

**ST. MARY**  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
STAR CITY

3346 University Ave. Morgantown, WV 26505 • 304-599-3747

February 14, 2021 • 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00pm, Sundays, 8:30am, 11:00am, en español a la 1:00pm**

**Daily Mass\*: Mon. 6:30pm, Tue.-Thur. 9:00am** \*please see schedule inside for any changes or cancellations.

Radio broadcast at 8:30am on 1300AM WCLG & 92.1FM, and TuneIn channel Morgan 92.1



## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b



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## Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday

Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case of marriage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at [stmarystarcity.com](http://stmarystarcity.com)

For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

## Sacraments

**Baptism:** (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Please call Kathy 304-225-1163 for information.

**Reconciliation:** 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

**Order of Christian Initiation:** Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults— *The Order of Christian Initiation*, RCIA please contact Please contact Kathy Kerzak (304) 225-1163 /kkerzak@comcast.net for information

**Marriage:** Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

**Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound:** When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Upon request and communally as scheduled

### **Bulletin Deadline:**

**Tuesday@Noon**, email or written copy please,  
no bulletin announcements will be taken over the phone

**Email:** stmaryschurch@comcast.net

**Subject line:** attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement

## Spirituality of the Readings – Be Made Clean



The liturgical year and the spiritual life coincide.

This is a certainty. But how to explain it? Let me say what I understand, since it is the reason I write these reflections each week.

(1) The goal of spiritual life is to let oneself be increasingly open to the God of all creation. Doesn't liturgy help in this?

(2) You and I are constructed so that we become ourselves completely when (and only when) we do #1 explicitly or implicitly.

(3) We love and are loved insofar as this takes place, whether we know it or not.

(4) Jesus lived among us as a human being in time and space. Liturgy gradually exposes us to that.

All the above is the "spiritual life," at least in this way of looking at it. Maybe we can think here about number (1) and this week's Gospel.

The gospel stories this year are being told by Mark, just as they were told last year by Matthew. The most vivid of the gospels is Mark's. He is direct and uses fewer words, but he has more concrete details. Last week Jesus did not just "cure" Peter's mother-in-law, a bland way of putting it. He "grasped her hand, and helped her up." When Jesus stills the storm at sea, he is not just "in the boat," he is "at the stern" of it according to Mark, and he is not just asleep, but asleep "on a cushion."

Mark's approach helps us to get the texture of the story, to listen with our imaginations, to let the life of Jesus enter in. As we receive Jesus, the Word of God, we open to the God of all creation. We share his life spiritually, partaking of it in ritual: we recall it in the readings and we receive it as sacrament. Whether we realize it explicitly or not, our goal is to "know him more clearly, love him more dearly, follow him more nearly."

So, as hearers, we begin by quieting down, perhaps admitting how little each of us is, and we let the life of Jesus speak to us in the readings.

We might notice several things in this Sunday's Gospel: the man who walks up to Jesus covered with scales and scabs is breaking the law. As long as the sores are on him he should "dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp," according to the explicit instructions of the First Reading. He should be ringing a bell and crying out "Unclean, unclean!"

But Jesus does not mind. In Mark's words, Jesus is "moved with pity." Just three words, but they tell us so much.

There follows a wonderful statement from the leper. "If you wish, you can make me clean." He has to believe in Jesus' power in order to say such a thing. It is a confession of faith.

Jesus answers, "I do will it. Be made clean." Direct, honest, so revelatory of God. The whole life of Jesus seems to consist of this desire to help those who are in trouble, to give to those who have a seed of faith, who are sharing in "spirituality."

Finally, in an extraordinary move, Jesus stretches out his hand and touches the man. The ancient belief was that this sickness was communicable, and at the very least it was disgusting. Yet Jesus reaches out to him with care and says, "Be made clean."

Let's pray and ponder in our hearts this wonderful story from Mark. It tells us about God.

Doesn't it help us open to the God of all creation?

John Foley, SJ

## Giving Summary

**Last Sunday's Offering**  
\$6,621.00

**Online Giving**  
\$2,556.35

**Attendance:** 236

For ease of accounting, **separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes, including special collections, Mass intentions, memorials, and donations to different funds e.g. Trust Fund for the Poor, Debt Reduction, etc. Thank you for your help!

## Recent/Upcoming Special Collections

**1/31**—Church in Latin America

**2/17**—Church in Central and Eastern Europe

**2/21**—Black and Indian Missions



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[www.stmarystarcity.com](http://www.stmarystarcity.com).

## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

February 14, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm Jim Cyphert  
 Sunday, 8:30am Abraham Lucci  
 Sunday, 11:00am For the People  
 Domingo, 1pm Pour La Comunidad de la Parroquia

Monday 2/15 Weekday in Ordinary Time  
 6:30pm In honor of Michael Aldridge

Tuesday 2/16 Weekday in Ordinary Time  
 9:00am Intention of Celebrant

Wednesday 2/17 Ash Wednesday  
 9:00am Kathy Koloff  
 12:00pm For the People  
 6:00pm Intention of Celebrant

Thursday 2/18 Thursday After Ash Wednesday  
 9:00am Pat Griffith

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

**\*In the event of a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled\***

February 21, 1st Sunday of Lent

Saturday, 6:00pm Arthur Toccino  
 Sunday, 8:30am For the People  
 Sunday, 11:00am Intention of Celebrant  
 Domingo, 1pm Pour La Comunidad de la Parroquia

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

30 minutes prior to each Daily Mass  
 (Mon.-6:00pm, Tue.-Thur.-8:30am)

And during lent—Saturdays 5:00-5:40pm  
 (Feb. 20, 27 & Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27)

\*times may change based on any changes to the weekly Mass schedule



### The Bread and Tabernacle Candle

the week of February 14th are in honor of **Jim Cyphert** from Rena Cyphert.



### Misa en español

Todos los domingos a la 1:00 pm

### Spanish Mass

Every Sunday at 1:00pm



**Adults who have yet to be Confirmed** are invited to join our spring preparation classes, which begin February 7th. Please contact Kathy Kerzak for more information at kkerzak@comcast.net, or (304) 692- 8881.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

### Sunday, February 14

8:30/9:30 Religious Ed. (Refer to schedule)  
 9:30-10:45 RCIA  
 Confirmation Rite of Enrollment (at Masses)  
 1:00pm NA Meeting  
 6-8:00pm Middle School Youth—Zoom

### Monday, February 15

7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Mtg-Narthex

### Tuesday, February 16—Mardi Gras

6:30pm NA Meeting

### Wednesday, February 17—Ash Wednesday

9:00am Mass  
 12:00pm Mass  
 6:00pm Mass  
 7:00pm Catholic Homeschoolers Bible Study

### Friday, February 19

12:00pm Stations of the Cross/ Reconciliation

### Saturday, February 20

5:00-5:40pm Reconciliation

### Sunday, February 21

8:30/9:30 Religious Ed. (Refer to schedule)  
 9:30-10:45 RCIA  
 1:00pm NA Meeting  
 6-8:00pm Confirmation Session 1— Peace Hall



**We welcome Paxton Gage Chichester** who was baptized this weekend.



## Lenten Season

### Ash Wednesday: February 17th Mass Times:

9:00am, 12:00pm, 6:00pm

### Stations of the Cross

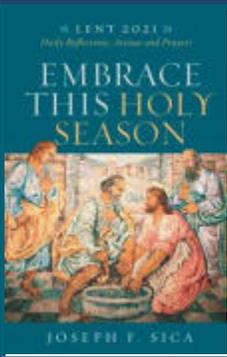
**Mondays:** Starting Mon, 22 Feb., Fr. John will lead stations of the cross *immediately* following 6:30pm Mass.

**Fridays:** Beginning Fri, 19 Feb., lay led stations of the cross will be at 12:00pm. If no leader signs up for that week, there will be booklets available for self-guided stations. Fr. John will hear confessions during this time.

### Reconciliation

**In addition** to the normal times before daily Mass, there will be reconciliation on Saturdays from 5-5:40pm, and during Friday stations of the cross beginning at noon.

**Please continue to check back for any changes or additions**



Lenten reflection books "Embrace this Holy Season" can be found in the church, and on the table in the Christian Formation Center entry. Suggested donation \$1 ea.



Keep in touch with us  
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

**We want to connect with you this Lent!**

Please **TTJ** (text-to-join) our Flocknote network.

**Text the word "starcity" to 84576**

**OR** connect with us online at:  
**StMaryStarCity.flocknote.com**



**Position Opening:**

St. Mary is looking to hire a new business/office manager. While the person chosen will need a variety of skills, some of the basic skills and experience necessary will be a good understanding of financial accounting with a familiarity with Quickbooks online. Additional skills will be good communication with the broader public and with the parish staff and various groups within the parish. Basic computer skills are also a necessity. This is full-time 35-40 hours a week. Compensation will be determined by experience. Please contact the office if interested and to set up an interview with the pastor.

**Tax receipts** for 2020 have been mailed to those who have made contributions of \$250 or more.  
If you would like a statement, but haven't received one, please call or email the parish office.

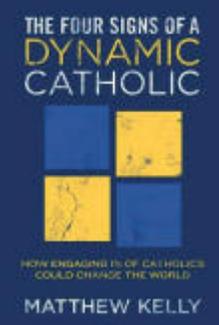
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Your donations help provide lifesaving support to more than **159 million people** in more than **100 countries.**

**We are called**—Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl.

**Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl** from the church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



**Lenten Book Study**

**Led by Fr. John "Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic"**  
by Matthew Kelly

**Tuesdays during Lent: February 23, March 2, 9, 16 & 23**

**@6:30 pm**, ending no later than 8pm

**in the Narthex**, to allow for distancing. Please sign up on the sheet in the church, or call the office 304-599-3747

**To purchase your book:**  
**Visit:** [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com) and search for Four Signs of Dynamic Catholic  
**Or** you may purchase an eBook or hard copy elsewhere



**Stations of the Cross**  
**Fridays during Lent**  
**12:00, Noon**

**To lead, please sign up in the Church.**

If there is no leader signed up, there will be booklets available for self-guided stations.  
Fr. John will be available for reconciliation during this time.

Below is the budget that the Parish Finance Council has prepared for the year 2021.

Fr. John will be available to answer any questions after Masses on the First Sunday of Lent, February 20/21.

## Budget

Money In.	2020	2021
Regular Envelopes/E-giving	\$365,000	\$365,000
Loose Offertory/Flowers	\$17,000	\$17,000
Bequests and Donations	\$53,500	\$20,000
Interest Bank and CD	\$95	\$50
Rent Income (Office & Facilities)	\$18,250	\$8,400
Debt Reduction	\$17,024	\$10,000
Candles	\$1,400	\$1,400
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$472,269</b>	<b>\$421,850</b>

Money Out.	2020	2021
Priest Salary	\$87,000	\$35,000
Staff Salaries	\$186,825	\$189,600
Withholding Taxes	\$2,340	\$2,300
Social Security Taxes	\$10,010	\$10,000
Priest's Health Insurance	\$19,300	\$0
Employer's Share Staff Health Insurance	\$29,100	\$22,000
Employer's Share Retirement DEF	\$8,760	\$9,000
Worker's Comp Ins.	\$2,060	\$2,000
Rectory Food and Expenses	\$4,100	\$4,000
Office Expenses	\$14,300	\$14,000
Liturgical Expenses	\$8,650	\$7,000
Religious Education Expenses	\$1,900	\$4,000
St. Francis Tuition	\$37,000	\$37,000
Misc. Program Expenses	\$7,000	\$7,000
Utilities	\$43,850	\$40,000
Maintenance & Repairs	\$4,400	\$4,500
Cleaning and Upgrades	\$10,000	\$10,000
Interest on Debt	\$55,000	\$45,000
Cathedraticum	\$20,500	\$14,000
PHRA	\$32,600	\$28,000
Misc. Expenses	\$6,200	\$7,000
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$590,895</b>	<b>\$491,400</b>

Money Left Over		
Income minus expenses	-\$118,626	-\$69,550



With the rising cases of COVID-19 in our area, St. Ursula **really needs volunteers** in **less at-risk age groups** for several jobs, especially sorting donations of clothes and toys.

Call (304)599-3822 to speak with Ginny or



**St. Ursula Food Pantry needs:**

**\*\* Soup and Cereal\*\***

**Baby & Toddler Program needs:**

**\*Diapers** (All sizes, but especially 4, 5, 6)

**\*Toddler-sized Winter Clothing**

(Especially 3T, 4T, & 5T. No other children's



**Donations for St. Ursula Food Pantry and Outreach may be placed in the labeled bins in the church, or dropped off in the baskets in the CFC entry.**



**Mass intentions are being accepted for 2021.**

The suggested donation is \$20 for a weekend, \$10 for a weekday. Please call the Parish Office if interested, 304-599-3747.

Please note that any Masses cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as a global pandemic, inclement weather, or a funeral, will be moved to the next available 'like' date and time e.g., Daily Mass on Tuesday moved to another Tuesday, 8:30 Sunday Mass moved to another 8:30, as available.



**Memorial Donations for Bread and the Tabernacle candle are being accepted for the year 2021.**

The requested donation is \$40. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested, 304-599-3747.



**St. Mary Church Ruby Read Box, Take a Book, Leave a Book**

**NA Meetings** St. Mary Church, Star City  
Tuesdays-6:30pm, Sundays-1pm

**To find other meetings near you,** visit  
<https://www.na.org/meetingsearch/>



We have Hearing Assistance Devices available for use during Mass. If you would like one, please ask an Usher.

**Sunday, Feb 14, 2021**

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Staying the course**

Quarantine is hard on relationships: both with the people you can't yet risk seeing in person, as well as those with whom you happen to be locked down. Families that have survived a long year of "acute togetherness" might congratulate each other on their success. Spouses, too, might reward each other for going the distance, without much distance, since last spring. On this World Marriage Day, take some time to reflect together on ways your vital relationships have been tested in a long period of crisis. Ask for forgiveness where necessary. Offer yours freely.

TODAY'S READINGS: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45 (77). *"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."*

**Monday, Feb 15, 2021****Lead by example**

Presidents' Day—celebrated every February between Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays—is an occasion to remember all the presidents of the United States. Certainly some of them have been better than others. Our job is not to sit on the sidelines and criticize and complain. The church wisely instructs us on our duty as citizens "to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom." That goes for participation in any community—get involved and raise it up!

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13 (335). *"Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation."*

**Tuesday, Feb 16, 2021****Enjoy the feast before the fast**

Today is Fat Tuesday. Whether you call it Mardi Gras, Carnival, or Shrove Tuesday, the popular practice of one last big, sumptuous feast—right before the asceticism of Lent—actually had a very practical motivation. In the days before refrigeration, people couldn't preserve certain foods (like eggs, cream, and butter) during the time of prolonged fasting. They had to use them up. Nowadays, that's not the case for most of us. So it's worth considering: What does the feasting of this day signify, in contrast to the great fast that's approaching? Perhaps it's gratitude—for God's generous abundance.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21 (336). *"Do you not remember, when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand?"*

**Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021**

ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

**Invitation to love**

We enter the Lenten journey with the intention to draw closer to God by means of prayer, generosity, and fasting. Talk to God and share what is on your mind, read the daily scripture, practice the prayer of meditation. Find ways to be generous with time or treasure: write a card, heal a broken relationship, bake bread to share, donate to a group that cares for the underserved. And admit that some fasting—whether from gaming, social media, or worrying—could improve your connection to God. This Lent is an opportunity, not a burden. Embrace it with hope. Live it with love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew

6:1-6, 16-18 (219). *"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart."*

**Thursday, Feb 18, 2021**

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

**Choose life**

Today's readings focus on the urgency of choosing life. Moses tells his people to choose life over death; Jesus says we save our life by losing it in him. Meanwhile, events nationwide and worldwide keep reminding us that black lives matter and, as Catholic bishops put it, "everyone belongs." The disproportionate death of people of color from poor healthcare, poverty, abortion, crime and violence, judicial bias, and more cries out for major reform. Support life in all its diversity by learning more about racial injustice as a prolife issue.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25 (220). *"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."*

**Friday, Feb 19, 2021**

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

**Make abstinence a healthy habit**

The wisdom of making Lenten Fridays meatless has endured for centuries. We now understand that meat consumption at current levels is not only unhealthy, but unsustainable. Ever more Amazonian rain forests are cleared for grazing. Hundreds of activists have been gunned down trying to protect this biodiverse land and its poor settlers against the interests of powerful ranchers and loggers. Among the martyrs is Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, whose death 15 years ago brought new attention to the plight of the farmers and the devastation of the Amazon for the sake of beef. Why not extend your meat abstinence beyond Lenten Fridays?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15 (221). *"Would that today you might fast so as to make your voice heard on high!"*

**Saturday, Feb 20, 2021**

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

**Off to a good start?**

This is only the fourth day of Lent, and already we had a day of fasting and abstinence on Wednesday and another day of abstinence yesterday. During Lent back in the Middle Ages, Catholics weren't supposed to eat anything before 3 o'clock. In the monasteries, that was the hour the "Nones" prayers were recited. So no eating until after Nones. But the monks would move the Nones hour up to 12 o'clock so they could eat earlier. That's how the 12 o'clock hour got the name "noon." While we can eat at any hour today, every day is a good day to control our appetites. What hunger stands between you and a peaceful heart? Can you put it on pause at least for a day?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32 (222). *"I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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### Safe Environment Reporting

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

### Will or Estate Planning

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to: "The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

February 14,  
2021

Sun.: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45  
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32  
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15  
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The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops, and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. Where a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential. If you have any other kind of complaint about a bishop—such as parish assignments, church closings, or homily contents—please address those directly to your diocesan or eparchial bishop instead. Sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or a staff member or volunteer of the Church should be reported to the Office of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. So, to be sure you get the help you need, phone numbers and addresses may be found at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under the accountability tab. If you are the victim of sexual abuse (or any other crime), please contact local law enforcement.



The Annual Soup and Bread Luncheon is changing in 2021  
due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### What is staying the same?

- Location : Mylan Park
- Date: The last Saturday in February 2.27.21
- Hours of operation : 11 am until 2:30 pm
- Local restaurants donating soup
- Empty Bowls continues to support local meal programs, food pantries and backpack programs

#### What changes are being planned?

- This luncheon will be a drive-thru event
- Reduced ticket price – \$15 for 2021
- Serving cold soup in takeout containers
- No ceramic bowls this year
- Holding an online auction. Look for details on [ebmon.org](http://ebmon.org) & Empty Bowls on Facebook



#### Why are we holding a different type of luncheon in 2021?

- An estimated 12,000 Monongalia County residents regularly experience food insecurity
- The rate of food insecurity for Mon. Co. residents is projected to rise to a level of 16.3 % in 2021
- More than 20 local pantries, meal programs, & backpack programs depend on Empty Bowls' funding
- Local restaurants, even in trying times, have agreed to support the luncheon by donating soups.
- During the pandemic we cannot safely gather for our sit-down traditional soup and bread luncheon.

#### How can you help?

- Volunteer to help with the luncheon. Details will be provided on the Empty Bowls website: [ebmon.org](http://ebmon.org) and the Empty Bowls Facebook page.
- Purchase tickets for the luncheon. Tickets will be available online and at some local businesses. Details will be provided on the Empty Bowls website: [ebmon.org](http://ebmon.org) & the Empty Bowls Facebook page. Or, send your donations directly to Empty Bowls at the address provided below.
- Share this information about the 2021 Soup Luncheon with your friends and family



## Wear a mask. Save lives.

Wear a face cover

Wash your hands

Keep a safe distance



## DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.

Always keep your mask up over your nose and mouth and under your chin.



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Choose a face mask that fits snugly and comfortably without needing frequent adjustment.

If you are unable to attend the 2021 Soup Luncheon and still want to help please send a donation to: Empty Bowls Monongalia, 7 Rousch Drive, Westover, WV 26501 or call 304 241-5510

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Readings and Gospel

### FIRST READING

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron,  
“If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch

which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants.

If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

“The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare,

and shall muffle his beard;

he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’

As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean.

He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

#### The Word of the Lord.

### SECOND READING

#### A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Brothers and sisters,

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,

do everything for the glory of God.

Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or

the church of God,

just as I try to please everyone in every way,

not seeking my own benefit but that of the many,

that they may be saved.

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

#### The Word of the Lord.

### A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.”

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand,

touched him, and said to him,

“I do will it. Be made clean.”

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.

Then, warning the him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything,

but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed;

that will be proof for them.”

The man went away and began to publicize

the whole matter.

He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.

He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

#### THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

**Primera lectura****Lectura del libro del Levítico**

El Señor dijo a Moisés y a Aarón: “Cuando alguno tenga en su carne una o varias manchas escamosas o una mancha blanca y brillante, síntomas de la lepra, será llevado ante el sacerdote Aarón o ante cualquiera de sus hijos sacerdotes. Se trata de un leproso, y el sacerdote lo declarará impuro. El que haya sido declarado enfermo de lepra, traerá la ropa descosida, la cabeza descubierta, se cubrirá la boca e irá gritando: ‘¡Estoy contaminado! ¡Soy impuro!’ Mientras le dure la lepra, seguirá impuro y vivirá solo, fuera del campamento”.

**Palabra de Dios.**

**Segunda lectura****Lectura de la primera carta del apóstol san Pablo a los corintios**

Hermanos: Todo lo que hagan ustedes, sea comer, o beber, o cualquier otra cosa, háganlo todo para gloria de Dios. No den motivo de escándalo ni a los judíos, ni a los paganos, ni a la comunidad cristiana. Por mi parte, yo procuro dar gusto a todos en todo, sin buscar mi propio interés, sino el de los demás, para que se salven. Sean, pues, imitadores míos, como yo lo soy de Cristo.

**Palabra de Dios**

**Evangelio****Lectura del santo Evangelio según san Marcos**

En aquel tiempo, se le acercó a Jesús un leproso para suplicarle de rodillas: “Si tú quieres, puedes curarme”. Jesús se compadeció de él, y extendiendo la mano, lo tocó y le dijo: “¡Sí quiero: Sana!” Inmediatamente se le quitó la lepra y quedó limpio. Al despedirlo, Jesús le mandó con severidad: “No se lo cuentes a nadie; pero para que conste, ve a presentarte al sacerdote y ofrece por tu purificación lo prescrito por Moisés”. Pero aquel hombre comenzó a divulgar tanto el hecho, que Jesús no podía ya entrar abiertamente en la ciudad, sino que se quedaba fuera, en lugares solitarios, a donde acudían a él de todas partes.

**Palabra del Señor.**



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