



Called from the Pits

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When I feel sorry for myself or just down in the dumps, when I feel buried by life not going the way I think it should, sometimes I remember to stop thinking about myself and my problems, and I say to myself, *I need to go care about someone else*. It seems that doing so pulls me out of that tomb of darkness and back into the light. Then I ask myself, *Why didn't I do that sooner?* The truth is, I didn't remember. But the very fact that I eventually do remember is the spirit of God dwelling within me that pulls me back into life, just as Paul once wrote (Romans 8:9 and the verses afterward). It's like hearing a voice calling me out of a dreary tomb of death, just as sure as Lazarus heard Jesus calling him out.

Have you experienced times when your spirit feels deader than dead, but then someone or something calls

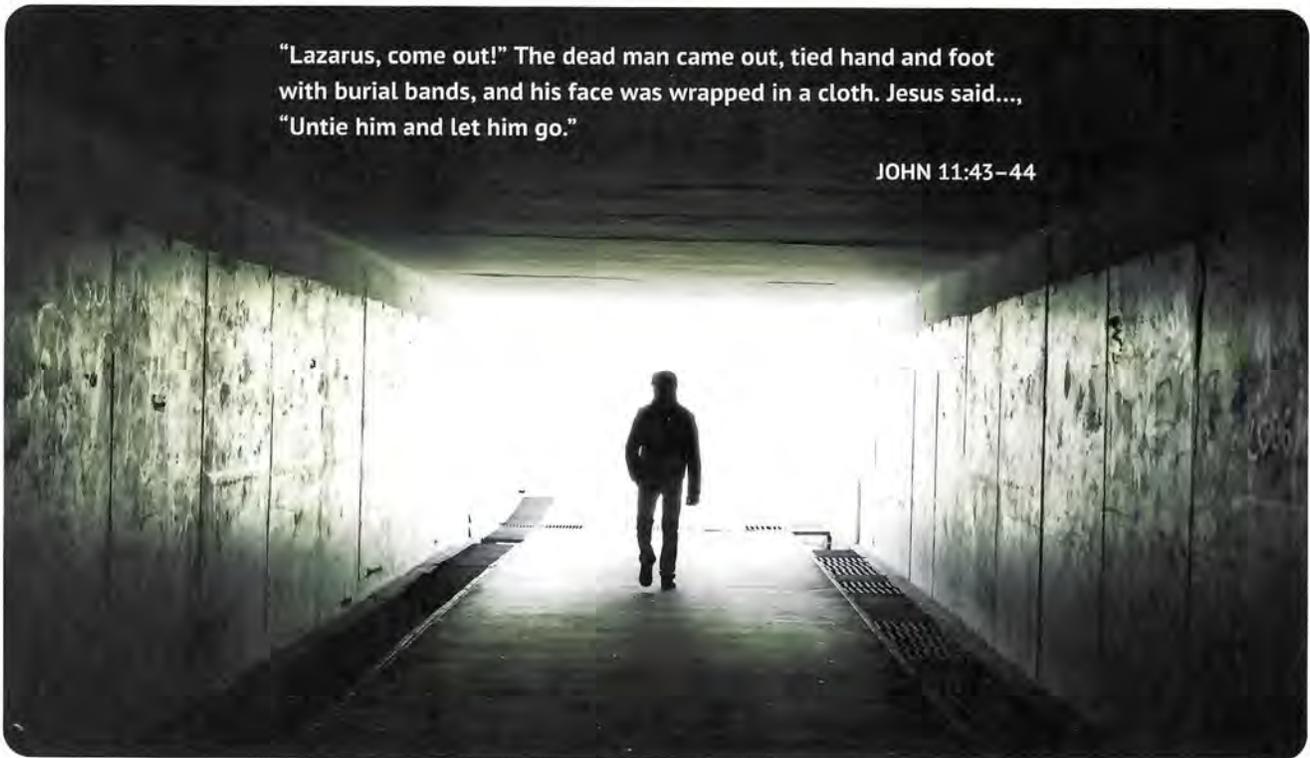
you back into life? I have. When that happens to us, I think we've been blessed with a hint of the resurrection. When I find myself wondering if there is really life beyond death, if resurrection really does happen to us, then I think about all the times that what I thought was a death turned out to be some unexpected doorway to new life. If that happens with such little deaths along the way, wouldn't it also happen on our last day on this earth? ●

Reflect

Have you ever experienced something that seemed terrible at the time that turned out to be a blessing in disguise?

**"Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said....
"Untie him and let him go."**

JOHN 11:43-44



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MARCH 25 & 26, 2023

**CONFESSION: SATURDAY 3:00 - 3:30 AND BY APPOINTMENT ONLY,
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
SUNDAY MASS IS AVAILABLE ON LIVESTREAM
www.facebook.com/sacredheartprinceton
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Office Hours: Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm**

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, March 25, 4pm - † **Carlos Avalos** by Bertha Avalos
Sunday, March 26, 11am - † **Florencio Neri Sr.** by Shelby & Jun Neri
Tuesday, March 28, 6pm - † **Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**
Thursday, March 30, Noon - † **William McCormack** by Bill Picknally
Saturday, April 1, 4pm - † **Antonio & Fannie Constantino** by Virginia Manley
Sunday, April 2, 11am - † **Irma Del Valle & Juan I. Colon** by Maria Franco

Upcoming Church Events

Fri, Mar 24, Noon, Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion - (Pastoral Council)
Tue, Mar 28, 6 pm Penance Service (Princeton)
Wed, Mar 29, 6 pm Penance Service (Bluefield)
Fri, Mar 31, Noon, Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion - (Anchor Prayer Group)
5-7 pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
5:30 - 7:30 2023 Hunger Challenge
Sun, Apr 9, Easter
Tue, Apr 11, 6:45 Parish Council meeting
Thu, Apr 13, 6 pm Finance council meeting
Sun, Apr 16, 11 am Youth Sunday
Apr 17-21, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian out of town
Sat, Apr 22, St. Joseph Work Day
May 1-4, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral Council

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Fifth Sunday of Lent



Dear Sacred Heart Family,

This coming Sunday, we encounter the story of Lazarus. Of all the miracles Jesus did, the raising of Lazarus ranks as the most astonishing to the people of his time. Martha thought the situation was hopeless. Lazarus was dead, but Jesus brought him back to life. Many Christian individuals and communities today have fallen victim to the death of sin. Many are already in the tomb of hopelessness and decay, in the bondage of sinful habits and attitudes. Nothing short of a miracle can bring us back to life in Christ. How can we cooperate with God so as to experience God's resurrection power in our lives and in our world? Jesus is ready to transform us with a miracle. He

himself said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Are we ready to cooperate with him to receive this miracle? Are we ready to roll away the stone that stands between us and the light of Christ's face? Are we ready to take the first step to come out of the tomb of death? Are we ready to unbind (i.e., forgive) one another and set each other free? If we cooperate with God, he will bring us back to life and revive us as individuals, churches, a nation and a world. Before Jesus did anything but weep, he asked the sisters of Lazarus, the dead man,

Do you believe that I am the resurrection and the life?

Do you believe that I am the Light of the world?

Do you believe that I can bring the dead to life?

Do you believe that those who live in darkness can see the Light because of me?

When they said, Yes, Lord, we believe, then Jesus said, Take me to the tomb of Lazarus, where Lazarus had been buried for four days. They warned Jesus that the body would be corrupt. But what did he say? Take away the stone. Only when they took away the stone did Jesus say, Lazarus, come forth, and Lazarus was restored to a new life, greater than any he had dreamed of before.... Our Lord says,

Do you want new life?

Do you want light in the darkness?

Take away the stone....

Only we know if there is a stone before our hearts. Only we, with God's help, can remove that stone. Then the Lord who suffered and died for everyone in the world will say to each of us, Rise to new life. Be filled with my Light.

Prayerfully in Christ,

Father Sebastian



Fifth Sunday of Lent: Dying and Rising



THE GRACE I SEEK: to believe that Jesus will give me new life

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Jesus, the Lord of Life, has given himself to you in the Eucharist. He is gazing upon you, his beloved child, with great love in this very moment. Pause for a few moments and wonder at his gift for you. Allow yourself to rest in his loving gaze.

Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

ASK FOR THE GRACE: Jesus, help me believe that you will give me new life.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — *Read slowly, 3-4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.*

"O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people!" (Ezekiel 37:12-13)

REFLECTION QUESTION — *Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.*

How are you "spiritually" buried right now? What parts of your heart feel lost in darkness and death? Speak to Jesus about these places of sorrow and loss.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — *Read slowly, 3-4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.*

"[Jesus] cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, 'Untie him and let him go.'" (John 11:43-44)

REFLECTION QUESTION — *Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.*

Jesus has power over life and death. The grave is no hindrance to his creative love. Imagine Jesus commanding you by name to "come out!" of whatever spiritual grave has robbed you of life. Gazing upon Jesus in the Eucharist, ask him to gently untie the burial cloths around that place in your heart most in need of resurrection and new life. Ask him for the courage to bring any sins that weigh you down to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER — *By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. (Collect, Fifth Sunday of Lent)*

SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION — *At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your desire for new life where your heart needs it most.*

Holy Week & Easter.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Masses

Saturday, April 1 - 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 2 - 11:00 am

Holy Thursday

Thursday of the Lord's Supper at the Evening Mass

April 6 - 4:00 pm

Good Friday

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

April 7 - 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Saturday, April 8- 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 9 - 11:00 AM

1310 Harrison St., Princeton, WV 24740



Sacred Heart
CATHOLIC CHURCH



John Hickman

the winner of the handmade wooden WV board.
We raised 418.00 for Catholic Charities!
Thanks to everyone who supported us.

Stations of the Cross

March 24 - Noon

Stations of the Cross,
Holy Communion -
(Pastoral Council)

Mar 31- Noon

Stations of the Cross,
Holy Communion
(Anchor Prayer Group)

St. Joseph Work Day

A Spring Clean-Up is planned for the outside of the church on Saturday, April 22

We will be picking up debris, refreshing our flower gardens by planting some new flowers, placing some mulch, trimming a few bushes and trees, and taking care of anything else that needs attention

If you plan to volunteer please bring a rake, shovel, trimmers, or your favorite piece of garden equipment.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our church a beautiful place for all to worship!

Lenten Penance Service

**Tuesday,
March 28
6 pm
Princeton**

**Wednesday,
March 29
6 pm
Bluefield**



Lenten Penance Service
March 28 – 6 pm
Princeton
March 29 – 6 pm
Bluefield




Knights of Columbus
FISH FRY

FRIDAY, MARCH 31
5 - 7 PM
CHURCH HALL



\$10
FISH, FRIES,
COLESLAW, DESSERT,
AND DRINK

CARRY OUT AVAILABLE



BE WARY, MY FRIENDS



A Vegas
Murder
Mystery
Dinner



Friday, May 19, 2023

6:00 in the evening |
 The Church Hall
 \$25/person
 Adults only

PURCHASE TICKETS AT OFFICE
ONLY 30 TICKETS AVAILABLE




CAMP CARLO
 With Him on the mountain

Catholic Youth Adventure Camp
 Huttonsville, WV

Join us at Camp Carlo for Summer 2023!

We're dedicated to bringing young people closer in relationship to Jesus Christ in the beautiful environment of the Camp Carlo property. Campers will enjoy horseback riding, swimming, fishing, canoeing, religious education classes, archery, a climbing wall, zipline, arts and crafts and more! Our shared love of Christ is at the heart of the camp experience.

Faith + Friendship + Fun = Camp Carlo!

CAMP CARLO DATES

JUNE 25 - JULY 1 Rising 6th graders to 8th graders	JULY 2 - JULY 8 A "catch all week" 3rd grade through 12th grade
JULY 9 - JULY 15 Rising Freshman to Seniors in High	JULY 16 - JULY 22 A "catch all week" 3rd grade through 12th grade
JULY 23 - JULY 29 "A Camp Carlo Summer Vacation" free program for 7-12 year olds who receive support from the government or Catholic Charities.	



For information and registration, visit campcarlowv.org or scan the QR code.
Cost: \$275 per camper On-line payment processing fee of \$7.73 will apply.

Religious Education



Faith Formation:

K-2

Lesson Theme:

Jesus invites us to see and believe.

Word of the Week:

Church

Grades: 3-6

Lesson Theme:

Baptism celebrates our Easter faith.

Word of the Week:

Mercy

Are you looking for something challenging to do during Lent? Try to fast from comparing yourself to others. When we become more accepting of our own gifts and talents and less envious of what others can do, we can live in a new freedom. Here are some places you might find yourself especially vulnerable to

comparing yourself to others:

- in the classroom
- at work
- on the playing field
- social media at home with siblings

[Lenten Activities: Fast from Comparing Yourself to Others - Young Catholics \(young-catholics.com\)](http://young-catholics.com)

Schedule:

Faith Formation

Mar 26

Apr 2

Apr 9 & 16
No Class

May 7

Youth Sunday:

Apr 16

May 21

Youth Ministry:

Mar 31

Apr 23

May 4, 21, 28

Youth Ministry



Please Join us for the
2023
Hunger Challenge
March 31
5:30 - 7:30 pm

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW! Sign up in the Narthex or text Lorin Albin at 540-529-6495

Faith Formation Family Day

May 21 after Mass

Please join us for a lunch to end our faith formation year. If you would like to volunteer to help out contact

Eileen Kisiel at 304-464-4575

Save the Date!

Spring Progressive Dinner

**April 23
More info to come.**

Adult Faith Formation

Women's Group

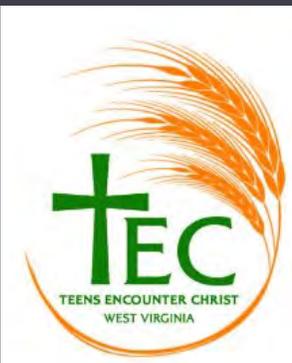
Thursdays at 10:15 am in the Conference Room

Men's Group

First and Third Thursday at 10 am in the Narthex

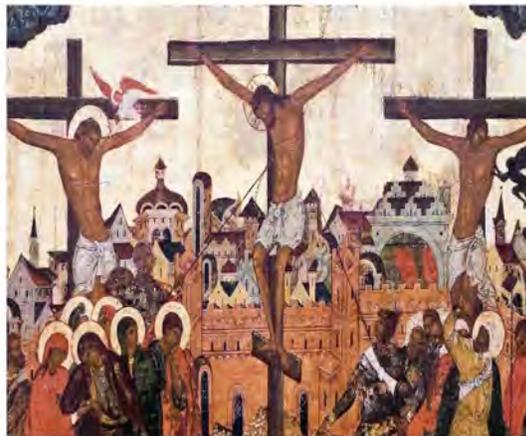
Book Study

April 5, 9
May 3 (last session) in the Conference Room at 6 pm



formed.org/signup

This Week on Formed



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The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death

Through Jesus's Death on the Cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is love. Christ's sacrificial love saves us from sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness. We are made to live like Christ: in total, self-giving love.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



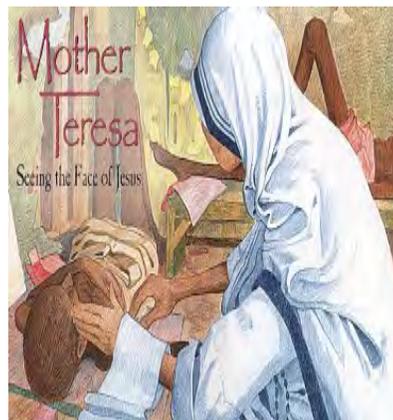
An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and ignacius press

“Formed” for Kids



The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus

Whatever you do unto the least of these, you do unto me. Mother Teresa always remembered these words of Jesus. She said that she saw the face of Jesus in the face of each sick and dying person she helped. She asked the whole world to look for Jesus' face there, too. This movie presents the life and work of Mother Teresa with words and pictures that even the youngest child will enjoy. Children will happily learn that Mother Teresa was a person whose strong faith and trust in God helped her to make incredible changes in our world.

[Questions for God - FORMED](#)

The Little Lost Sheep



Making Good Choices | Episode 3 | Philo and Sophie



God created the angels and some chose disobedience and are driven from Heaven. St. Michael's role as protector and the Guardian Angels are introduced.

RECONCILIATION



YOUNG CATHOLICS

young-catholics.com

Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Make Reconciliation a Community Affair

Consider going to a confession service as a family or with youth group or youth ministry. And then do something afterwards to celebrate this beautiful gift of grace from our Lord. Go out for pizza together or something similar.

[Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation \(Confession\) - Young Catholics \(young-catholics.com\)](http://young-catholics.com)



The West Virginia
Institute for Spirituality

3-Day Silent-Directed
Retreat at
WVIS Retreat
House in
Charleston,
WV

Arrive Monday, June 12th (afternoon) and leave Friday, June 16th at 10:00 am

Questions: email PJ Scarr at
pjloehrscarr@gmail.com

Using The Hebrew Names of God, you will be directed through a 3-day silent retreat. During this retreat, you will spend time in silence, prayer, spiritual exercises, and daily meetings with a retreat director. Praying the Hebrew Names of God, you will engage in meditation and contemplative prayer rooted in the Sacred Scriptures and the Ignatian Tradition.

Donation: \$350 (includes retreat, four nights at the retreat house, and all meals). Register: email wvisreg@gmail.com

Easy Caprese Calzones

It's like a little piece of Italy in your kitchen!

Prep Time	Cook Time	Total Time
10 mins	15 mins	25 mins

Servings: 4

Ingredients

- 1 Tube of Refrigerated Pizza Crust
- 2 Roma Tomatoes sliced into 1/4" pieces
- 8 to 12 Fresh Basil leaves sliced into thin strips (about 1/3 cup)
- 100 g approx 4 oz mozzarella, cut into 1/2" cubes
- Spaghetti Sauce for dipping

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 425F.
2. Open the tube of pizza crust and unroll it onto parchment paper (or a lightly floured surface). Gently roll it with a rolling pin to flatten it out and shape it into a rectangle. Cut the dough into 4 equal rectangles.
3. Add the tomato slices, mozzarella and basil to each of the rectangles.
4. Fold in the long edges of each calzone and gently pinch them closed. Then pinch tightly to close the ends. Flip them over so the seam is on the bottom.
5. Bake at 425F for 11 to 14 minutes, until they're golden brown.
6. Serve with a side of Spaghetti sauce for dipping.



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5 from 1 vote

Weekly Offering



Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Music for
 March 25 & 26, 2023

Mass of Remembrance
 Mass Readings on pg. 220
 Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G474
 "From Ashes to the Living
 Font"

Responsorial Psalm: G87
 With the Lord There Is Mercy

Presentation of Gifts: G646
 "Keep in Mind"

Communion: G950
 "Take and Eat!"

Closing Hymn: G881
 "Lift High the Cross"

	weekend Mar 18-19	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	2,510.00	38,643.16	36,500.00
Loose Offertory	176.00	1,143.40	1,000.00
Easter Flowers	85.00	1,021.00	1,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 2,771.00	\$ 40,807.56	\$ 38,500.00
Tender Mercies	25.00	565.00	750.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	45.00	830.00	1,500.00
Attendance:	4pm: 37	6pm: 109	

Parish Council

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

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Richard Flanigan	Kevin Garrett
Shelby Neri	Gene Richardson
Frank Sinicrope	Fred St. John
Kirt Suehs	
Ad Hoc:	Kim Hickman

Ministry Schedule

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Sacristan	Altar Server	Counter
3/25 4 p	M. Bacho	K. Bailey	F. Bacho	n/a	T. Byron	C. Pace	T. Settle
3/26 11a	G. Saffell	R. Modena	S. Neri	Picknally	D. Richardson	D. Richardson	
4/1 4p	B. Schumacher J. Gaspersich	V. Manley	C. Prox M. Gaspersich	n/a	T. Byron	C. Pace	S. Pace
4/2 11a	John Cox G. Saffell	G. Richardson	V & C Blankenship	W. Picknally	D. Richardson	M. Shay	

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
Fr. Greg Lyttle
Jaelynn Mendoza
Annette Morgan

Dr. Jun Neri
Patricia Nester
Esther Piconi
Alan Rieger
Deborah Saffell
Jacob Santon
Gareth Settle
Felomina Yongque
Carrie Yurkovich
Jane Walthall



Friends and Family

.Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)
Mary Berentes,
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)
Matthew Cosgrove (Jim Cosgroves nephew)
Linda Cunningham
Rachel Denton
Kimiko Fetro (friend of Bill Picknally)
David Frei & Mary Piper (son-in-law & daughter of Carrie Yurkovich)
Kyle Geiger
Mike Goff
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
Allan Perry
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)

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

Dear Padre,

Are Catholic religious orders dying?

Yes...and no.

In Africa and Asia, some religious orders are vibrant, with orders of men and women religious increasing in number. In the United States, Europe, and Oceania, it's a different story. As many as 300 of the 420 institutes of women religious in the US are in their final decades of existence (*Leadership Conference of Women Religious*, 2019). One-third of all women's congregations in the US have fewer than fifty members. In the US, sisters over age ninety far outnumber those under sixty. Consequently, many communities fall short of the number of active ministers needed to replace their elderly and retiring members. The story is similar for many orders of religious men.

As those in religious orders struggle to remain effective in their mission and ministry for God and humanity, they are reimagining styles of leadership, levels of administration, and, in short, ways of getting the job done. This includes, for example, creative partnerships with laypeople to share in the charism, community life, and ministry of the religious order.

People are still drawn to Jesus and the work of building the kingdom. Only God knows how this "building process" will look in the future. As in all challenging times, the Church remains hopeful. From crisis comes resurrection! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1	April 2
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dn 13:41c-62 Jn 8:1-11	Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42	Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59	Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42	Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56	Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54
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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Take away the stone from your heart! Let the Word of God restore life where there is death. Jesus repeats to us: "Take away the stone." God did not create us for the tomb....He created us for life, [which is] beautiful, good, joyful.

ANGELUS, MARCH 20, 2020



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