



The Light of Wisdom

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The dark of night can unsettle and frighten children, but darkness can disturb adults, too. It's not so much the feeling when the lights go off that unsettles us grownups as it is the dark of uncertainty. We graduate from school and wonder what to do with our lives. Should we stay in a relationship? How do we find meaning again in the midst of grief and the loss of someone we love? And sometimes most of all, where is God when we need God? We may even wonder whether to believe. At such times, we bump and bruise our way through the obstacles that life's darknesses cause.

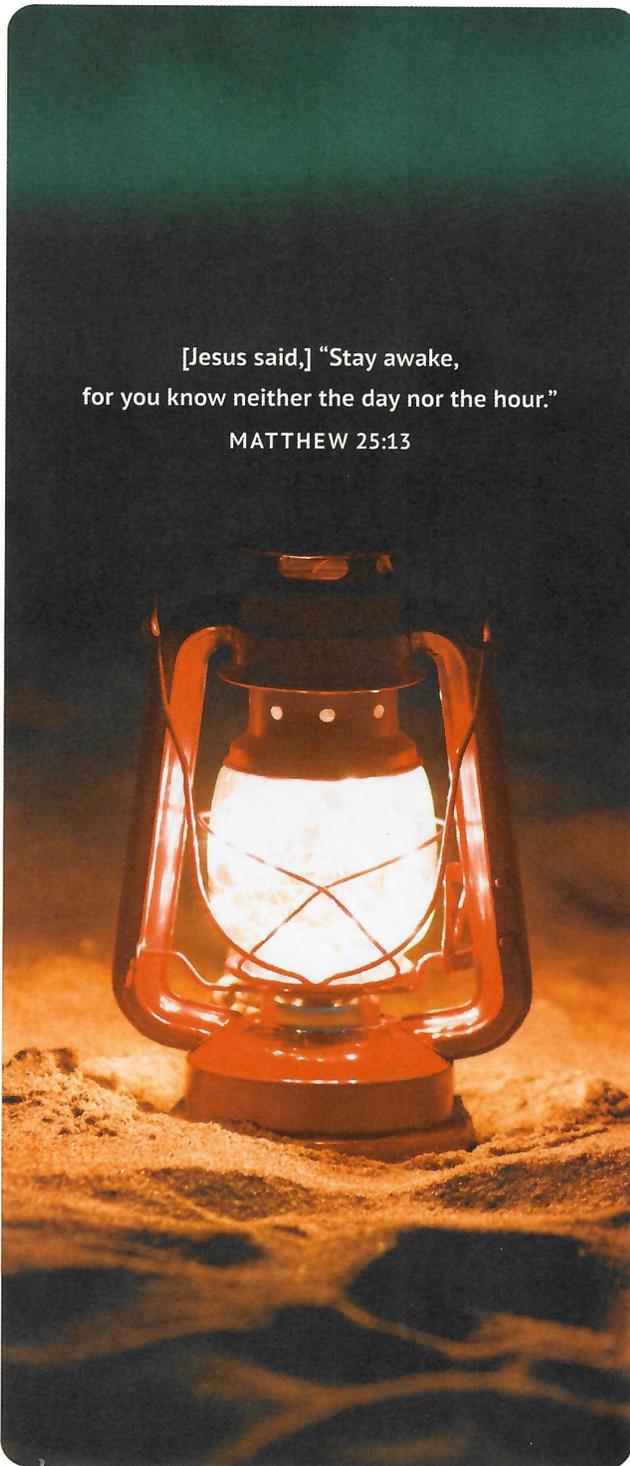
Leonard Cohen's song "Anthem" echoes a note of hope when we feel lost in the dark as he sings about how light always seems to find a way to seep in between the cracks of our everyday living. Like stars that are visible only at night, new opportunities are often most readily recognized when we find ourselves stumbling through the dark.

Long before Leonard Cohen, Jesus told the parable of ten virgins, some wise and some foolish. In the midst of that story, he tells of a bridegroom who comes to the waiting virgin attendants at midnight. In other words, it is the Lord God who comes into our lives in the darkest times, if only we are wise enough to recognize such a coming.

How then to negotiate the darkness? Stay the course. In time, wisdom reveals a path. Trust that light will come, all in God's time and not ours. Finally, wisdom always comes in the darkest of times, seldom when our lives are bright as day. ●

Reflect

***When and how has God entered into
your darkness?***



[Jesus said,] "Stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."

MATTHEW 25:13

November 11 & 12, 2023
Sunday Mass is livestreamed

Office Hours:
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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November 10 Vicariate 40 Hour Devotion



Second Collection November 11 & 12

Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services - This unique Archdiocese is faced with many challenges, including a severe shortage of Catholic priest-chaplains, a flock spread out among military installations across the world, and constant transition. The AMS receives no funding from the military or the government and must rely solely on private donors. Catholic service members and their families, and veterans cared for in a Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, deserve the same faith opportunities as Catholics here at home; their faith should not be part of the sacrifices they make.

Upcoming Events:

Fri, Nov 10, Vicariate 40 Hour Devotion - Princeton begins with Mass at 4 pm
Nov 11 - 12, Celebrate our Veterans
Mon, Nov 13, 6:00 pm Candlelight Prayer Vigil
Tues, Nov 14, 6:45 pm, Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Tues, Nov 21, 4:30 pm Amy's House of Hope
Wed, Nov 22, 6:00 pm Vigil Thanksgiving Mass (Bluefield)
Thu, Nov 23, 10:00 am Thanksgiving Mass
Nov 23-24, Thanksgiving, Office Closed
Dec 1, Noon, First Friday Mass, Devotion to Sacred Heart
Sun, Dec 3, 6:00 pm Taizé
Tues, Dec 5, 6:00 pm Advent Penance Service in Princeton
Wed, Dec 6, 6:00 pm Advent Penance Service in Bluefield
Fri, Dec 8, 6:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
Tues, Dec 12, 6:45 pm, Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Sun, Dec 24, 4:00 pm Children's Mass
11:30 pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass
Mon, Dec 25, 11:00 am Christmas Mass
Dec 24 - 29, Office Closed



Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Nov 11, 4pm - † **Jane & John Pope** by Mary Jane Albin
Sunday, Nov 12, 11am - † **Jacob Santon** by Timm & Gina Boggess
Tuesday, Nov 14, 6pm - † **Julia Privette** by Bernadette Dragich
Thursday, Nov 16, Noon - **Nancy Dickenson** (healing) by Michael & Tanya Marx
Saturday, Nov 18, 4pm - † **Florencio Neri Sr.** by Delia Neri
Sunday, Nov 19, 11am - † **Alberto Torres** by Timm & Gina Boggess

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November 12

Eucharistic Revival Reflection:

Why does Jesus give himself to us as Food and Drink?

Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him"). In being united to the humanity of Christ, we are at the same time united to his divinity. Our mortal and corruptible natures are transformed by being joined to the source of life.



Sacred Heart Bluefield is selling "Sacred Heart Ornaments" The ornaments will be selling for \$20.00 each. Please contact Ann Robinson at 304-887-2424, Theresa Bales at 304-920-8104, or the parish office at 304-327-5623 if you would like to place your order.



Celebrate Eucharistic Revival
Year of the Parish

**PLEASE TAKE
A FREE
COPY OF
BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST
AND
PRAYER CARD**

Strengthen your faith with our gift.

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference – Married and engaged couples are invited to the third annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on February 10, 2024 from 10:45 am - 6:00 pm at St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Charles Town, WV.



SACRED HEART PRINCETON
— presents —

**A SALUTE TO OUR
VETERANS**

A special Veterans Day Thank You to honor those of us who have served and continue to serve.



Lane Austin
Pat Caccamo
Deborah Johnson
Tom Lilly
William Picknally
John Sidote
Carrie Yurkovich



Joe Aiello
John Choate
Philip Larkin
Connie Wheby
Joseph Wheby



Joseph Kaminski
James Lintz
John Metzger
Ken Holtzman



Harold Cofer
Andrew Holt
Laura Wyatt
Rick Wyatt



John Shay

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!!

The Little Blue Book

Don't forget to stop by the Narthex on November 18th to pick up your copy of The Little Blue Book, generously donated by Roger and Bonnie Hickman. This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to receive this gift and we are grateful for their generosity.

The Little Blue Book
for the
Advent and Christmas Seasons
2023-2024

Six-minute reflections on the
Infancy Narrative of Luke

November 2023

Religious Ed Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

- Nov 19 - Faith Formation K- 5 @ 9:30 am | classrooms
- Nov 12, 19 - RCIA @ 9:30 am | Conf. room
- Nov 16 - Women's Prayer group @ 10:15 am | Conf. room
Men's group @ 10:15 am | Narthex
- Nov 12 - Faith Formation No CLASS
- Nov 19 - Youth Sunday
- Nov 21 - YM | Amy's House of Hope
- Nov 26 - Faith Formation | No CLASS
OCIA | No CLASS
- Nov 30 - Women's Prayer group @ 10:15 am | Conf. room
Men's group @ 10:15 am | Narthex
- Dec 3 - YM | YM night @ 6 pm
- Dec 17 - YM | Christmas party
- Dec 24 - Faith Formation | 4:00 pm Christmas pageant
- Jan 6 - YM | Epiphany Progressive Dinner

Youth Ministry - Contact Lorin Albin
Faith Formation - Contact Laura Wyatt
OCIA - Contact Laura Wyatt
Women's Prayer Group - Contact Susie Pace
Men's Group - Contact Jime Cosgrove or Bill Picknally
Walking with Purpose (WWP) - Contact Laura Wyatt or KD Coleman
Adult Education - Contact Laura Wyatt

Religious Education

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Welcome to this incredible journey of faith and self-discovery!

Today we begin talking about the New Testament:

- Understanding the New Testament
- New Testament Books
- What is the Bible? What Isn't it?
- Why Read the Gospels

National Bible Week – November 19-25, 2023

National Bible Week is the week of Thanksgiving Day, from November 19 to 25 this year. Christians in the U.S. spend this week honoring the Holy Bible and reciting hymns, prayers, proverbs, and prophecies of the great religious text. Brought into observance by former U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1941, National Bible Week recognizes the non-believers and offers readings and guidance from the pages of the bible.

[.https://nationaltoday.com/national-bible-week/#faqs](https://nationaltoday.com/national-bible-week/#faqs)

Embark on this journey with us and discover the endless possibilities that lie ahead.

Contact Laura Wyatt at 304-425-3664 or lw Wyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org

Schedule:

- Nov 12 - The New Testament
- Nov 19 - The Liturgical Year

Location:

Conference room

Faith Formation

The Christmas pageant will be here before you know it. Our younger children will be participating, if you would like to help out please contact Laura Wyatt @

lw Wyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org or 304-425-3664

Youth Ministry



The Woman's Prayer Group

Meets weekly on Thursday morning. It is a goal of this group to become more attentive to the "whispers" of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - to listen and follow. To reach this goal we use a variety of materials including ... books, video, music, prayer, discussion, reflection, and silence. Currently prayerfully reading and discussing Scott Hahn's "The Supper of the Lamb - The Mass as Heaven on Earth."

Religious Education Cont.



Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite

itself, Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

November 27, 29, & 30
Time: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

December 2
Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Classroom



November 12: Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr—
Memorial 1580-1623
Patron Saint of Ukraine
Invoked for

the reunification of Eastern and Western Christians
Canonized by Pope Pius IX on June 29, 1867
Liturgical Color: Red.

¹ Lisa Brenninkmeyer, *Be Still* (USA: Walking with Purpose, Inc., 2019),

Young Catholics

THEMES FOR THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

The readings for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A remind us to always be alert and ready. The first reading speaks of seeking wisdom and being ready for her at dawn. The psalm reminds that union with God is our truest desire. The second reading tells us that death is not the end and

that we will rise in Christ Jesus. And in the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins, five who were ready when their master arrived and five who were not.

Preparedness: The passage emphasizes the importance of being prepared for events that are certain to happen but uncertain in timing. This is illustrated through the bridesmaids and their lamps.

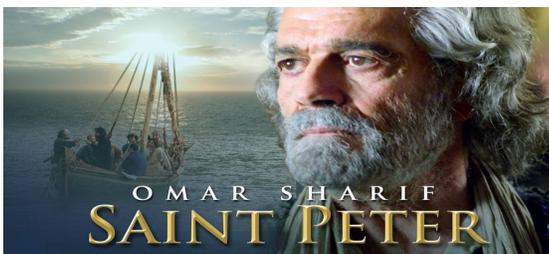
Missed Opportunities: The text indicates that lack of preparedness can lead to missed opportunities that are not recoverable, like the bridesmaids who miss the wedding feast.

Individual Responsibility: Each bridesmaid is responsible for her own lamp and oil, highlighting the theme of personal accountability in being prepared for important events.

Exclusivity of Reward: The passage implies that rewards, like entering the wedding feast, are not universally given but are reserved for those who meet certain criteria or standards.

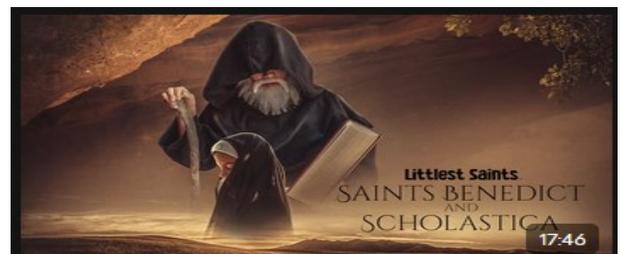
Imminence: The text suggests that important events, symbolized by the bridegroom's arrival, can happen when least expected, reinforcing the theme of the need for constant readiness.

This week on Formed



Saint Peter Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/saint-peter>



A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.

<https://watch.formed.org/kids-1/videos/sts-benedict-and-scholastica-littlest-saints>



Music for
November 11 & 12, 2023

Celtic Mass
Mass Readings on pg.
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Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G607
“Sing New Song”

Responsorial Psalm:
My Soul Is Thirsting

Presentation of Gifts: G680
“We Walk by Faith”

Communion: G949
“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

Closing Hymn: G685
“City of God”

Parish Council

Deb LaMothe (Chair)	Vickie Blankenship (Secretary)
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



	weekend Nov 4-5	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,999.99	145,451.71	143,500.00
Loose Offertory	307.00	9,287.30	4,200.00
Holy days: All Souls	1,136.00	5,723.00	1,000.00
Maintenance	210.00	2,157.00	1,500.00
Total Contributions	\$ 6,652.99	\$162,619.01	\$ 150,200.00
Archdiocese of the Military Services	350.00	350.00	500.00
Attendance:	4pm: 53	11am: 156	

November Ministry Schedule

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
11 4pm	J Gaspersich	<u>M. Albin</u> K Bailey V Manley	<u>Prox</u>	N/A	Byron	J Cosgrove
12 11am	J. Cox	<u>G Cosgrove</u> M Cox Picknally	Hickman	K Hickman	A. Albin C. Holt	
18 4pm	Schumacher	T Marx M Marx	J Gaspersich	Bryon	C Pace	J Choate
19 11am	A Yahya M Reiger	<u>A Heltzel</u> K Hickman G Boggess	TBA	K Carter	B Fanning Ja Flanigan	
25 4pm	C Jones	<u>C. Pace</u> V Manley T Marx	F Bacho	N/A	Kessinger	T Settle
26 11am	A Dumapit	<u>L Wyatt</u> B Barrett G Richardson	Neri	Picknally	BJ Carter TBA	

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
Dr. David Garcia
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
Alan Rieger

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

Family & Friends:

B.J. Asbury
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)
Christopher Castle
Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills)
Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)
Linda Cunningham
Nancy Dickerson
Russell Edmunds
Kimiko Fettro (friend of Bill Picknally)
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
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)
Brent Younts
Gianna
Aubrey Williams



The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality is an ecumenical center for prayer and spiritual growth, located in the heart of the city of Charleston, West Virginia. Our ministry promotes spiritual life through silence, prayer, retreats, education, spiritual direction, and inter-faith dialogue. Presently, our calendar reflects the following:

Almost Heaven Retreat. WVIS continues to offer Almost Heaven Retreats throughout the year. These retreats can be made via Zoom or in person. During your retreat, you will engage in meditation rooted in the Sacred Scriptures and the Ignatian Tradition. Following the CDC Guidelines, we are respecting limits for in-house registrations.

Questions/Schedule: Email Sister Carole Riley, C.D.P., Ph.D. at wviscr@aol.com

Donation: \$90/night (includes retreat, retreat house accommodation, and all meals).

Embracing My Personal Journey: Learning the Art of Aging and Dying Well via Zoom

Saturday, November 11, 2023, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm EST

Questions: email Sr. Carole Riley, C.P.D., PhD at wviscr@aol.com

To live is to change. Age is a gift. Dying is an art. During this program, reflective strategies are provided to assist participants in coming to terms with life and death for themselves or a loved one. Hospice, palliative care, caregivers, and helping professionals will benefit from time to process. Topics of grieving diminishment, companioning those dying, and the resources for personal integration are provided.

Donation: \$50

CEU credits are available for Social Workers (5.0 CEU), Registered Nurses, and Licensed Professional Counselors (5.75 CEU)

Register: You can register by visiting our website at [Programs - WVIS](#) or call 304.345.0926.

An Advent Retreat to lower my holiday stress – say WHAT? (Zoom Retreat)

Friday and Saturday (December 8-9) – Friday: 5:45 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Questions: email Jerry Rutledge at glr1@aol.com

It's supposed to be a joyful and stress-free holiday with the Wise Men, Angels, Shepherds, and the Holy Family. However, for many, the holiday offers many reasons to be stressed out and anxious. We become overwhelmed with planning for a happy holiday, and our families and relatives seem to want to argue about ... ANYTHING ... which is hardly peace on earth! You're invited to leave your stress at the door and relax at WVIS' 2023 Advent Retreat. Bring your sense of humor and childlike wonder to reflect creatively about the holiday with nativity-themed stories from around the world and humorous holy reflections.

Donation: \$50 scholarships available by emailing WVIS Executive Director at wviscr@aol.com

Register: You can register by visiting our website at [Registration - WVIS](#) or call 304.345.0926.

Living in the Gap via Zoom

A 4-week program on Thursday evenings January 18th and 25th and February 1st and 8th from 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. EST

Questions: email Ms. Sally Orcutt, O.P. at sally@sayyes2yourlife.org

How do you live in the gap and why would you want to? The “gap” as identified by Thomas Keating, is the emotional space between the moment you begin to feel distressed, irritated, or anxious and the negative reaction that follows. Living in the gap invites us to live in a space of awareness. It is about increasing our understanding of the things that trip us up. This awareness allows us to respond as the person we desire to be, rather than react with a behavior that is often something we regret, as a result of being triggered.

Donation: \$70

Register: You can register by visiting our website at [Programs - WVIS](#) or call 304.345.0926.

Contemplative Prayer via Zoom (Monday through Friday)

You are invited to join us each evening at 7:00 pm via Zoom for Contemplative Prayer. We are blessed to have a variety of individuals who volunteer to lead each evening. Prayer begins promptly at 7:00 pm when the leader opens with a brief chant followed by 20 minutes of silence. Sign up to receive the weekly reminders and the Zoom link. Come as often as you are able, it is always good to see those who attend.

Questions/Register: email wvis_sally@aol.com

Thomas Merton Charleston West Virginia Chapter via Zoom (3rd Tuesday each month)

You are invited to join the Charleston, West Virginia chapter of the International Thomas Merton Institute on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:00 – 8:30 pm via Zoom. Each month, the group discusses recent material from the International Merton Society and/or information from the Book of Hours.

Questions/Register: email Father Bill Petro at frbpetro42@gmail.com



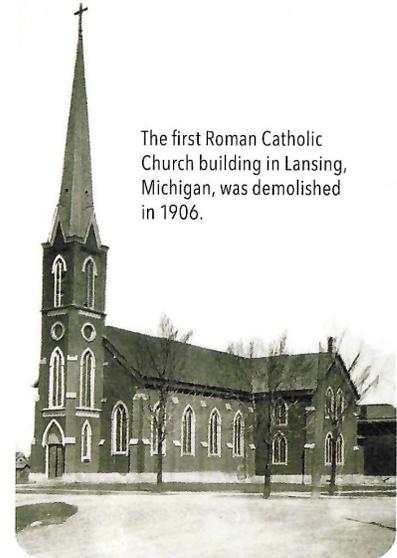
Dear Padre,

I was taught that Catholic churches are built on consecrated ground. How can a church be torn down and replaced by a shopping mall if it's sacred ground?

Church buildings are blessed and considered by the Church to be sacred places. But when they're damaged and can no longer be repaired or their repair is impractical or they no longer effectively serve their purpose for the faithful of God, the bishop can remove that blessing. By doing this, the bishop opens them for nonsacred use. Subsequently, they can be torn down or sold, as long as the new purpose is not scandalous to the people of God.

In the end, what is truly sacred is not the brick and mortar or even the soil, but the purpose for which they were built. Churches are blessed and declared sacred because we perform sacred rituals within them. When those rituals are no longer being performed in that location, there is no longer a need for them to be declared sacred.

When a church is closed, it is often a sad event. Many people carry deep emotional ties to their parish churches. But a diocese cannot always maintain all of its churches. Catholic populations shift, local needs change. Money is limited, and good stewardship demands that bishops sometimes make the difficult decision to close or merge parishes. Remember what is truly important and of ultimate and sacred value—our worship and service of God. ●



The first Roman Catholic Church building in Lansing, Michigan, was demolished in 1906.

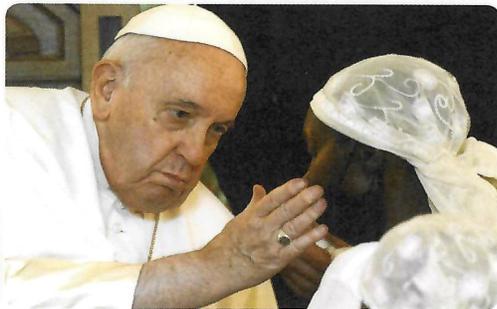
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 13 <i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</i> Wis 1:1–7 Lk 17:1–6	November 14 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 2:23–3:9 Lk 17:7–10	November 15 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 6:1–11 Lk 17:11–19	November 16 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 7:22b–8:1 Lk 17:20–25	November 17 <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i> Wis 13:1–9 Lk 17:26–37	November 18 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 18:14–16; 19:6–9 Lk 18:1–8	November 19 <i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31 1 Thes 5:1–6 Mt 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



VATICANI MEDIA

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 8, 2020