

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2017

From the Pastor

Dear parishioners,

During this week, I will be in D.C. for a few days to get my belongings that are stored at my prior two parishes ready for moving. For this week on Wednesday and Thursday there will be a Communion Service at 9 a.m. offered by Deacon Bill in place of the daily Mass on those two days. Thank you for your understanding as I prepare for my transition.

The Finance and Parish Councils of SFX met this past week. It was the first meeting since December 2015. The main purpose was to reconvene these councils that play an advisory role to the pastor of the parish. We discussed the current state of the parish, which is in good shape, and the financial closing of the fiscal year (which ended June 30th). We are in the process of preparing the annual report (which gets submitted to the archdiocese in mid-August). As stated before, once the prior fiscal year books are closed, the financials for the past fiscal year will be shared with you later this summer. I simply want to thank the entire SFX parish for your continuing support of our church and mission. We are so very blessed to be a community that works together to make our parish thrive for our Lord and helps us be the hands and feet of Jesus in this world to serve God and neighbor!

Lastly, I wish everyone a blessed, joyful, fun and safe Independence Day holiday. I hope you all get to enjoy quality time with your family and loved ones.



God bless, Fr. Dan

Farewell Potluck Luncheon – July 9th

There will be a potluck luncheon for Fr. Dan's farewell on Sunday, July 9th starting after the 11 a.m. Mass in the parish hall. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule this weekend if you would like to contribute food or other items needed for the lunch. Come join us for some fun, fellowship and good food! For those that sign up for contributing paper products and non-perishable items, please drop them off in the parish hall on Saturday, July 8th between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For cooked and perishable items, please bring them to the hall either just before the 11 a.m. Mass or by 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 9th.



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!

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.

Prayer for the 4th of July

On this Independence Day, I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives. Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families. Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today and every day of my life, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the precious freedom that can only be found in knowing our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

Camp Maria Family Swimming

The Camp Maria Retreat Center introduces "Family Fellowship Swim Evenings!" The available July dates are the 12th, 18th, 19th and every Tuesday and Wednesday evening in August. The times for these events are 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. (weather permitting). Check in at the Dining Lodge when you arrive. Camp Maria is at 41290 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown, MD. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$5 for kids. Refreshments available for purchase. Certified Lifeguard on Duty. Contact Theresa at admin@campmaria.org to reserve your spot. Walk-ins are welcome. For questions, contact Ann at director@campmaria.org. For information on all of Camp Maria's programs and facilities, go to www.campmaria.org.



MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Saturday – July 1st

St. Junipero Serra
4:00 p.m. – Hilda "Boots" Bailey+
Confessions at 3:15 p.m.

Sunday – July 2nd

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. – Fr. Thomas Crowley+
11:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners

Monday – July 3rd

St. Thomas
9:00 a.m.

Tuesday – July 4th

Independence Day
No Mass

Wednesday – July 5th

St. Anthony Zaccaria and St. Elizabeth of Portugal
9:00 a.m. – Communion Service

Thursday – July 6th

St. Maria Goretti
9:00 a.m. – Communion Service

Friday – July 7th

9:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Daly

Saturday – July 8th

11:30 a.m. – Funeral Service for
Andrea "Candy" Wathen Hicks
(daughter of Thomas and Jean Wathen)
4:00 p.m.
Confessions at 3:15 p.m.

Sunday – July 9th

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. – Offered in Thanksgiving to SFX
Parishioners from Fr. Dan Carson
(Potluck Luncheon after the 11:00 a.m. Mass)