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Where Heart Speaks to Heart

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 11, 2019

Newman
Catholic Student Center

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be.

Luka 12:34

All that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours.
-Mark 11:24

Please join us in prayer for the Family of Gordon Cheniae, Father Richard Mohr, Father Ken Schaefer, the Throgmorton Family, Brian Bruce, Rozella Campbell, the Family of Jennifer Lundsten, Andra and Gary Florer, Suzanne Harju, Mark Cornell, George and Carol Timson, Terry Silas, Antonio Herique, Rebecca Cerven, Newman Auxiliary, the Knights of Columbus, and all in our community in need of prayer.

To add a name call 529-3311.

Sunday Scripture Readings

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-9
Luke 12:32-48

Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

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Area Mass Schedule

Newman Center
Sunday 11:15am and 5:15pm
Tuesday & Thursday at 5:15pm
Confessions Tuesday after Mass

Saint Francis Xavier (457-4556)
Saturday 5:30pm; Sunday 9:00am & 12:15pm (Spanish); Monday 12:15pm; Wed. 7:20am; Friday 5:30pm

St. Andrew (687-2012)
Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 11:00am

Weekly Calendar

Monday 8/12

Office Open 9:00-4:00pm

Tuesday 8/13

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1:15pm Bible Study

5:15pm Mass

Wednesday 8/14

Office Open 9:00-4:00pm

4:00pm Centering Prayer

6:00pm Connect to Christ

Thursday 8/15

Office Open 9:00-4:00pm

12:15pm Mass

1:15 Book Club

5:15pm Mass

Friday 8/16

Office Open 9:00-4:00pm

Saturday 8/17

Office closed

Sunday 8/18

11:15pm Mass

Welcome Back Picnic



Thoughts from Paul Angelis . . .

A central theme in today's readings is something we hear little of today, or at least in serious terms, **faith**. We have heard the details so often but imagine what it must have taken for Abraham to go out into a foreign land based on the promises made to him by God. Also for both he and Sarah to look forward to a child, again promised by God, when all normal patterns of life told them that this was impossible. And was not Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son, Isaac, a sign not just of obedience but faith?

In today's Gospel we see Jesus instructing his disciples to not be afraid but to act like faithful servants who wait patiently for their master to return. He stresses, as well, the need to be prepared for all eventuality. All this no doubt raised many questions for these followers of Jesus but the sense we are left with is that they would follow his guidance. And why was this? I contend that it was because they had faith in Jesus and in all that he was passing on to them from the Father.

Is faith something we see in today's world? In every aspect of life in this country today and many others we see constant calls for hope, a clear sign that we need to look for ways to abandon all the negative features dominating our society – fear, hatred, greed, animosity, and bigotry. But we cannot have hope, I contend, without **faith**. If there is no belief in something beyond ourselves, in particular the existence of a supreme being who supports and loves us from birth to death and beyond, what reason is there to hope or to listen to those who urge us to hope?

The growing sense in America that everything revolves around ourselves, that there is no need for government, for appreciation of what others besides ourselves have contributed to society and for what we can learn and share with our fellow human beings throughout the world means that we have faith in nothing. So why and how can we hope for anything different? The events we hear of in today's readings, although from a time ages ago, should serve as examples of what faith can mean and therefore give us hope for the future.

In looking at the calendar and at what scripture may tell us for today, it is also helpful to pay attention to those who have come before us and have merited the title of saint. Today is the feast of Saint Claire. A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, she led a pious life which led her to establish a religious community of women known even today as the Poor Clares. Famous throughout Italy, but especially in Assisi, that holy city in Umbria, as Santa Chiara, she should serve as a model for us all. She was a person of faith, hope and charity. Saint Clare, pray for us. -Paul

“Whatever is at the center of our life will be the source of our security, guidance, wisdom, and power.”

~ Stephen Covey



You are welcome to join our *Connection to Christ* small group every Wednesday at 6pm in the Media Lounge for a discussion of how the Gospel reaches every part of our lives. If you would like to explore Scripture, improve your prayer life, share your faith with others, and grow closer to Christ, please join us.

August 18, 2019

Mass Coordinator: Sharon Lorinska
Lector 1: Sharon Lorinskas
Lector 2: Paul Angelis
Host: Ray Einig
Cup 1: Beth Ponce
Cup 2: Sandie Beebe
Cup 3: Tim Feather
Cup 4: Brian Klubek

Greeter: Norma Flores



Food for Thought Volunteers

Every Thursday at 6:00pm we serve a free meal to students. We are in need of help. If you like to cook and are willing to help on one of the Thursdays,



please sign up in the lobby. Newman will supply the food. If you would just like to contribute dessert, or help someone else cook, please see Tim.

Welcome Back Picnic

Our Annual welcome back picnic is August 18th. We are in need of desserts!



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Needed: Volunteers for our “Welcome back picnic” on Sunday, August 18th. ***

Desserts are welcome....



The Assumption of the Virgin Mary

Join us Thursday, August 15th for the Holy Day of Opportunity

12:15pm Mass
5:15pm Mass



Gifts of Compassion: A Healing Ministry

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God

(2 Corinthians, 1: 3-4).

The Gifts of Compassion program is a joint effort by Saint Francis Xavier and the Newman Center to oversee the coordination and availability of meals, transportation to health-care appointments, simple postcards to be sent through the mail, invited phone calls to check in on well-being, shawls, social time for caregivers or families, and potential small, cheerful gifts. Individuals in need of support or their caregivers will contact the committee members or chair to indicate their need for support. PSR classes may participate in fundraising efforts for the ministry. Call the St. Francis parish office @ 618-457-4556 to volunteer or if you need help.