

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Immaculate Conception Church

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19: 1-2, 17-18

1 Cor 3: 16-23

Mt 5: 38-48

Monday

Weekday

Sir 1: 1-10

Mk 9: 14-29

Tuesday

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Sir 2: 1-11

Mk 9: 30-37

Wednesday

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5: 1-14

Mt 16: 13-19

Thursday

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Sir 5: 1-8

Mk 9: 41-50

Friday

Weekday

Sir 6: 5-17

Mk 10: 1-12

Saturday

Weekday

Sir 17: 1-15

Mk 10: 13-16

Sunday

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49: 14-15

1 Cor 4: 1-5

Mt 6: 24-34



*Saint Polycarp
Bishop and Martyr*

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Weekly Schedule

Rosary: Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri.
 after 8 am Mass
Confessions: Saturday 3 pm- 4 pm
Mass Times: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8 am
 Wed 7 pm
 Saturday 5 pm
 Sunday 7 am, 8:30 am, 11 am
Spanish Mass: Fourth Sunday of the month- 8 am
 (Parish Center)



Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Nola Tarantino who is celebrating her 100th birthday on February 18th. May God keep her and all her family in his tender care.

CCD/Religious Education

Classes will be held this Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 9:30 am in St. Mary's Grade School.

Please feel free to contact Sr. Maria, SJI with any questions or concerns.
 304-622-8243

smchirandu@gmail.com

Presentaion of Gifts for this weekend will be made by the following

First Communicats

Saturday 5:00 pm: Gretchen Scheuvront
 Sunday 7:00 am: Jillian Calvert
 8:30 am: Shepard Paugh
 11:00 am: Cameron Bruce

Attention CCD Parents: A Faith Sharing Group has been started for all parents of CCD students during the time children are in their classes. Refreshments provided. Come to the first room to the right after you enter St. Mary's School.

Come and join us for Mardi Gras. Our annual pre-Lenten celebration will take place on Sunday, February 26th after the 11 o'clock Mass in the Parish Center. The menu will consist of shrimp and chicken jambalaya, red beans and rice, coleslaw and desserts. Beverages will be provided. Hope to see you there!



Altar Servers Schedule

February 25-26

Saturday-5 pm

A Rogers
 A Rogers
 K Kolodziej



Sunday-7 am

M Oliverio
 L Halterman
 M Fittro

8:30 am

S Lopez
 J Cullen
 F Fitch

11 am

C Palmer MC Palmer
 N Palmer O Urse
 N Palmer



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. 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.

Prayer Line

Call one of the **Team Members**
 Marcie Smith: 304-842-4845
 Folly Basile: 304-622-6129 or
 Carol Gould: 304-622-7771



I.C. Men's Group

Next Meeting will be held
 Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6 pm
 in the Parish Center.

We will continue with the 12 part series on
 receiving the Holy Spirit.

All Men Welcome!

R.C.I.A

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Class will be held on February 23, 2017 in the Parish Center at 7 pm.

The topic:
"Explanation of Lent".



Looking to deepen your faith?

Join us for the **Magnificat** Chapter of Morgantown Inspirational Prayer Breakfast, March 4, 2017 at Lakeview Resort. Our inspirational speaker is Lynn Marlin. Born and raised in a dysfunctional and alcoholic family, Lynn will share her story of how God's restorative love healed her physically and spiritually, and graced her with the gift of charismatic scripture.

Magnificat is a ministry to Catholic women aimed at strengthening and sharing our faith.

WHAT: Morgantown Magnificat Inspirational Prayer Breakfast

WHEN: Saturday, March 4, 2017, 9 am to noon (doors open at 8:15am)

WHERE: Lakeview Resort, 1 Lakeview Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508

GUEST SPEAKER: Lynn Marlin

RESERVATIONS: Cost \$20. Must register by February 25, 2017. Register online at magnificatmorgantown.org or call Pat at 304-296-8950. No tickets sold at the door.

The Gentle Mastery of Christ A LENTEN RETREAT

St. Francis de Sales Parish Saturday, March 4, 2017 1:00-5:00 pm with Deacon John Yaquinta and Mr. Frank DeGeorge. To Register, please call the Parish Office at 304-296-5853. Or email your name & phone number to jyaquinta@dwc.org.

Child Care provided if needed.



Parish Nurse News

Saturday, February 25: The Ministry will host a Friends and Family CPR Course from 9AM to 12 Noon. The class will include adult CPR, use of the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and Rescue Breathing. Registration will start at 8:30AM and refreshments will be served. The Parish has recently acquired 2 AEDs, one for the Church and one for the Parish Center. Please call Theresa White at 304-623-1302 to register.

Saturday March 4, 2017: The *Seasons of Hope* Program will resume and will be held from 10AM to 12 Noon in the Parish Center. The Parish Nurse Ministry is proud to present a bereavement program. Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed and that they shall be comforted. Seasons of Hope can help us to cope with a loss that we have experienced in our lives. This can include the loss of a loved one, a job, divorce, etc. *Seasons of Hope* offers the bereaved an opportunity to come together and share in God's love with the support of the faith community. We are blessed to have Judy Labdik, a Licensed Social Worker who has facilitated this program before helping us. Please call Theresa White at 304-623-1302 or Mary Jo Flaherty at 304-622-4147 to register. This will be a small group so if you are interested, please call early.

Tuesday, March 28: The Ministry will host the 2nd Annual Kidney Foundation **FREE Kidney Screening** in the Parish Center from 11AM to 2PM. Watch for more information.



Join Fr. Casey Mahone on a pilgrimage to Italy departing September 26, 2017 and returning October 7, 2017. Cost of trip is \$3,572.00 which includes round trip transportation; hotels, breakfast daily, five dinners; visiting Venice, Milan, Lake Como, Sirmione, Cinque Terre, Florence, Assisi, Rome, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast with an optional excursion to Capri (\$98). Flyers available in the vestibule. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Anita Petrella at 304-481-3222 or ampetrella@yahoo.com. Space is limited – Early reservations are strongly recommended.

Mass Intentions



February 18 & 19, 2017 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Margaret C. Lucas

Sunday: 7:00 am: People of the Parish

8:30 am: John "Pappy" & Lucille Lopez

11:00 am: Al "Coach" Castellana

Monday: 8:00 am: Mary Venettozzi

Tuesday 8:00 am: John Fuscaldo

Wednesday: 7:00 pm: For Vocations

Thursday: 8:00 am: John "Pappy" Lopez

Friday: 8:00 am: Nancy Davisson
Anniversary

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Saturday: 5:00 pm: Sam Brunett
Anniversary

Sunday: 7:00 am: Florence & William Burnett

8:30 am: Emi Okada

11:00 am: People of the Parish

Pastor's Pondering

“The unexamined life is not worth living.” These words were spoken by Socrates at his trial when he chose the death sentence over exile. For Socrates, the pursuit of “wisdom” – philosophy – was the most important pursuit above all others. Though neither a Jew nor Christian, there is a lot that is admirable in these ancient Greek philosophers that contributed to Christian thought. It’s why we studied them in Seminary. Socrates found ethics to be important, not just winning or “getting ahead.” He exemplifies making the “noble” choice even in the face of death.

The same philosophy is there in Christian moral thought. We worship a God who made that “noble choice” to come among us as a man, to suffer and die, with the same human fear, doubts and questions that we experience. God, in Christ, chose to remain faithful to the will of His Father even when it meant the cross and grave. Our Salvation was motivated purely by Love **“God so loved the world,”** **John 3:16.** Jesus embraced the Father’s plan with abiding Faith and Trust **“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding”** **Proverbs 3:5** Jesus taught his disciples to strive to live in the same Love and Trust. The early martyrs exemplified such profound discipleship as do suffering Christians today, wherever they may be. All men and women will eventually face the ultimate questions. When we have a brush with death, whether by accident or diagnosis people often gain an entirely new perspective and reorganization of the priorities in their lives.

My “brain tumor experience” of 2012 was an occasion of new insights for me. A caregiver by nature, it was a new and humbling experience to be “the one being cared for.” My best friend (a priest in Iowa) came to Clarksburg after my sister left, to help in that period of my recovery. Now I am going out to Iowa to help him. While visiting a parishioner he had a sudden hemorrhage from a blood vessel in his stomach, collapsed and lost half of his blood volume. After 4 days in ICU his doctors explained that if he had been driving or alone when it happened he would probably not have lived. As you read this I am in Iowa for a few days to return the favor and assist him in his recovery. **Faith, Friendship, Family.** These are ultimate values that give life meaning. As priests, we don’t build families of our own outside the family of faith that we call the Church. That family of faith stretches from earth to heaven and includes many souls, great and small, known and unknown, who have gone before us. **Thursday, Feb 23rd, is the Feast of St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr from the year 107.** I have long had a “friendship” with St. Polycarp. I look forward to our Lenten class about him and his friend and fellow martyr, Ignatius of Antioch. Polycarp was an elderly fellow when he made the “noble choice” even in the face of death. When invited to escape death by renouncing Christ he replied: “For eighty-six years I have served Jesus Christ and he has never abandoned me. How could I curse my blessed King and Savior?” Gumption! Holy Gumption! I look forward to my return and celebrating his feast with my family at Immaculate Conception. Consider growing in a life well examined by joining us this Lent for the class on **Ignatius and Polycarp.** (3 Monday evenings beginning March 20th) **Sign-up sheets are in the vestibules** to reserve a copy of their letters. Letters from your friends and mine.

Blessings,

Fr. Casey