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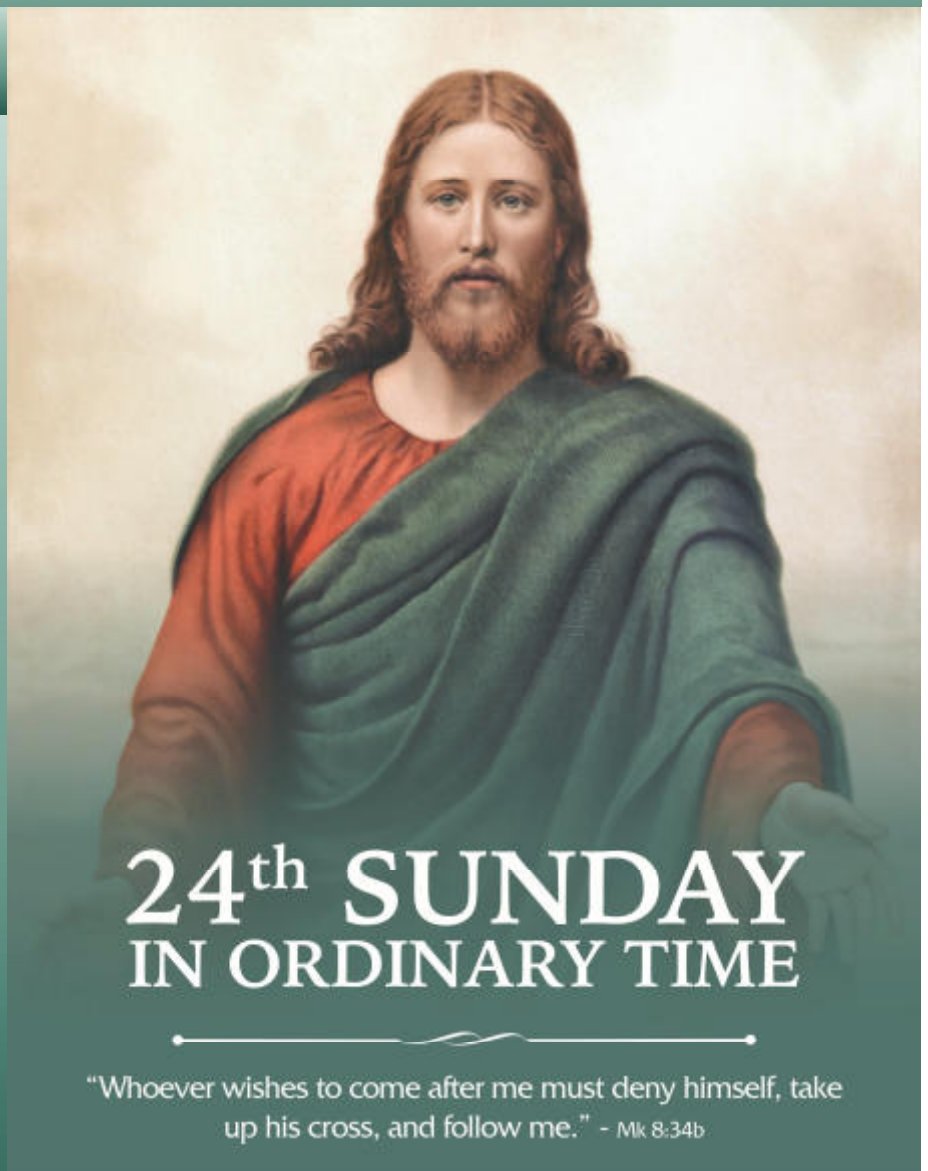
Please call the parish office to arrange a time to meet with the priest and to schedule. Allow 6 months preparation time for marriage.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

7.30 am St Paul before Friday morning Mass @ St Pauls
5.30pm St James Saturday evening
Or call Parish Office to schedule your confession

Home visits & Sacrament of the Sick

Please call Father Letona at 608-562-3125 for information.



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LETONA

Dear brothers and sisters,

"Take up your cross..." what impactful words those would have to the apostles in today's gospel (cf Mark 8:27-35). We can easily fail to recognize the horror that line would have evoked in their minds and hearts. The cross was an instrument of excruciating torture and death. It was a sign of the power, might, and brutality of Rome. The Romans could say "if you cross us, we will cross you (that is, put you on a cross), pun intended. The Lord saying "take up your cross" is not like a platitudinous greeting card, he meant business.

While we may not have to carry a cross of wooden beams, we may carry a cross of sickness, illness, injury, heartbreak, depression, addiction, passions, or sinfulness. We carry those crosses so that we can allow those sinful, broken parts of our lives to die, and those true aspects of who we are before God, to rise. For, after Good Friday, is there not an Easter Morn?

This is why our Lord precedes this line with a prediction of His death and resurrection, that He will go through it first. Yet, Saint Peter would have none of that. Even in the hope of a better life, many Christians also struggle to change the sinful parts of their lives.

That is why Saint James in the second reading (cf James 2:14-18), addresses the members of the church struggling to change. Some who were wealthy still hadn't allowed their greed to die on the cross of selfishness. We can't simply be Christians in name only; James reminds us that faith without works is dead. It certainly isn't easy, or pretty, to carry our cross, but it is the Christian thing to do. It is, paradoxically, hopeful. That cross is the path to a personal resurrection; it is what Christ will use to redeem each of us.

On Saturday September 11th, we observed the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks which destroyed the World Trade Center, damaged the Pentagon, brought down flight 93 and took thousands of lives. One of the scenes I will never forget from the news during that sad and wrathful time was a cross-section of broken metal beams standing amidst the smoke and rubble. That cross beam had come crashing down as the building collapsed and planted itself above the pile of rubble that had once been a towering 94 story building. It was as if the rubble was Mount Calvary. For many it was their Calvary. But it was also as if our Lord were speaking to us saying "I am with you, and your cross is my cross."

Many years later, on April 15th, 2019, a fire ravaged the great Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. The world watched as this grand cathedral, dedicated to Our Lady the Mother of God, was engulfed in flames. After the roof and great spire fell and the fire was finally put out, firefighters in Paris opened the Grand Doors of the Cathedral expecting to see utter destruction. As the doors opened, piercing through the black cloud of smoke the golden cross from the altar could be seen reflecting the light. There too, it was as if our Lord were saying to us "all is not lost, I am here."

September 14th is the Feast of the Exaltation, or Triumph of the Cross, the day when Empress Helena found the beams of the cross under Mt Calvary in Jerusalem. The cross of our Lord will be with us, and stand victorious in the end, even when it seems our world is crashing down and going up in flames all around us. Cling to the cross, unite your crosses to the one true Cross of Our Savior Jesus Christ. "Stat Crux Dum Volvitur Orbis," that is "While the world turns, the Cross remains" (Carthusian Motto).

God bless you all,
Father Robert Letona

Character Builds Families

Are we teaching our children about their faith? continued.

3. **Read the gospel together on Sundays and put yourselves in the scene.** "There's something so special about reading the Gospel and talking about it as a family," she said. "And then at Mass, everyone has heard the Gospel already and prayed about it and talked about it, so they get more out of it. I've seen a lot of fruit over the years doing that in our family."

4. **Set aside time and space for prayer.** Besides making a physical space to pray, parents can make times of prayer a natural part of everyday life. "Pray throughout the day and point out good things God has given us. At night before bed, talk over the day and the gifts, graces and blessings God has given today," she said. "When you do these simple things when they are little, it gets ingrained into their hearts and who they are as persons."

(Stay tuned for next week and 2 more suggestions to continue teaching the faith to your children every week)



Please remember our Military and their Families

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FOR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS.....

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For our Deceased

Clayton Hansen	Frank Machnik	Ellen Henthorne
Marcella Hirt	Wilda Paulson	Walt Weber

Please call the office if you would like to add or remove a name.

Secretary's Corner

Sept 18th is the feast day of St Joseph of Cupertino. He was taken into the Franciscan friars in 1625 and desired for union with Christ so much that at times he levitated. He died in 1663.

Ways to honor the saints in September in your home

This month's celebrations focus on the Blessed Mother and other saints who show us the way to Jesus.

September is the month devoted to the Seven Sorrows of Mary, and we can make it a prayerful reparation to our Blessed Mother's Sorrowful Heart. Marking the days of this month with meaningful celebrations will make the start of a new school and work year so much more satisfying. Let's mark our calendars now!

Sept 15th Bring Joy to Our Lady of Sorrows

It's a day for us to journey with Mary who so lovingly and sorrowfully journeyed the Way of the Cross with her Son. Remembering Mary's seven sorrows means remembering how deeply Our Blessed Mother can understand and assist us during our sorrows. It's also an important day for us to seek to console her. One way to do just that is to pray the Seven Sorrows devotion.

Sept 21 Throw a party for God with St Matthew

Before St. Matthew was apostle and author of one of the four Gospels, he was Levi, tax collector and famous sinner. He is remembered for getting up from his tax booth immediately once Jesus called him to follow. Levi left everything behind to become Matthew. But too often forgotten is the very endearing thing he did just as soon as he decided to leave all his wealth and power behind — he threw a party for Jesus! "... Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax booth. 'Follow me,' He told him, and Levi got up, left everything, and followed Him. Then Levi hosted a great banquet for Jesus at his house." This story is a great reminder of how we should celebrate when we make earthly sacrifices for Jesus, and how being a follower of Jesus is worth celebrating.

Sept 23 Pray, Hope and Don't worry with Padre Pio

Beloved St. Padre Pio is famous for advising, "pray, hope and don't worry." So let's take his advice today. One way to look at it is this: If you pray, you'll have hope. And if you have hope, you will let go of worry's tight grip. So let's pray in a special way today. Go to Mass ... pray the Rosary ... go to Confession! Padre Pio is famous for being a great confessor. What better way to celebrate him than by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament is such a great way to rid ourselves of the anxiety, depression, and the lack of hope that comes from sin. Confession gets rid of worries as our souls become unburdened and joyful. What better way for self-improvement is there? We got this!

Sept 29 Announce, Heal and Protect with the Archangels

St Michael is Archangel of Protect say his prayer daily. St Gabriel is Messenger Archangel, this is a great day to send a message of joyful announcement or proclaim good news. Send a card to someone. Hold the door and say "God Bless you"

St Raphael is Archangel of Healing, pray for someone who is sick, arrange for a Mass to be said for them. (aleteia.org)

Family Builder Idea:

Watch this week with your children *The reluctant Saint: The Story of St. Joseph Cupertino*.

Sometimes children see saints as distant and only in pictures. As we go through our study of saints under the faith in formation we will learn about some saints who strived only to put God as their center. And yet others like St Joseph Cupertino only wanted to be union with God, not held as a saint.

Enough showtime with your children with this classic and talk about different ways with that we live our lives to work toward becoming saints.

Attend in person

6 pm Sat. St James, Camp Douglas

8am St Michael's Indian Creek

10 am St Paul's New Lisbon

24nd Sunday of Ordinary Time with

Father Letona 10:00 am

Readings

Is 50: 4c-9a

Ps 116: 1-6, 8-9

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8: 27-35

Weekday Mass @ St. Paul's

Tue—Fri 8.30 am

Feast of The Exaltation

On the Web

- YOUTUBE Father Letona, Masses from last year
 - Like our parish page on Facebook
 - Saint James, Saint Paul & Saint Michael Parishes
 - www.mjpcatholic.com
 - In person for private prayer
- Sunday 11am—7pm
Monday Noon—7pm
Tuesday—Saturday 9am—7pm

St James Schedule Sept 18

Lector

Maggie Jilek

We are looking for volunteers for usher, read and money count... PLEASE CALL Kris @ 608-562-3135

Money Counter

Maggie Jilek

St. Michael's Schedule Sept 19

Lector

Rachel Tambornino

Offertory

Suspended until further notice

Ushers

Kevin Kriigel/John Ollendick

Money Counters

Sue Bloom/Therese Schuh

St. Paul's Schedule Sept 19

Lector

Mary Schumer

Ushers

Tom Heindl

(If you can't fill your roll please notify the office two weeks before hand)

Eucharist Minister

Rose Clark

Money Counter

Lisa Vinz/ volunteer

FORMATION IN FAITH:

Saint of the Day for Sept 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on." To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

Reflection

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

Announcements for Tri-Parish

Learn of the Love that God is

On FORMED.ORG watch these movies to learn about the different saints of our time and how they overcame adversity.

Sept 18 **St Joseph Cupertino** The Reluctant Saint: The Story of St. Joseph Cupertino

Sept 23 **Saint Padre Pio** Padre Pio: Miracle Man, Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

St Paul's

St. Paul's Cemetery

A burial plot is **for sale**

The plot is located front left corner as you enter the cemetery second row 9th plot.

For more information please call Bob Koca @ 715-498-4547

St James

Thank you to all who visited us during the Rummage sale and for those who purchased tickets for our fundraiser raffle.

St Michael's

Mass of Thanksgiving

There will be NO 8am Mass Sept 19th Sunday.

For the completion of our remodeling project on **Sunday, Sept 19th at 2:00pm**. A reception will follow.

Please RSVP to Rachel Tambornino at 608-427-2090 or email tambyfam@gmail.com.

PCCW does intend to have a **Christmas social and basket/gift raffle** once again in December - date to be announced later.

Just a heads up so everyone can be thinking of an idea and/or creating their work of art.

Monetary donations or purchased gift items are welcome as well!

CCD Students/Parents

St Michael's & St James & St Paul's

Start date is September 15th

General Announcement

St Patrick's

Fall Festival Sunday, Sept 12 starting after Mass

Drawing of raffle will held at 2.30 pm.

Food, Kids games, Silent auction, Beer Tent, Bingo

Craft booth, 50/50 raffle every hour, Sidewalk cafe



ST. PAUL

Intentions for our Tri-Parish

Saturday Sept 11

@ St James 6pm

For the People

(photo by K. Mitch Hodge)

Sunday Sept 12

8 am @ St Michael's

+John Strangle by Karen Riggs

10.00 am @ St Paul's

+Ernest Salter by Janette & Rick Barrett

Monday Sept 13

NO MASS

Tuesday Sept 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

+AJ Suehs by Suehs family

7 pm Mass @ St Paul's

Wednesday Sept 15

+Gib Saylor by Jason & Adrienne Baumgart

Thursday Sept 16 Infant of Prague Novena

Deceased members of Oscar Hemmingway & Machnik families by Frank Machnik

Friday Sept 17 Infant of Prague Novena

+Jason Blohm by Jason & Adrienne Baumgart

Saturday Sept 18 Infant of Prague Novena

@ St James 6pm

+Nancy Mann by Margie Lowe

Sunday Sept 19 Infant of Prague Novena

8 am @ St Michael's

For the People

10.00 am @ St Paul's

Living & Deceased Members of Bunker & Wyss families by Pat Wyss

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St. James

Saturday Sept 11

For the People

Saturday Sept 18

+Nancy Mann by Margie Lowe

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Votives/improvements \$240.00

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St. Michael

Sunday Sept 12

+John Strangle by Karen Riggs

Sunday Sept 12

For the People

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