President
 - ***Women's Society:** Jeannette Wakim, President
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- ***Bulletin Announcements:**
Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week.
 - ***New Parishioners:**
We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners.
 - ***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven.

8th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Is 42:1-8; Rom 8:1-11 and Mt 12:14-21

To find a treasure either by a stroke of luck or after a persistent search is real good fortune. What wouldn't one do to find a treasure island or simply to win a lottery? The chance of a lifetime, the unexpected opportunity, is to discover in Jesus the kingdom of heaven. But to take possession of it, we have to sell everything we possess like this merchant, this digger, in order to buy what we desire. And it's too bad for those who will describe as folly what is basically no more than wisdom, the capacity to appreciate and to look for the genuine article. "Ask yourselves", said Newman, "if, in the event of the kingdom disappearing, there might be something in your life you would have to change; if you are aware of nothing to be changed, it is because your life is not staked on Christ and the Kingdom".

A life staked on Christ and the kingdom: that is exactly how demanding is the Christian life received in baptism; that is its hallmark, as against all other ways of life. In social, professional, even family life there are certain limits to be observed, but not in Christian living. This overwhelming passion for Christ is like a great wave which swamps everything and knows no division. Anyone who wants to follow Christ must therefore really "sell everything" and admit not even the smallest proportion of hypocrisy or compromise.

Even less is it a question of being only half free. How can anyone speak of sacrifice, when detachment is only the reverse of attachment to Jesus in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge? Better than any of the great causes, Jesus can arouse only joy, all the joy of the world: the joy of discovering a purpose in life, the joy of feeling caught up in the adventure of holiness. Truly, all the joy of the world!

This Weekend, Sat-Sun. July 26-27: 6th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 26 Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- † William F. Shutler (Anniversary) by his sister Janet Shutler
- † George Alan Weisner (Anniversary) by Jean Weisner and Family
- † Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

Sunday, July 27 Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- † Kenny Joseph by Carol Dougherty (OK)
- † Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family
- † Deceased Members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, July 28: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, July 29, Mass at Noon:

- † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- † Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will

Wednesday, July 30: No Mass. Office works.

Thursday, July 31, Mass at Noon:

- † Kenny Joseph by Thomasina Geimer
- † Kathleen Olinski (Anniversary) by Mary ragase
- † Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

Friday, August 1: No Mass.

Next Weekend, Sat-Sun. Aug. 2-3: 9th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, August 2 Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- † Kenny Joseph by Patricia H. Belby
- † Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- † Deceased Members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby

Sunday, August 3 Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone

✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

✠ Kenny Joseph by Jack Fahey

Coming Parish Events

Kibbee baking for the festival	TUESDAY, JULY 29 th
Fall Bake Sale	???????

Festival (Mahrajan) News (Sunday, August 10 from 11 to 6pm)--**Outdoor Mass** at Oglebay at 10:00 a.m. Booths open after Mass. No Mass at the church on August 10th.--**Table Reservations** (ready to be reserved):

Open-air = \$65. One (1) wooden picnic table in open-air (under the trees).

Please call Msgr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688 to reserve a table.

--**50/50 RAFFLE Tickets \$10,000 Prize** (Ready for sale):

...The festival 50/50 Raffle tickets are now ready for sale for \$20 per ticket! We have only printed 1,000 tickets. If all tickets are sold, there is an opportunity to win \$10,000 Cash! Tickets can be purchased from Monsignor Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Once received, Monsignor will fill-out the raffle ticket and mail the stub to the buyer. THANK YOU for helping us defraying the expenses of the Festival.

--**Youth Dance Troupe:** We are calling all parish youth interested in the OLOL Dance Troup practices for the Festival will begin on Sunday, June 1, immediately following 10:30 a.m, Mass. Please contact Mariana Alkhouri at 304-231-6234. If you are interested. Yalla!

-- **NEW at the 2025 Lebanese Festival!**

The Lebanese Festival Committee has exciting news to share with you! This year, we have added two new menu items to our festival: **ALMAZA Lebanese Beer** – A pure malt beer imported from Lebanon and **Pistachio & Kataifi Chocolates** – The OLOL church version of the viral Dubai Chocolate bar featuring a pistachio cream and crunchy Kataifi filling covered in milk or dark chocolate. Please be sure to try these two new items! Many thanks to Mark McLaughlin and Emmalena Khourey for bringing these new items to the festival committee!

--**Many Thanks** to Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn and Gary Weisner and Ron & Mary Beth Weisner & their sister Ann Marie Serapin for sponsoring each the three inflatables for the children to play and enjoy themselves at the Festival. It is highly appreciated. Each donation was \$450.00. To honor the donors their names will be on the Diamond level in next year Ad Book.

--**Many Thanks** to a generous anonymous Benefactor for making a donation toward the church dance troupe.***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month***

July 30: Dee Shiben, Susan John Burns
 August 1: Anthony Ferrera
 August 2: Rosella C. DeMuth
 August 10: Thomasina Geimer
 August 16: Tara George Musilli
 August 17: Judy Bedway
 August 20: Tricia Committee
 August 23: Georgene Weisner Manning
 August 25: Al Depto
 August 26: Nathan Wakim, Jessica George

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,172.00	Sunday Collection
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47.00	Candles
13.00	Coffee hour
20.00	Donation to the church
831.00	Mercy Meal
1,996.00	Mahrajan
100.00	Utilities
100.00	Donation to the Women Society
\$4,279.00	Total Deposits: May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home! Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Susan Burns, Liz Murad, Mark McLaughlin

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations), Earl & Linda Duffy, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Mary Ragase, Becky Ferrera, Gavin Hancher, Monroe DeLuca, Sally Sengewalt, Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda), Dolores Oser, Anthony Wakim, Fran Saseen, Sandra DeMuth, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Patty Olinsky, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Denny Albaugh, Rita Rae Sage,

Question & Answer (#26)

Question #26: What does the Bible have to offer the world today?"

Answer #26: The Bible offers the living Word of God to all people in all ages. That living Word is Christ Himself. Christ fully reveals us to ourselves. He shows us why we are here and where we are headed. The Bible brings Christ to us. Through Jesus we can know the meaning and purpose of life.

The truth of Christ presented in the Bible can remedy the world's ills and bring us to everlasting happiness with God and peace with ourselves.

Spirituality: Angels

What Do Angels Look Like?

Like the little old lady who returned your wallet yesterday.

Like the taxi driver who told you that your eyes light up the world, when you smile.

Like the small child who showed you the wonder in simple things.

Like the poor man who offered to share his lunch with you.

Like the rich man who showed you it really is all possible, if only you believe.

Like the stranger who just happened to come along, when you had lost your way.

Like the friend who touched your heart, when you didn't think you had one left to touch.

Angels come in all sizes and shapes, All ages and skin types.

Some with freckles, some with dimples, some with wrinkles, some without.

They come disguised as friends, enemies, teachers, students, lovers and fools.

They don't take life too seriously, They travel light.

They leave no forwarding address, They ask for nothing in return.

They wear sneakers with gossamer wings, They get a deal on dry cleaning.

They are hard to find when your eyes are closed, But They are everywhere you look when you choose to see.

Wisdom: Weather report

"Any day I'm vertical is a good day" that's what I always say.

If you ask me, "How are you?" I'll answer, "GREAT!" because in saying so, I make it so.

When Life gives me dark clouds and rain, I appreciate the moisture that brings a soft curl to my hair.

When Life gives me sunshine, I gratefully turn my face up to feel its warmth on my cheeks.

When Life brings fog, I hug my sweater around me and give thanks for the cool shroud of mystery that makes the familiar seem different and intriguing.

When Life brings snow, I dash outside to catch the first flakes on my tongue, relishing the icy miracle that is a snowflake.

Life's events and experiences are like the weather - they come and go, no matter what my preference.

So, no matter what! I might as well decide to enjoy them.

For indeed, there IS a time for every purpose under Heaven. And each season brings its own unique blessings.

Story: mom's wisdom

My Mom is in her seventies, and has seen a lot in her lifetime. She faced challenges that we all face one way or the other. She has seen successes and many happy times throughout her life.

Recently, we were talking and I asked her if she could give me just three pieces of advice to live my life what would they be. After some thought, she said she would have to think about it. It surprised me that she wanted time to think about it. She always was free with her advice sometimes even when I didn't want to hear it.

I arrived at her house the next day where she handed me a piece of paper with her three pieces of wisdom written out. She explained to me that if she was only able to give me three, that these three were the most important.

As I read them, I realized the importance of what she was telling me. She wasn't telling me to save my money, nor was she telling me to work hard. Her 3 most important things to live a happy life were truly pieces of wisdom.

What were they? Here is the wisdom my Mom shared with me:

1. Make each new day count by helping someone or just making someone smile.
2. Don't dwell on life's troubles, think of the good times.
3. Don't worry about things you can't do anything about.

This was an interesting thing to do. Perhaps, like me, you have someone in your life that has been there for you, no matter what. My Mom has always been one of my biggest supporters and the wisdom she has given me over the years has helped shaped the person I am today.

Ask that person in your life to give you three pieces of advice to live a good life. You may be pleasantly surprised by the answers you get.

Jokes (177)

Punctuation Makes the Difference

How you punctuate your writing is important. A woman who was concerned about her husband who had joined the navy handed a prayer request to her pastor that should have read: "George Bowen having gone to sea, his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety." The pastor read the note to the congregation this way: "George Bowen, having gone to see his wife, desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety."

Armadillo Crossroad

Here is a riddle from the southern United States.

Question: Why did the chicken cross the road?

Answer: To show the armadillo it could be done.

Twisted Toast

Here's to you, as good as you are.

As good as you are and as bad as I am,

I'm as good as you are as bad as I am.

The Perfect Broom

An annoying customer had handled almost every article in the hardware store, but nothing was worthy of her approval. Wearying of the customer's constant criticism, the clerk suggested that she inspect a new selection of brooms.

"These are very low quality," the customer observed. "Cheap straw, flimsily made, shoddy material, and the wooden handle is too rough. They aren't like the ones they used to make. This broom would not last long for sweeping. What is it good for, anyway?"

"Well," commented the exasperated clerk, "you could always ride it."

Complaints: Living with the Lions

A little girl was showing a friend around her new house. "This is the kitchen. Here's my bedroom. Here's the den. Do you have a den in your house?"

"No, we don't," her playmate replied. "My dad just growls all around the house."

Compliments Confident Wife

Bob was in his usual place in the morning-sitting at the table reading the paper after breakfast. He came across an article about a beautiful actress who was about to marry a football player who was known primarily for his low IQ and lack of common knowledge.

He turned to his wife with a questioning look on his face. "I'll never understand why the biggest jerks get the most attractive wives."

She replied, "Why thank you, dear!"

Pseudo Concern

A knock at the door brought the lady of the house face-to-face with a man of sad countenance. He said, "I am sorry to disturb you, but I'm collecting money for an unfortunate family in your neighborhood." He went on with great sympathy. "The husband is out of work, the kids are hungry, the utilities are soon to be cut off, and worst of all, they are going to be kicked out of their home if they cannot get the rent money by this afternoon."

The woman replied with great concern, "I will be happy to help, but who are you?"

He replied, "I'm their landlord."

Famous Quotes (67)

--You have got to have courage. I don't care how good a man is, if he is timid, his value is limited. The timid will not amount to very much in this world. I want to see a good man ready to smite with the sword. I want to see him able to hold his own in active life against the force of evil. (Theodore Roosevelt)

--Tell a man is brave, and you help him to become so.

When in doubt do the courageous thing.

Fall seven times, stand up eight. (Japanese proverb)

--My message to you is: Be courageous. I have seen many depressions in business. Always America has emerged from these stronger and more prosperous. Be brave as your fathers were before you. Have faith! Go forward! (Thomas Alva Edison)

--A lot of my philosophy comes from the ring. You learn in life there are always the ups and downs. We must have enough sense to enjoy our ups and enough heart to get through our downs. (Mickey Walker)

--If you would create something, you must be something. (Goethe)

--Be brave enough to live life creatively. The creative is the place where no one else has ever been. You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. You can't get there by bus, only by hard work and risk and by not quite knowing what you're doing. What you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover will be yourself. (Alan Alda. advice to his daughter)

--Take an object. Do something to it. Do something else to it. (Jasper Johns)

--In the modern world of business, it is useless to be a creative original thinker unless you can also sell what you create. Management cannot be expected to recognize a good idea unless it is presented to them by a good salesman. (David M. Ogilvy)

--When Alexander the Great visited Diogenes and asked whether he could do anything for the famed teacher, Diogenes replied: "Only stand out of my light." Perhaps some day we shall know how to heighten creativity. Until then, one of the best things we can do for creative men and women is to stand out of their light.

(John W. Gardner)

- If you have committed iniquity, you must expect to suffer; for vengeance with its sacred light shines upon you. (Sophocles)
- Do not envy a sinner; you don't know what disaster awaits him. (Old Testament)
- There is no den in the wide world to hide a rogue. Commit a crime and the earth is made of glass. Commit a crime, and it seems as if a coat of snow fell on the ground, such as reveals in the woods the track of every partridge, and fox, and squirrel. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)
- Take off the strong cord of discipline and morality, and you will be an old man before your twenties are past. -
- Preserve these forces. Do not burn them out in idleness or crime. (James A. Garfield)
- Set a thief to catch a thief. (French proverb)
- Speak the truth by all means; be bold and fearless in your rebuke of error, and in your keener rebuke of wrongdoing; but be human, and loving, and gentle, and brotherly, the while. (W. N. Punshon)
- Be not affronted at a jest; if one throw ever so much salt at you, you will receive no harm unless you are raw and ulcerous. (Junius)
- When a man tells you what people are saying about you, tell him what people are saying about him; that will immediately take his mind off your troubles. (E. W. Howe)
- Reprove your friend privately; commend him publicly. (Solon)
- Do not remove a fly from your friend's forehead with a hatchet. (Chinese proverb)