



Finding Buried Treasure

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Much like still-fishing, which is when the fish ultimately find the one sitting quietly waiting for the fish, most of the really treasured aspects of life somehow find us when we're not looking. Consider falling in love or discovering a friend; the job you enjoy so much that you'd almost do it for free; a hobby that gives you so much satisfaction; creative gifts you never knew you had until you stumbled upon them later in life. To say nothing of happiness for which so many go looking and never seem to find, while others are happy without ever seeking it out.

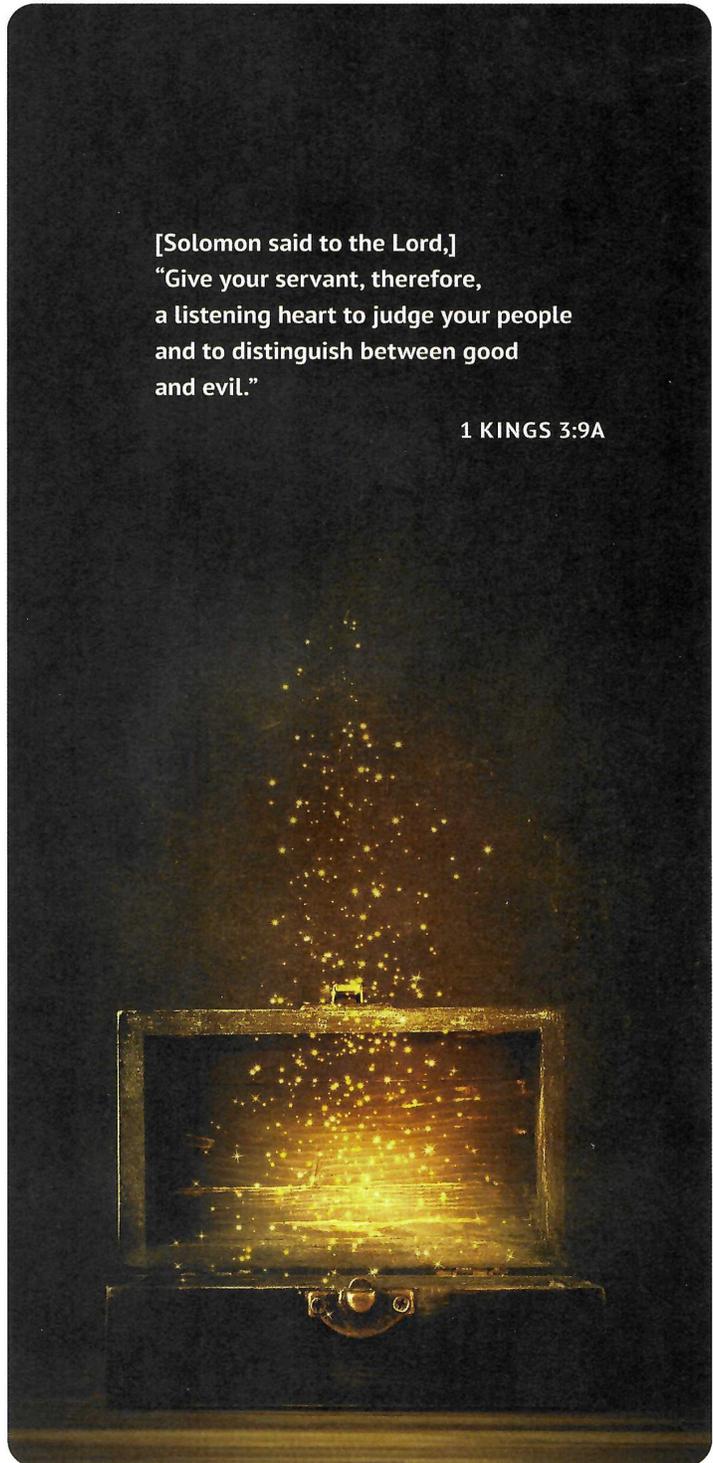
Wisdom, the gift Solomon asked for, is much like all of that. It seems to find us. Common sense, the stepchild of wisdom, is something most parents want their children to have, and, for some parents, it may be a source of great frustration as they try to make sure their children have it and use it. Wisdom is certainly a hint of the kingdom of heaven, but then so too is finding love and experiencing joy and living with a peace that refuses to be unsettled by the storms of life. All of those are the buried treasures of which the Gospel speaks, just as for others it is the pearl of great price for which they look and look until it finds them, not unlike still-fishing. All are buried treasures, hidden pearls, and tastes of eternal life. ●

Reflect

Is there a treasure in your life that ultimately found you?

[Solomon said to the Lord,]
"Give your servant, therefore,
a listening heart to judge your people
and to distinguish between good
and evil."

1 KINGS 3:9A



July 29 & 30, 2023
Sunday Mass is livestreamed

Office Hours:
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

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Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm and by appointment

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Princeton (@shprinceton) • Instagram photos and videos

Don't forget about
the **Altar Society**
Yard Sale Saturday,
August 5 starting
at 7 am.

Seminarian,
Dr. Michael Tupta
16300 Old Emmitsburg
Rd.
Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

If you haven't
stopped by the **Youth**
Ministry table, please
do so. Lets help our
youth about by spon-
soring them.

Upcoming Events:

Tue, Aug 1, 6:00 pm LitNic at Modena home

Sat, Aug 5, 7:00 am Altar Society Yard Sale

Tue, Aug 15, 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (Abbreviated meeting)

Sun, Aug 13, 9:45 am RCIA Information session

Sun, Aug 27, Parish Picnic after Mass

Wed, Sep 6, 6:00 pm Altar Society Meeting

Sun, Sep 17, After Mass Altar Society Pulled Pork Dinner

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, July 29, 4pm - **(SI) Mark Grant** by Joe Kaminski

Sunday, July 30, 11am - ✠ **Jacob B. Santon** by the Fredeking & Graham Families

Tuesday, Aug 1, 6pm - **Available**

Thursday, Aug 3, Noon - **Andrea Mendoza (birthday)** by Rick & Laura Wyatt

Saturday, Aug 5, 4pm - **Available**

Sunday, Aug 6, 11am - ✠ **Richard Johnson** by Sharon, Barb, & Cindy Albert

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Happy Birthday

Robert	King	2
Elijah	Basile	5
John	Metzer	5
Stella	Pike	6
Darrell	Richardson	6
Maryann	Shay	6
Titan	Woo	6
Margaret	Pace	7
Debra	Bisaha	8
Thomas	Wood	11
Jocelyn	Garcia	13
Tara	Wyatt	14
Karen	Stuebing	16
Gerry	Cosgrove	20
Kevin	Garrett	20
Victoria	Blankenship	21
Cynthia	Harman	23
Avery	Nester	24
Barbara	Baker	27
Zophea	Bowman	31
Manuel	Franco	31
Maci	Kisiel	31

Happy Anniversary

1-Aug	Nancy & Phillip Larkin
2-Aug	Nicole & Dino Kaklis
6-Aug	Gina & Timm Boggess
10-Aug	April & Robert Schumacher
13-Aug	Carly & Zach Romano
15-Aug	Angela & Robert Walters
17-Aug	Kim & John Hickman



The Altar flowers for July 27th Mass were donated by the Trinidad family in memory of their son Joel Trinidad

**ALTAR SOCIETY
GARAGE SALE**

Start cleaning out your closets to donate your items to the Altar Society yard sale. You can bring your items to the church hall beginning July 28 - August 3.

CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. Sebastian Devasya has been appointed as the Associate Episcopal Vicar for Clergy for a period of five years, effective immediately. It's great to see him taking on this important role in addition to his current assignments as pastor of Sacred Heart Parishes in Bluefield and Princeton and Vicar Forane of the Beckley Vicariate. He's such a dedicated and hardworking member of the clergy, and we know he'll excel in this new position. Congratulations to him on this well-deserved appointment!

Faith Formation

Schedule 9:30 am - 10:45 am

Aug 6 -
Registration starts

Aug 20
Back to School
Blessing

Sep 17 -
First day of class

Dear Parents, our session will soon start again. Our faith formation program has been an important part of our community for many years. However, we have recently decided to make some changes to the program in order to better serve the needs of our children and families. As part of these changes, we will be sending out a

letter to all parents in the coming weeks. This letter will outline the new structure of the faith formation program, as well as provide information on how to register your child. We understand that change can be difficult, but we believe that these changes will ultimately benefit our community as

a whole. We are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible, and we welcome any feedback or questions you may have. Thank you for your continued support of our faith formation program.

Your Faith Formation Team

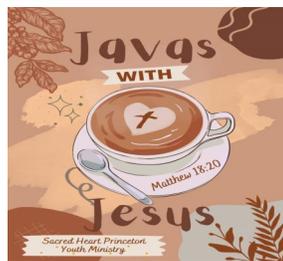
Youth Ministry

YM Schedule 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Aug 2 & 16
Javas w/Jesus

Aug 20
Back to School Blessing

Aug 29
Amy's House of Hope



Bible study nights with our Teens
August 2 & 16
Reach out to Lorin for details and to RSVP:
540-529-6495.



Youth Sunday

Sep 10
Oct 15
Nov 19
Dec 17
Jan 21
Feb 18
Mar 17
Apr 21

Young Catholics

Reflection Questions for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1. How can we apply the idea of servant leadership in our own lives, even if we are not in formal leadership positions? How can I help those around me develop leadership skills?

2. How does the message of these parables challenge you to reevaluate your priorities and make any necessary adjustments in your life?

[17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Young Catholics \(young-catholics.com\)](http://young-catholics.com)

Adult Faith Formation

Women's Prayer Group

Thursday's at 10:15 am in the conference room

Men's Group

First and Third Thursday of the month at 10 am in the Narthex

Hello everyone! I hope this message finds you all in good spirits. Our team is looking for individuals who share our passion for adult faith formation and are eager to volunteer with us. We're seeking dedicated folks who are interested in moderating our adult formation programs and helping others on their spiritual journeys. If this sounds like something you're called to do, we encourage you to pray about it and consider joining us. Your decision to serve would mean a lot to us. If you're interested, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Contact Laura Wyatt at 304-425-3664 or lwyatt@sacredheartpinceton.org



OCIA formally RCIA

Are you searching for.....

A deeper relationship with God?

A sense of belonging in a faith community?

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith and are not Catholic?

Are you a Christian who wants to learn more about Catholicism?

Has God been calling you to consider the Catholic Christian Faith?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions please join us!

Sunday, August 13 @ 9:45 am

Contact Laura Wyatt at 304-425-3664 or lwyatt@sacredheartpinceton.org



This Week on Formed

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called "The Saint of Second Chances," St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/ignatius-of-loyola>





Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Music for July 29 & 30, 2023

Celtic Mass
Mass Readings on pg. 307
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G853
“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Responsorial Psalm:
Lord, I love your commands, I love your commands

Presentation of Gifts: G955
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Communion: G783
“Unless a Grain of Wheat

Closing Hymn: G614
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

Parish Council

Deb LaMothe (Chair)	Vickie Blankenship
Harold Cofer	Gerry Cosgrove
Mike Flanigan	Renee Green
Anthony Heltzel	Zack Romano
Santina St. John	
Ad Hoc:	Gina Boggess
Kim Hickman	Laura Wyatt
Susie Pace	Lorin Albin

Finance Council

Charlie Pace (Chair)	Gina Boggess
Richard Flanigan	Kevin Garrett
Shelby Neri	Gene Richardson
Frank Sinicrope	Fred St. John
Kirt Suehs	
Ad Hoc:	Kim Hickman

Collections



	weekend Jul 22-23	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	2,735.00	98,419.55	95,200.00
Loose Offertory	220.00	5,104.10	2,900.00
Total Contributions	\$ 2,955.00	\$103,523.65	\$ 98,100.00
Faith Form/Youth Ministry	535.00	910.00	0.00
Dioc: Campaign for Human Development	110.00	655.00	500.00
Dioc: Communication Campaign	10.00	279.00	200.00
Attendance:	4pm: 53	9am: 104	

Ministry Schedule

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
July 29 4 pm	M Gaspersich	<u>V Manley</u> K Bailey D Richardson	J Gaspersich	N/A	C Pace	T Settle
July 30 11 am	L Albin	<u>A Heltzel</u> G Cosgrove J Cosgrove	S Neri	W Picknally	T Byron <u>G Kaklis</u> E Coleman	
Aug 5 4 pm	M Gaspersich	<u>K Bailey</u> V Manley C Pace	Blankenship	N/A	TBA	S Pace
6 11 am	A Dumapit	<u>G Richardson</u> <u>K Suehs</u> <u>Y Suehs</u>	S Neri	W Picknally	A. Albin	

In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

The Parish Office
(304) 425-3664

Bluefield Parish Office
(304) 327-5623

Kim Hickman
(304) 920-2440

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying: The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

Parishioners:

Catherine Belcher
Ruth Boyd
Deloris Caccamo
Ron Ciccolini
Romulo DelaRosa
Dale & Mary Lu Geiger
Angie Grbac
Cynthia & Gordon Harmon
Cyndi Jones
Nancy Larkin
Valarie Laxton
Christina Laxton

Robert Laxton
Kaitlyn Laxton
Keith Laxton
Jim Lintz
Jim & Diane Luciano
Tanya Marx
Jaelynn Mendoza
Annette Morgan
Dr. Jun Neri
Patricia Nester
Esther Piconi
Alan Rieger

Vivian Romano
Deborah Saffell
Gareth Settle
Felomina Yongque
Carrie Yurkovich
Jane Walthall

Family & Friends:

Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)
Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills)
John Bowers
John Caccamo (brother of Pat)
Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx)
Irene Charney
Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills)
Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)
Linda Cunningham
Kimiko Fetro (friend of Bill Picknally)
David Frei & Mary Piper (son-in-law & daughter of Carrie Yurkovich)
Kyle Geiger
Mike Goff

Patricia Gupton (daughter of Jim Cosgrove)
Myles Harris
Velma Hartwell
Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's (granddaughter)
Brenda Ivelise
Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)
Langan Family
Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)
Richard Lockhart
John Mills (brother of Gary Mills)
Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich family)

Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx)
Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores Caccamo)
Carolyn Munther (mother of Lisa Black)
Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter),
Rex Neely
Agnes Sedi
Sherry Sisk
Bryan Staten
Agnes Tokarski (Bill Picknally's sister)
Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon Buttaci)
Richard Wentz (brother in law of Rick & Laura Wyatt)

Dear Padre,

What is spiritual Communion?

Saint Thomas Aquinas said spiritual Communion is “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament”...and to lovingly embrace “Him as if we had actually received Him.” It is the practice of desiring union with Christ in the Eucharist by those who cannot receive holy Communion for valid cause, such as an infirmity or an irregular marriage. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis also said the practice is “highly recommended when it is not possible to receive the sacrament.”

A prayer by St. Alphonsus Liguori is ideal for those unable to receive holy Communion:

*My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

Saint John Paul II wrote, “It is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of ‘spiritual Communion,’ which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints....Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: ‘When you do not receive Communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual Communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you’” (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 34). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are asked to summon the courage and the intelligence to resolve today’s many geopolitical and economic crises. Even in the developed world, the effects of unjust structures and actions are all too apparent. Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and thus promoting the well-being of individuals and of peoples.

ADDRESS TO US CONGRESS,
WASHINGTON, DC, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015



SHUTTERSTOCK

MONDAY

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Ex 32:15–24, 30–34
Mt 13:31–35

TUESDAY

August 1
*St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church*
Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28
Mt 13:36–43

WEDNESDAY

August 2
Weekday
Ex 34:29–35
Mt 13:44–46

THURSDAY

August 3
Weekday
Ex 40:16–21, 34–38
Mt 13:47–53

FRIDAY

August 4
St. John Vianney, Priest
Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27,
34b–37
Mt 13:54–58

SATURDAY

August 5
Weekday
Lv 25:1, 8–17
Mt 14:1–12

SUNDAY

August 6
Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mt 17:1–9