

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 2017

From the Pastor

Dear parishioners,

This weekend is the **Peter's Pence Collection** taken up at the end of Mass. This collection helps the Holy Father support victims of war, oppression, natural disasters and others most in need of assistance. In responding to those who are suffering, Our Lord teaches us, "*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me*" (Matthew 25:40). In his 2016 *Urbi et Orbi* address, Pope Francis declared, "*The Lord . . . enables us to see with his eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence.*" Our participation in this collection gives us an opportunity to be a witness of Our Lord's love and mercy for the vulnerable and suffering around the world. Thank you for your generosity. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

I've been asked for **retreat recommendations**. Not far from here is the *Loyola on the Potomac* retreat center in Faulkner, MD, run by the Jesuits and offers retreats for men, women and couples. They have spoken and silent retreats that last from a couple days (weekend) to a week, as well as many other spiritual activities available. You can go to the following website www.loyolaonthepotomac.com to view current and upcoming retreats, as well as sign up for their e-newsletter.

The **Spiritual Book Club** finished its 2nd book (*Burst* by Kevin Wells). A powerful book about how God's grace works in a person's life, especially through challenges that come our way. A great quote ended the book from Saint Teresa of Avila which I want to share with you as it sums up well who we are all

called to be as disciples of Jesus Christ: "You are Christ's hands. Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks out on the world; yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which he is to bless men now."

Lastly, **thank you** to everyone that participated in the baby bottles fundraising for the Care Net Pregnancy Center. Your donations will help a lot of people in need.

God bless, Fr. Dan

Help Wanted: Cardinal Hickey Academy

The mission of the Archdiocese of Washington is to spread the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. In the faithful pursuit of this mission, the Cardinal Hickey Academy located in Owings, Maryland is seeking a Bookkeeper/Marketing/Development person. Go to www.adw.org for more information.

Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry

The food pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church is in need of food donations. During the summer donations are often down. Consider bringing in some non-perishable food items. Items can be placed in the large straw bin in the vestibule of the church. Every little bit helps others from going hungry!



Farewell Potluck Dinner – July 9th



Save the date and mark your calendars for a potluck dinner with Fr. Dan to say farewell on Sunday, July 9th in the parish hall. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule next weekend if you would like to contribute food or other items needed for the dinner. More details will also be in next week's bulletin.

Fiat Days Camp for High School Women

For High School women interested in exploring a vocation in consecrated life, a Fiat Days Camp will be held June 29th to July 2nd at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. Information is available and registration is open at the website: www.bmorevocations.org.

Help for Domestic Violence

Catholic Charities and St. Mary's County have resources to help any family member that is in a challenging family environment experiencing domestic violence. Sometimes bad things happen in good families. Yelling, hitting, shoving, insults, not sharing income – if you are experiencing or using these behaviors at home or living in fear, change is possible. You can be safe and bring peace to your family. If you need help, you can call any time the 24/7 National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). St. Mary's County also has a hotline at 301-863-6661. For additional information and resources, you can also go to the following Catholic Charities website: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Saturday – June 24th

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
4:00 p.m. – Hilda "Boots" Bailey+
Confessions at 3:15 p.m.

Sunday – June 25th

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners
11:00 a.m. – Samuel McIlwain+

Monday – June 26th

9:00 a.m. – Mrs. Anderson

Tuesday – June 27th

Saint Cyril of Alexandria
No Mass

Wednesday – June 28th

Saint Irenaeus
9:00 a.m.

Thursday – June 29th

Saints Peter and Paul
9:00 a.m.

Friday – June 30th

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
9:00 a.m.

Saturday – July 1st

Saint Junipero Serra
4:00 p.m.
Confessions at 3:15 p.m.

Sunday – July 2nd

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners