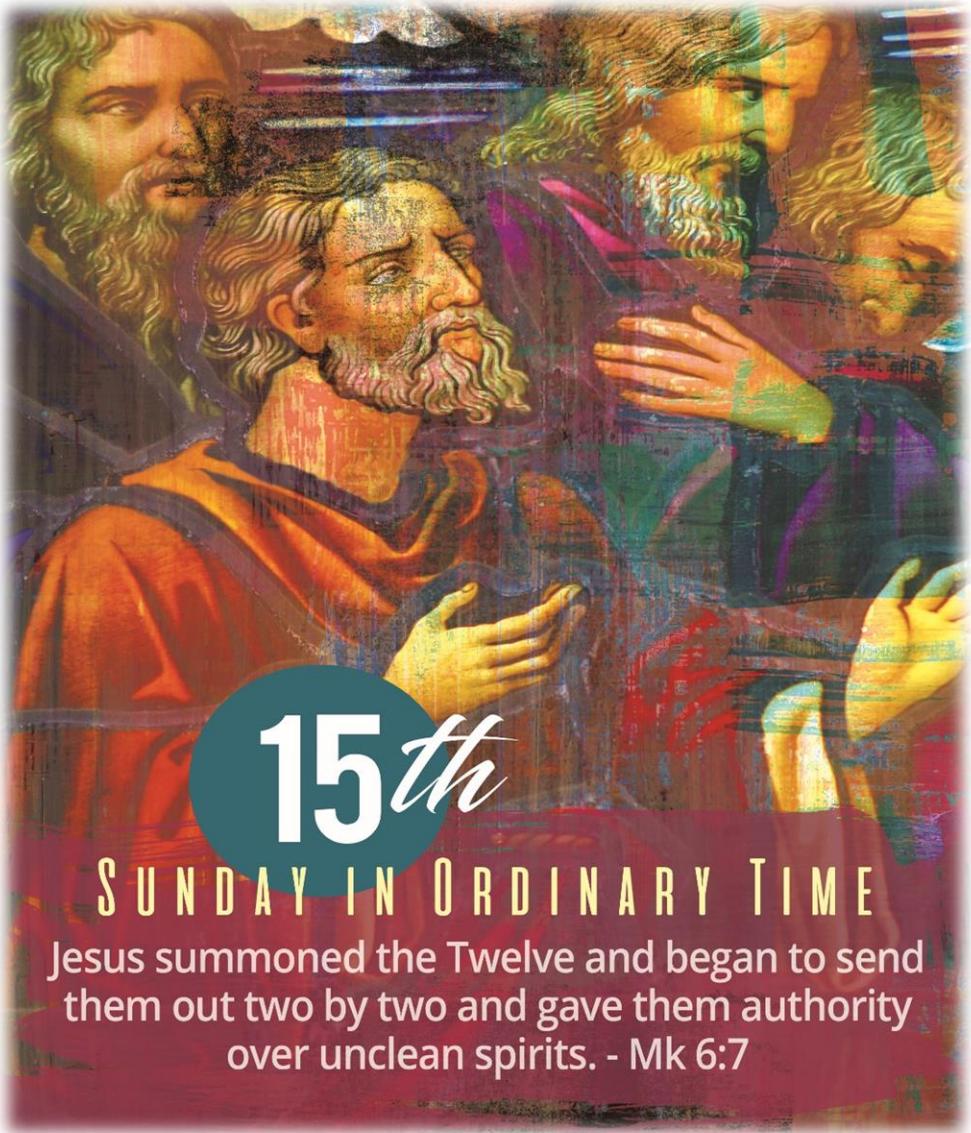


Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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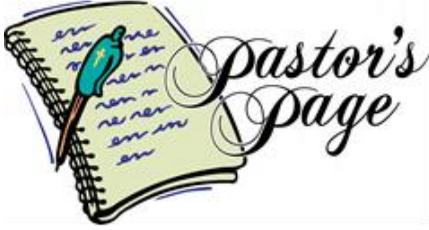
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**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 15, 2018**

When I started as a college chaplain nine years ago, one of the first gifts I received was a \$15,000 check from someone at the local parish who died. They had bequeathed a more sizeable amount to the parish but, designated some to our ministry. That was a huge amount for us, and it really helped get the ministry started in the right way. At that point just three years into priesthood, I learned the importance of bequests (gifts or remembrances from one's will).

Recently, a friend told me the story of a couple who was remarkably generous in giving to their church. The husband died, and someone asked his wife if her husband had remembered the parish in his will by way of a bequest. She said no, that they didn't know that they could or should. I think that they were even looking for good charities to which to leave their sizable estate beyond their family. I'm sure their pastor was kicking himself for not even mentioning to his congregation about remembering the Church in their wills! It was not only important in that specific instance, but in general. The future of many parishes depends on bequests from parishioners.

This week and next, I will include excerpts from an article by Laura Fletcher at uscatholic.org, "You can't take it with you: Estate planning with a conscience" (August 2014). Also, we will soon create and distribute a parish brochure on planned giving. I will be available to speak with you privately about this and answer any questions you might have. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this.

May you know the peace of Christ,

Fr Greg

“You can't take it with you: Estate planning with a conscience”

(Part 1 of 2)

None of us want to think of the world going on without us. But if we plan wisely, we can help to leave it a better place for the next generation.

“Most of our gifts come from average folks, rank-and-file Catholics,” says Richard Balmadier, director of planned giving for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which provides emergency relief and development programs in countries worldwide. “It’s not unusual for me to see a six-figure gift come in as a bequest, look at our database, and find this person gave us \$20 a year for 20 years. . . . They can hold on to these resources during life because they’re not sure if they’re going to need them, and that really gives donors an opportunity at the end of their lives to make a huge philanthropic gift. At the end of a lifetime, a modest home might be \$200,000, a modest IRA \$100,000—but that’s three \$100,000 gifts.”

Till death do us part

...Nationwide, nearly 60 percent of Americans have no will whatsoever. This includes 64 percent of baby boomers, according to a 2012 poll by the Associated Press and *LiveStrong.com*. It also includes a full 50 percent of Americans with children, reports online legal service *RocketLawyer.com*, which conducted a similar poll in 2011.

Most Americans without wills believe that they don’t have enough assets to make the legal document worth the cost. But these days, the Internet has made the process fast and cheap. Websites like LegalZoom and Rocket Lawyer can create a legal will for \$20 to \$50 within 10 to 15 minutes. While many people may not have assets to bequeath in their wills, the document is the all-important vehicle for naming guardians for children, providing instructions for one’s end-of-life care, and appointing a trusted person with power of attorney...

As it stands now, the percentage of Catholics who have put the church in their wills is around 6 percent, with the percentage who have left money to charities aimed at the poor and disadvantaged likely far lower, says Christopher Reilly, a certified estate planner and author of *Estate Planning for Catholics: How to Lovingly Share Possessions Beyond Your Lifetime* (Xlibris). Reilly attributes this to poor communication on the part of parishes and poor infrastructure for planned giving in many charities.

In contrast, Ted Rosean, a securities broker and estate planner based in Wilmette, Illinois, points to the successful model seen in other faith communities. “Many synagogues in the northern suburbs of Chicago advertise the slogan ‘Just 5 percent of your estate endows our future,’ ” he says. “It’s important to remind people that they don’t have to give everything to the church—a small amount can make a big difference.”

Healing Prayers for: Delores Abrams, , George Thomas, Yvonne Lesesne, Deacon Ralph Cyrus, Burdell Thomas, Angella Greene, Frederick McNeil, James Anthony Murphy, Earnest Ingram.Jr., John Howard, Iris Best, Dorothy Hollis, Calvin Best Gisele Best, Lezeal Rorie, Lillian Taylor, Veronica Brown, Deacon McBurnett Smith, Marsha Carlson-Meyers, Dr. Dee Jones Adams, Barry Robella, Father Dan Vitz, Eleonora Best, Jane Rhyne, Faye Lyon, Abby Fargo, Mildred Selmar, Heather Wooten-Rollins, Brenda Newman, Courtney Barlow, Christine Jones, Benjamin Davis, Ronald Horton, Veronica Harris, Teresa Wilkinson, Pauline Haggins, Dorothy Sylvester, Darlene Jones, Paul Higgins, Audrey Saunders, Pauline Johnson, June Murphy **Our Homebound Parishioners:** Corinne Bachiller, Sybil Depeazer, Louvenia Gray, Fr. Charles Green, Pauline Johnson, Barbara Thompson, Yvonne Samuel, Audrey Saunders, Joan Shields, Viola Walker

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK-July 15, 2018

Do you describe yourself as a holy person? For many, becoming holy may not be seen as a desirous goal. We are all called to be holy but maybe not in the way we often imagined. Holiness is nothing more than doing ordinary things with great love and faith. St. Teresa of Calcutta says, "Holiness is not something extraordinary. Holiness is for every one of us as a simple duty -- the acceptance of God with a smile, at all times, anywhere and everywhere." Holiness has to do with understanding that our faith has a lot to do with how we see and live life. It is that simple. Are you willing to go about the simple business of your life and be holy?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK -Mk 6:7-13

Jesus commissioned the Twelve Apostles to preach repentance, exorcise demons, and heal the sick. How is this still the fundamental mission of the Church?



READINGS FOR THEWEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17 Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9 Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5 Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

ONE MONTH MEMORIAL MASS CELEBRATIONS AND MASS INTENTIONS

All daily Masses are available for Mass Intentions. Please give the office a call if you would like to have a Mass offered for someone.



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Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

- Mk 6:7, 13



Announcements

To All Our Visitors Welcome to Assumption Catholic Church. We are glad that you are here! To become registered parishioners, please obtain a registration form, from one of our ushers.

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration “Come Let Us Adore Him”. Could you commit to one hour per week? Transform your spiritual life and your relationship with Our Lord by committing to spend more time with Him. We have Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Volunteering at the National Shrine

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites you to become a Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel, Director of Visitor Services, at 202-526-8300, x111 or dsteel@bnsic.org. Thank you for your interest in this special volunteer ministry.

World Youth Day 2019 Join the Archdiocese of Washington for the 2019 World Youth Day

The celebration to be held in Panama from January 21–29, 2019. The theme of the event is “I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:38). Registration is open to ages 16-35, If you are under 18 years old, please register with parent or parish chaperone. For info or to register contact Tex Phelps in the Office of Youth Ministry at phelpst@adw.org

Triumph of the Cross Celebration Sister to Sister: Proclaiming Our Season of Faith and Power! A Day of Reflection hosted by the Sisters in the Spirit Archdiocese of Washington here at OLPH on September 8th. Registration begins at 9:00 am. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Roy Lee, PhD, Archdiocese of Atlanta. Tickets: \$35 includes continental breakfast and lunch. Bring your bibles! Tickets will go on sale July 1st. For info contact Burman Hill at 240-620-4556 or Cherry Neal at 301-6413719.

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA



On July 14th, we celebrate the feast of the "Lily of the Mohawks." St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American woman to be canonized. Orphaned by a smallpox outbreak, Kateri survived with severe scarring and impaired eyesight. Despite tragedy, she was a devout girl at a young age, often building crosses from sticks in the woods. When she was 18, she began secret instruction in the Catholic faith with French missionaries. Her commitment to Christianity and vow of virginity was misunderstood and ridiculed by her fellow villagers. She escaped to a nearby mission, where she attended daily Mass, taught the children, and cared for the sick and the elderly. Sometimes the greatest misunderstandings can come from those closest to us. Like St. Kateri, God invites us to be faithful to our commitments of faith and to always respond in love.

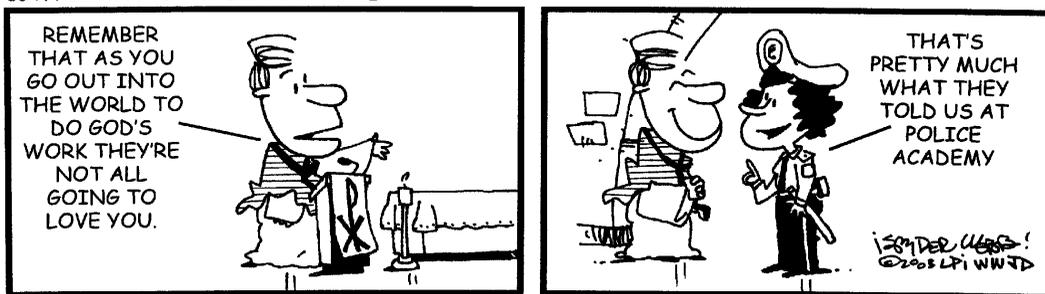
Save the Date - Mother of Africa Pilgrimage

The archdiocesan Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach invites you join a special Mother of Africa Pilgrimage on Sunday, September 16 from 2-4pm in the Upper Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception 400 Michigan Ave., NE. For further information contact Sandra Coles Bell at 301-853-4469 or culturaldiversity@adw.org.

Fiat Camp for Young Women

"Fiat" is Latin for "Let it be done." This was Mary's response to the angel Gabriel when she was asked to become the mother of Jesus. At Fiat Camp, young women will be challenged to become fully who they are – to embrace the unique gifts given to them by God and to discover the great dignity of their vocation as a woman. For this year's camp for young women who are rising 9th-12th Graders, the Archdiocese of Washington is partnering with the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The camp will be held from July 27-29 at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD, and it includes prayer, talks, discussions with religious sisters, games, and sports. Fee is \$150 (sibling discounts & scholarships available). Details and registration at www.quovadisfiat.org.

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