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and E. 22nd St., 410-235-8169 and
St. Francis Xavier Church,
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PASTORATE MASS SCHEDULES

SATURDAY St. Francis Xavier: 5:00 pm
SUNDAY St. Francis Xavier: 8:00 am & 11:00 am; St. Wenceslaus 9:00 am; St. Ann: 11:00 am
WEEKDAYS Tues. 8:00 am & First Friday Adoration and Mass : 8:00 am (as announced in bulletin) - St. Wenceslaus
Wed. 10:00 am & Fri 8:00 am - St. Francis Xavier; Thurs. 7:00 pm - St. Ann
HOLY DAYS As announced in the bulletin

CONFESSIONS:

Please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment for confessions

DEVOTIONS:

Prayer Before the Crucifix Novena -

Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m.

First Friday Holy Hour for Vocations - 8:00 a.m.

BAPTISMS:

Adult candidates and parents of infants are invited to contact the pastor so that we can begin preparations for baptism.

MARRIAGE:

We extend a warm welcome to couples desiring to be married in the church. Please contact us early (six months or more) so that we can work with you to prepare for your wedding.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

Please notify the pastor when a member is unable to come to church. We will be happy to provide pastoral care at home or in the hospital.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday School classes for children and youth meet every Sunday in the Church rectory from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. To register call the church office or Ms. Edith Pumphrey, Director, at 410-488-7069.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We urge you to register as a member of the parish, so that we can keep you informed of church activities. We will be happy to provide you with church envelopes to assist you in the support of the church. You may register in person at the church office weekdays between 9:00 to 2:00 or by completing the following form.

Name _____

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Check:

- New Registration
- Moving out of Parish
- Change of Address
- Want Envelopes
- Catholic Review Yes No

Please cut out and drop in the collection box or mail to the rectory.

SAINT WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 14, 2018

This Week's Reflections . . .

Beyond Good Intentions:

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Mark 10:17

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Jesus tells him that he must keep the Commandments, to which the young man responds that he has observed them from his youth. But then Jesus says something that this young man never expected Him to say. He says, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Ouch! This must have stung this rich young man in the heart. The passage continues by stating that this young man walked away sad as a result of what Jesus said.

The young man started with good intentions, that is clear. But good intentions are not enough. Following Jesus and gaining eternal life is an all-consuming and radical commitment of every part of our lives. It's not enough to tell Jesus that we will keep the Commandments, but that's all. Sure, that may get us into Purgatory, but what we should desire is Heaven! So how do we obtain Heaven?

We only obtain Heaven through a life of perfection. Yes, it's true. If we want Heaven, we must ultimately become perfect in every way. Every worldly attachment must disappear and every sin must be overcome. Our good intentions must turn into a radical and total gift of self to Jesus, seeking Him and only Him.

The rich young man walked away sad because he failed to realize that Jesus' invitation to him to give everything away was actually an act of love. He did not understand that he would find happiness in this radical commitment to follow Christ.

Reflect, today, upon the radical call of Jesus in your life. He wants every part of your life. You may have good intentions of trying to be good, but are you willing to go all the way following Christ in a full and unlimited way?

Lord, I love You and I want to love You more. I want to love You with my whole being. Help me to realize that following You requires a radical and complete gift of myself to You. May I be ready and willing to let go of any attachment in life that keeps me from following You. Jesus, I trust in You.

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PRAYER REQUEST

Remember to keep in prayer our sick, homebound and recovering members, especially **Essie Allen**, **Jean Bennett** (Naomi Bennett's daughter-in-law), **Denise Branch** (Audrey Wesson & Jerry Branch sister), **Jacob Conway**, **Irene Gist**, **Fr. John Raymond Lyons** (Arthur Lyons brother), **Albert J. Novak, II** and **Evelyn Turner**. Remember also Fr. Xavier,

family, friends, the elderly, the lonely, the poor, destitute, unemployed, homeless, helpless, our city, those who serve our country in the military, those who have no one to pray for them, our world and all the needs recorded in our parish prayer intention book.

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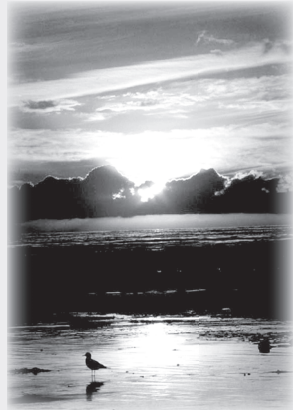


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