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## MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
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10:00 a.m.

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays 3:15 p.m.  
or by appointment  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 6:00 p.m.  
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## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## PARISH ACTION APPEAL



Our Parish Action Appeal will be September 24-25. This is a call to everyone in the parish to become more active and involved in the life of the Church. Over the past four weeks, we have highlighted 11

opportunities you could embrace in response to this call: Reader, Communion Distributor, Server, Church Decorator, Sacristan, Usher, Cantor, Choir, Musician, Homebound Communion, and Hospital Communion. This week we feature two entirely new opportunities:

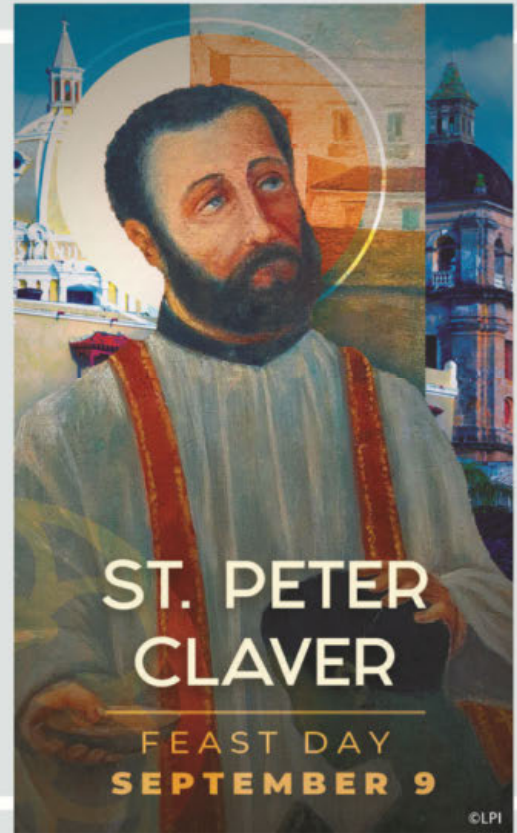
**Maintenance Volunteers** On occasion our parish needs volunteers to help with maintenance needs: painting, moving furniture, assisting with yard work, etc. We do share a gifted maintenance man, Mike Dunow, with St. John the Baptist Parish, but because of the demands on his time, sometimes he needs a little assistance. We would like to have a list of people we could text, call, or email to help out on occasion with small odd jobs. Is this a gift you can share with our parish?

**Hospitality Volunteers** If a parish is anything, it must be hospitable; and in order to be hospitable our parish needs people willing to welcome and visit new members, help with Sunday coffee and doughnuts after Mass, assist with parish dinners, etc. Like the maintenance volunteers, we would like to have a list of people we could text, call, or email, but to help out on occasion with hospitality events in our parish rather than small odd jobs. Are you a gracious host or hostess? Do you enjoy bringing people together and making them feel comfortable? Then we need you.

**Faith Formation** Marshfield Faith Formation for grades one through eight will begin on September 14. You can register your at [marshfieldfaithformation.org](http://marshfieldfaithformation.org). We need catechists to teach in grades four, seven, and eight. If you are interested or have questions, please contact David Alcott at 715-384-3252 extension 6

**That Man is You** All men are invited to join Marshfield's dynamic men's group. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. in Dillenburg Hall. We listen to some of the brightest Catholic speakers and then have discussion. This year features a brand new series called "The Light of Men." Join us beginning September 13 and take the next step on your walk of faith.

**Habitat for Humanity** Volunteers from Our Lady of Peace will be helping on Saturday, September 17, with the Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity home building project at 301 N. Juno Ave. We'll start at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, but do not need any experience or knowledge of construction. We are hoping for 15-20 volunteers, and we could also use a group to provide lunch for the work crew of about 25. Contact Jack Fieweger if you're interested. [jackfieweger@tds.net](mailto:jackfieweger@tds.net)



## Saint of the Week

Born in Catalonia Spain in 1580, Saint Peter Claver studied at first at the University of Barcelona and then joined the Jesuits. He became friends with fellow brother Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez who encouraged him to be a missionary in the New World. Accordingly, Saint Peter went to Cartagena, a city in present-day Columbia where he was ordained in 1615.

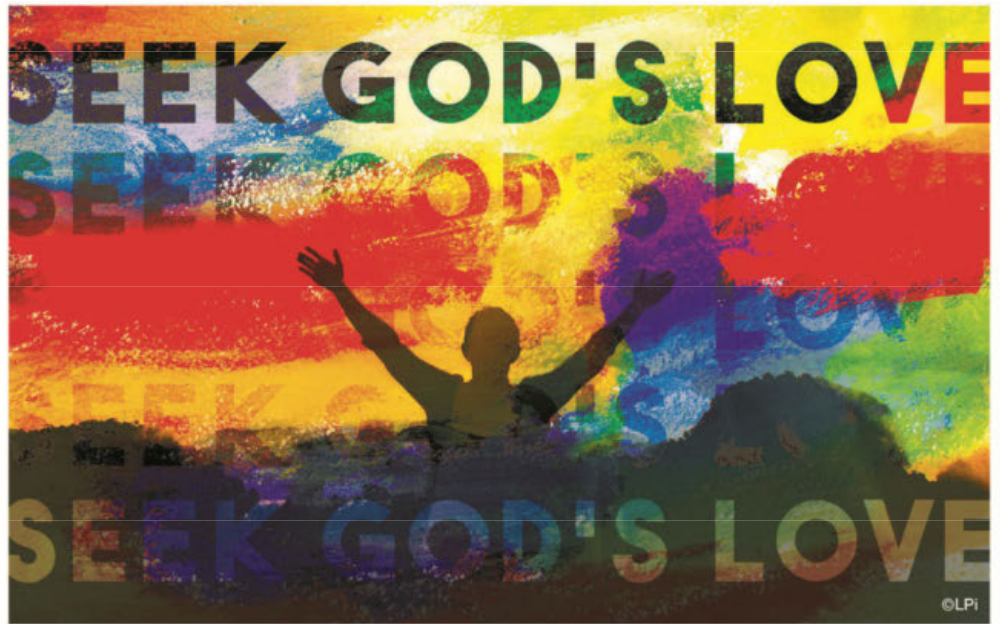
Cartagena was a center for the slave trade, and the young missionary knew where he could best serve God. He proclaimed himself, "the slave of the Negroes forever." As ships would arrive with their human cargo, Saint Peter and a group of interpreters would rush into the hold with food and medicines. When the slaves were moved to pens to await sale, the saint continued to work among them, communicating God's love with acts of generosity and teaching the Catholic faith. He also led missions in the interior, refusing the hospitality of plantation owners and preferring to stay in the slave quarters. He organized charitable societies and is said to have baptized and catechized more than 300,000 enslaved persons.

Saint Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. He was canonized with his friend Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez in 1888, by Pope Leo XIII. He is the worldwide patron saint of African Americans and of enslaved peoples.

# GOSPEL MEDITATION

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything



to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real

must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things!

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday September 6th	8:00 AM	† Paul Adler by Bill Heiting
Wednesday September 7th	8:00 AM	† Robert Lotzer by Patrick Gall
Thursday September 8th	8:00 AM	† Felix & Victoria Szymanski and Jane Welsch by Mary Ann Machtan
Friday September 9th	8:00 AM	† Jerry Boyance by Kathie Boyance
Saturday September 10th	4:00 PM	† Russell Bean by Charlotte Bean
Sunday September 11th	8:00 AM	Our Lady of Peace Parish
	10:00 AM	† Josefa Bersalona-Bell by Fred Bersalona



Campaign Goal		\$1,155,000.00
Pledged	75%	\$860,920.28
Under/Over Goal	-25%	-\$294,079.72
Average Pledge		\$4,348.08
Number of Pledges		198

## WHERE'S THE SACRIFICE?

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to want to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## WHY DO CATHOLICS LIGHT CANDLES IN CHURCH?

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in

front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.



# LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



**Columbus Corner** We are partnering with Zaleski Sports to live stream all Columbus varsity sports. We are looking for sponsors (family, alumni, businesses) to place ads during games or post a message on screen. Contact Krisann Mauritz at 715-387-2444 for details.

“Stand up straight and don’t slouch!” Many a child has heard these words bellowed from their mother’s lips. We need the perspective of others to help us understand when we are not walking as straight as we could be. God sends us the Holy Spirit to correct and guide us so that our paths through life can be straight. Without this assistance, how we see and understand ourselves and the world around us is incomplete. We will also lack the virtue of fortitude. It takes courage to listen to the Holy Spirit and devote ourselves to the task of discipleship. We have to put aside things that the world says are necessary and follow a path placed before us by Jesus Christ. Jesus is asking us to follow him. We must consider what we have to do to be free enough to do so. God needs us to show the world a complete picture of what life is meant to be, correct its vision and tell it to stand up straight!

**Confirmation** This year, there will be one Confirmation ceremony for the whole Marshfield Deanery on Saturday, September 17, at 6:00 p.m. Having one Deanery-wide Confirmation on Saturday evening allows those in attendance to fulfill their Sunday Mass obligation, eliminates the need for some families to attend multiple Confirmation ceremonies for multiple family members being confirmed in the Deanery, and allows the Bishop a more manageable Confirmation schedule. Throughout the Diocese these considerations, along with a declining numbers of Confirmation students, have prompted a movement toward a reduction of Confirmation ceremonies in areas where this is possible. Our Lady of Peace Church was chosen as the venue for the Marshfield Deanery Confirmation because it is the largest church in the Deanery and can accommodate all those wishing to attend the Confirmation.

**Assistance Needed** Part-time assistance is needed for a disabled adult man to help with meal prep, cooking, shopping, cleaning, and laundry: Monday-Friday, daytime hours, flexible schedule; generous wages. Call 715-305-0917 if you can help.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

- Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
- Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:18-23
- Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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