

Maneline

ST. MARK Catholic Community

How Did We Get the Bible?

By Deacon John Allen

Catholics have become increasingly interested in reading and understanding the Bible. In our own parish, many people participate in the Scripture-focused groups, *Little Rock* and *Small Communities of Faith*. The *Great Adventure Biblical Timeline Course* was well attended, and sessions on the Bible have been offered in the *Sunday Morning Program* and in *Maturity Matters*.

As Catholics become more involved with the Bible, they often have questions:

- Who wrote the Bible?
- How was the decision made on which books to include in the Bible?
- Why are there differences between the Catholic Bible and the Protestant Bible?
- Why were the Gospels written?

Who Wrote the Bible?

God is the ultimate author of Sacred Scripture, but the human authors of the various books are also true authors. God provided the stimulus for writing and protected the text against error, and He respected the individuality, creativity, and culture of the human authors. Biblical scholars try to discover the way that the human authors were expressing their ideas. We, too, rely on scholarship to understand better the truths that the Bible conveys.

Who Decided which Books to Include?

The term “Canon” refers to the collection of books that make up the Bible. The books of the Canon are seen as authoritative and inspired by God and are appropriate for reading in public worship. The Christian Bible has two Canons — the Hebrew Canon or the Old Testament, and the New Testament.

Jews generally view the Hebrew Canon as

consisting of three subcollections — the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings. The Torah, the first five books, is also called the Pentateuch or the Law. Moses is traditionally revered as the author of the Torah, with the final few verses of Deuteronomy, describing Moses’ death, assumed to have been written by Joshua. Although Moses may not have been the author of the texts in a literal sense, the Torah is viewed as written under his authority. Scholars believe that the Torah is actually a compilation of four earlier documents developed over 600 years. Various sections of the Torah were composed in different places and reflect somewhat different emphases and perspectives.

The Torah was “canonized” in its present form by the 4th century B.C., although some books, especially Deuteronomy, were accepted as authoritative much earlier. The Prophets was canonized around the 2nd century B.C.

The third part of the Old Testament, termed the Writings, includes Wisdom Literature (such as Proverbs, Job, and Psalms), as well as histories, such as Judges, Kings, and Chronicles. The Writings was not canonized until after the beginning of the Christian era.

There are two Jewish Canons. The Palestinian Canon is the basis of Jewish Bibles today and is referred to as the *Masoretic Text*. Although the Masoretes did not exist as a group of Jewish scholars until the 7th century A.D., it is believed that they fairly accurately copied the Palestinian Canon. The second Canon is termed the *Septuagint*, abbreviated as *LXX*, the Roman numeral for 70. The legend was that it was translated from Hebrew by 70 scholars working independently for 70 days and coming up with

identical texts of the Bible in Greek. The LXX was developed between the 3rd and the 1st centuries B.C. outside of Palestine, most likely in Alexandria, Egypt, where there was a large community of diaspora Jews, the majority of whom could not read Hebrew. The LXX included seven books (Judith, Tobit, Baruch, Sirach or what we used to call Ecclesiasticus, the Wisdom of Solomon, and First and Second Maccabees, as well as additional sections in Esther, Daniel, Jeremiah, and 1 Ezra, that are not found in the Masoretic version of the Bible.)

Jews living in Palestine did not see these texts as inspired. They were written outside of the Holy

Land and were assumed to have not been originally written in Hebrew. Some scholars believe that these books were also disparaged because of being supportive of Christianity. Analysis of the Dead Sea Scrolls, however, suggests that some of the books were originally written in Hebrew rather than Greek, and that in many instances the LXX is more eloquent and clear than the Masoretic text. The New Testament cites the LXX texts 340 times but the Masoretic version of the Old Testament only 33 times. The texts are quite similar.

The method for determining canonicity for books of the Old Testament is less clear than that for those of the New Testament. The major criteria seem to be acceptance by the Jewish community; use in public worship; and content related to a major Jewish theological theme, such as the Covenant. Being composed in Hebrew and being very old were also important considerations for Palestinian Jews.

Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles Different?

Although the New Testament is identical for Catholics and Protestants,

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Catholic Bibles use the LXX for the Old Testament; Protestant Bibles include the Masoretic text, although sometimes they also add the seven books from the LXX in an appendix called *Apocrypha*. Catholics often refer to these books as “deuterocanonical,” and they reserve the term *Apocrypha* to spurious texts, such as the 30 or so Gnostic gospels and fanciful infancy narratives, literature written between the Old and the New Testaments, and some Christian documents, such as the Didache, the Epistles of Clement, and the Shepherd of Hermas.

The Canon of the New Testament was established fairly soon after the time of Christ. Ironically, this was partly in response to Marcion, a Gnostic heretic who lived in the middle of the 2nd century A.D. He conceptualized the existence of two gods, a god of matter, who is prominent in the Old Testament, as opposed to a god of good, who is spiritual and is described in the New Testament. Marcion felt that many of Jesus’ teachings were incompatible with the God of the Old Testament and that Jesus’ did not actually have a physical body. He discarded the Old Testament, denying that it was inspired. From the New Testament, he retained only 10 of Paul’s letters and an expunged version of Luke’s Gospel. Marcion’s effort to develop his own canon of biblical texts prompted several of the Church Fathers to define the Canon of Scripture. An important document, the “Muratorian Fragment,” dating from the second half of the second century A.D., gives a list of books in the New Testament

but includes some ancient texts not considered canonical; it is unclear whether the list reflected general teaching of the Church. This list is identical to our current New Testament Canon except that it does not include Hebrews 1 and 2, Peter or James.

Around the same time, Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, and Origen provide lists the New Testament books, very similar to the books we recognize as constituting the New Testament. By the the end of the 4th century, lists of New Testament texts by St. Athanasius, Pope Damasus, and Pope Innocent I correspond exactly with our current New Testament canon. The Councils of Hippo and Carthage held in the 390s to early 400s also list the books of the Canon as we know it.

Canonicity for books of the New Testament was established by four criteria:

- The books had to be old, coming from Apostles or their closest companions.
- The books had to be accepted by the Christian communities that claimed establishment by the Apostles, especially Rome, Antioch, Alexandria, and Jerusalem.
- The books had to be used in the liturgy.
- The books had to correspond to what is termed the “rule of faith,” that is, the books had to reflect the widely held belief system of the Christian faithful.

Why Were the Gospels Written?

Jesus died between 30 and 33 A.D. The Gospel of Mark, probably our oldest Gospel, was not committed to a written form before 66 A.D. Paul’s letters are

older than the Gospels and are the earliest discussions of some important events in Jesus’ life, such as the institution of the EUCHARIST at the Last Supper and post-EASTER appearances of Jesus.

Originally, the “Good News” referred to oral accounts of Jesus’ words and actions. As the Apostles were dying and as it became more apparent that the end of the world was not immanent, the Evangelists likely felt that it was important to write the Gospels to preserve the experience of Jesus on the earth as accurately as possible. Also during this time, Israel was in conflict with Rome, and Jerusalem was soon to be destroyed. Written Gospels helped Gentile Christians and subsequent generations of Christians to retain a linkage with the historical Jesus and His culture.

The four Evangelists wrote their Gospels in different ways to address the needs of their particular Christian communities, with their differing cultural experiences and concerns, and because they wanted to highlight certain teachings and aspects of Jesus. Our reference source for this is Eusebius, a court official under Constantine, who wrote an important history of the Early Church and who cites the Church father Papias concerning issues of Gospel authorship and audiences.

Academic study is important because it aids our understanding and appreciation of the Bible. Still, we should always bear in mind that the Bible is of far greater significance than other interesting and important literature. It is the Word of God and shapes our faith!

The Weekend of Adventure!

By Nancy Novelly, Director of Liturgy and Music

On the afternoon of Saturday, May 9, Tom Novelly entered the Church to set up music equipment for our 5:30 p.m. Mass. He discovered a huge pile of boards, nails, and plaster lying on the floor of the Main Aisle, directly in front of the Altar. He realized that it must have been the paneling covering the venting system in the highest portion of the ceiling above the Altar, where the stained glass is. The other side of the paneling was damaged but still hanging, as were several of the spotlights.

Father Pat asked Tom and Nancy to prepare quickly the Msgr. Cassidy Activities Center for Masses that weekend. Our Youth Ministry team had already set up that room for the Mother’s Day Flower

and Bake Sale, so there was quite a scramble to move tables, cakes, decorations, and flowers to the Narthex! The Youth Ministry staff and teens, along with members of the 5:30 p.m. Choir, Darcie and Greg Girmus, staff members Tim O’Connor and Modesto Cancho, as well as the Novellys and Father Pat, pitched in to help. They brought 300 hymnals from the Church and set up 500 chairs in the Activities Center; guitarist Jim Barrett quickly set up the sound system and equipment; others set up an Altar, Ambo, Paschal Candle, Cross, Altar Candles, and flowers. One hour later, everything was finished and ready to go for Mass!



As parishioners and visitors gathered in the “old church,” they were greeted by gold 50th Anniversary ribbons and decorations, festive lighting, and a fully functioning team of Liturgical Ministers ready to celebrate. It was later determined that the paneling that fell was not structural but merely decorative. A team headed by Dan Fountaine worked to remove the other side of the paneling, reattach the dangling spotlights, and paint the exposed vents. After the repairs and the cleaning of the church, all was finished in time for CONFIRMATION that same Thursday, May 14. Great work, everyone! Many thanks to all who helped during our “weekend of adventure!”

Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church

By Mary Fisk

Each year, we set aside the month of May as a particular time to celebrate Mary as God's Mother and ours. What do we know about this woman of humble simplicity and yet infinite diversity who had such a unique role in salvation history?

New Testament

From the Gospels and Acts, we see her in pivotal moments in the life of her Divine Son. At the Annunciation, we hear her called a woman of grace, and implicitly of the love that grace entails; her acceptance of God's invitation marks her as a woman of faith. In her Magnificat, she displays hope and trust in God who keeps His promises. Later, we see her as nurturer, as one who accepted although she does not understand and who ponders that she might understand. At Cana, we find a mother who sympathized with the embarrassed newlyweds and unabashedly nudges her Son forward on His journey — and all that the journey implied. At Calvary, we glimpse her torment and her grief, and we hear in her silence her mute acceptance of Her Son's gift of her to John and to the Church. And we find her giving witness as the Church is born.

Councils and Popes

The image of Mary emerging from Scripture has been brought into sharper focus over the centuries. The Council of Ephesus in 431 AD declared her to be the Mother of God. The Lateran Council in 649 AD termed her Perpetual Virgin, a title that Vatican II reaffirmed. In 1854, Pope Pius IX, in his Apostolic Constitution, *Ineffabilis Deus*, stated that she is the Immaculate Conception; she confirmed this title four years later when she appeared to Bernadette at Lourdes. Pope Pius XII, in his encyclical *Munificentissimus Deus* in 1950, proclaimed in the doctrine of the Assumption that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven.

Titles and Devotions

The Litany of the Blessed Mother has some of her numerous titles accumulated over centuries. Many countries and

peoples have developed particular devotions to Mary. A simple walk around the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., displays some of the many ways that individual peoples show their love for her: Vietnamese, African, Slavic, Slovakian, Slovenian, Irish, French, Indian, Lithuanian, Polish, and many more. At *ST. MARK*, we incorporate the May Crowning after the First EUCHARIST Masses; with the children, we give flowers to our mother as a gesture of love and gratitude.

Pope Francis

The Pope begins and ends each of his many trips around the world with a visit to a Marian chapel. In 2014, he told priests and seminarians gathered for the World Vocations Day that "A great relationship with the Blessed Virgin helps us to have a great relationship with the Church: they are both mothers... what can be said of Mary can be said of the Church and also of our soul. All three are feminine, all three are mothers, all three give life.... if you do not have a great relationship with the Virgin, you have something of an orphan in your heart."

Pope Francis has a special devotion to Our Lady as the Undoer Of Knots. He discovered this devotion while studying in Germany in the 1980s, when he visited a church that has a painting of Mary in heaven surrounded by angels. She stands on the crescent moon crushing the head of the serpent, Satan. She holds a long ribbon and is untying a large knot, one of several on the ribbon.

The inspiration for this depiction of the Blessed Mother may arise from a Church Father, St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, who was martyred in 203. He wrote that the disobedience of Eve was the cause of death for herself and the human race; Mary's obedience was made the cause of salvation for herself and for the whole human race. Mary's obedience unloosed the knot of Eve's disobedience.

As archbishop of Buenos Aires, he introduced and encouraged the devotion to Our Lady, Undoer Of Knots. Whatever is the source of the knots that

bind us — some are of our own making, and some are beyond our control — the Pope urges us to turn to Our Lady, Undoer Of Knots, to help us to be free.

Conclusion

Mary is a remarkable woman whose conformity with God's Plan provides us with an excellent model for our own lives. She has many titles, aspects, and lessons for us. Yet out of her infinite diversity is the simple truth that she is a shining path — and quite probably the best path — to her Divine Son.

Prayer to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots

"Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exists in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exist in my life. You know very well how desperate I am, my pain, and how I am bound by these knots.

Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of His children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the Evil One himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands, there is no knot that cannot be undone. Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with your Son and my liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot. (Mention your petition here.)

I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all. You are my hope. O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution, and, with Christ, the freedom from my chains. Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, protect me, O safe refuge."

Sign up for New Parish Directory Photographs

As part of the celebration of *ST. MARK's* 50th anniversary, and in keeping with the publication of a new directory every five years, plans are underway for the next edition. In addition to the print book, an online directory will be available to everyone whose photo is included.

People can schedule appointments online at www.stmark.org. The first week of pictures is June 2 to 6, and the second week is July 21-25.

Volunteers are needed to help the receptionist on photo days or to staff the tables after all Masses. For more information, please email Claire Fontaine at aime-claire@gmail.com or call (703) 560-4313.

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Ignatian Volunteer Corps Recognizes Service Work

by Jim Webster

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) of Northern Virginia and D. C. Metro/Maryland regions celebrated IVC's 20th anniversary in April at Gonzaga College High School by honoring a *ST. MARK* couple for working to alleviate poverty and a couple who "raised a family steeped in service to the Church and the community."

IVC's Della Strada Award was presented to John and Mariann Horejsi and the late Joseph and Frances McAllister McCloskey. The award, honoring those whose lives reflect the Ignatian values of direct service to the poor and working for a more just society, is named for Santa Maria Della Strada ("Our Lady of the Street"), the first church established by St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, to serve the poor in Rome.

Presenting the award to the Horejsis, James Kelley, retired director of IVC's Northern Virginia region, noted that Mariann has dedicated herself to direct service for the homeless at Christ House in Washington, D.C.'s Adams Morgan neighborhood, her library in Vienna, the Western Fairfax Christian Food Bank, the Fairfax Volunteer Learning Program (VLP) tutoring adult learners to earn their high school diplomas, and hypothermia programs. John was cited for founding Social Action Linking Together (SALT) in 1983 to fulfill the need for "a voice and advocate for people who are poor, marginalized and voiceless," Kelley said.

"Today, SALT is a faith-based network of 1,200-plus Northern Virginians who support the passage of legislation directed to affordable housing, hunger relief programs, humane treatment of the incarcerated, tax relief for the working poor and more," Kelley said. "Legislators know John as the man who does the right thing for the 'least among us'."



John and Mariann Horejsi

The McCloskey family has engaged in "lifting up the vulnerable and least among us for four generations," their citation said. They "gave us the gift of their children" — Fr. Joe McCloskey, S.J., spiritual director extraordinaire and Jesuit priest for more than 50 years; Peggy Ferguson, founder and director of the Naomi Project, a program that has matched over 500 high at-risk pregnant women and new mothers with volunteer members to promote healthy pregnancies and babies; and Pete McCloskey, who created Study Buddies, a program in 35 states that connects volunteer tutors with struggling children.

IVC's ninth annual Evening of Gratitude began with Mass concelebrated by Msgr. Ray East, pastor of *ST. TERESA of AVILA* and seven other priests at *ST. ALOYSIUS*. More than 200 in the assembly joined the spirited singing led by the *ST. TERESA of AVILA* Young Adult Choir. Those present could easily understand the *Pentecost* experience of the first Christians: "When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..." (Acts 4:31).

Videos of the Della Strada Award presentation can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=An6Kmwir-hY>.

IVC was founded by Frs. Jim Conroy, S.J., and Charlie Costello, S.J., in September 1995 with 11 volunteers in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. IVC has more than 300 volunteers providing service in 16 regions. The Northern Virginia and Washington D.C. Metro/Maryland regions account for 96 volunteers serving at 45 different partner agencies. To volunteer with IVC or request an IVC volunteer to work with a nonprofit agency that serves the needy, contact Joan Coolidge at (703) 352- 4140 or jcoolidge@ivcusa.org.

Motherhood

By G. K. Chesterton

[Editor's note: This month, in which we honor the Blessed Mother as well as all mothers, is an appropriate time to recall the insights of the great Catholic writer, G. K. Chesterton. His words, penned a century ago, remain insightful and inspiring.]

“Babies need not to be taught a trade, but to be introduced to a world. To put the matter shortly, woman is generally shut up in a house with a human being at the time when he asks all the questions that there are, and some that there aren't. It would be odd if she retained any of the narrowness of a specialist.

... But when people begin to talk about this domestic duty as not merely difficult but trivial and dreary, I simply give up the question. For I cannot with the utmost energy of imagination conceive what they mean. When domesticity, for instance, is called drudgery, all the difficulty arises from a double meaning in the word. If drudgery only means dreadfully hard work, I admit the woman drudges in the home, as a man might drudge at the

Cathedral of Amiens or drudge behind a gun at Trafalgar. But if it means that the hard work is more heavy because it is trifling, colorless and of small import to the soul, then as I say, I give it up; I do not know what the words mean.

To be Queen Elizabeth within a definite area, deciding sales, banquets, labors, and holidays; to be Whiteley within a certain area, providing toys, boots, sheets, cakes and books; to be Aristotle within a certain area, teaching morals, manners, theology, and hygiene; I can understand how this might exhaust the mind, but I cannot imagine how it could narrow it.

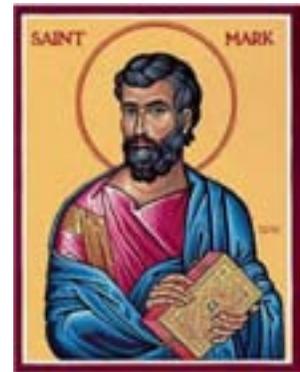
How can it be a large career to tell other people's children about the Rule of Three, and a small career to tell one's own children about the universe? How can it be broad to be the same thing to everyone, and narrow to be everything to someone? No; a woman's function is laborious, but because it is gigantic, not because it is minute. I will pity Mrs. Jones for the hugeness of her task; I will never pity her for its smallness.”
Source: *What's Wrong with the World* by G.K. Chesterton, 2008.

Prayer for the Parish

O God, Who raised up *St. Mark*, Your Evangelist, and endowed him with the grace to preach the Gospel, grant, we pray, that we may so profit from his teaching as to follow faithfully in the footsteps of Christ.

Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Collect Mass prayer for the Feast of *St. Mark*.



Parish Celebrates the Sacrament of First EUCHARIST at April and May Masses

The weekend Masses of April 25-26 and May 2-3 were times of celebration as the following Parish children prepared to receive their First Communion with their families.

Lorenzo Abrigo	Sofia Darido	Karl Hirz	Alexander Morrissey	Zachary Sousa
Luke Anderson	Michael Day	Ethan Ivany	Sabina Nagy	Madeline Souza
Elizaveta Beahn	Emilio De Leon	Angelina Iverson	Adam O'Brien	Lily Spann
Caden Behselich	Mikey Dinkelacker	Brooke Jordan	Kevin O'Connor	Samantha Stewart
Caroline Berardi	Ethan Drey	Lucas Kaiser	Samantha Oh	Thomas Ta
Ethan Berman	Devlin Edgar	Christopher Karim	Alexia Olmedo	Ian Taylor
Harrison Biear	Jack Eich	Antoni Kleczek	Liam Phan	Sophia Taylor
Jack Biear	James Farrow	Scarlett Larez	Sarah Piescik	Claire Thompson
Peter Bilaniuk	Giselle Foynes	Mason Le	Bridget Prohett	Tobin Tran
Gianna Bjornstad	Bridget Frank	Christopher Lee	Chase Radomski	Norah Vaudo
Audrey Blocher	Michael Fritsch	Molly Lionato	Michael Radomski	Sophie Voltz
Mary Boniface	Arjun Frueh	Aubrey Loughlin	Gabriella Ramia	M. Wach
Peter Boniface	Molly Geiger	Nicholas Machi	Alexandra Reback	Alexandra Wamboldt
Nate Brackman	Thomas George	Sarah Martin	Elizabeth Reback	Ray Williams
Daniel Castellucci	John Paul Ghaleb	Gabriella McCluer	Brendan Reilly	Sean Wilson
Natalie Castillo	Cole Gibson	Catherine McShane	Christianna Reilly	Madelyn Wirks
Jack Chasteen	Sebastian Gloukhoff	Molly McShane	Victoria Reyes	Reese Wootten
Madeline Churchill	Darius Gordon	Sarah McWhirt	Gavin Schlegel	Lailia-Seven Xayachak
Farren Cogan	Gabriel Gross	Katie Miller	Laila Setia	Beata Yacura
Brynne Cornell	Margaret Hanley	Auden Mink	Abigail Shaw	Leonardo Yappel
Aubrey Counts	John Heitz	Joseph Molinini	Matthew Shelton	Olivia Zuhoski
Noah Craner	Joanna Heusser	Clay Monday	Zachary Simoncelli	
Isabella Cruz				

Many people helped to prepare the young people to receive the Sacrament, including teachers and aides, and those who assisted with the First Penance and First EUCHARIST Workshops.

Katherine Manetti
Amanda Gorog
Lynn Finta
Chris Jordan
Claire Troy
Katie Olivera
Heather Buescher
Joseph Lauer
Heather Paul
Pam Burke
Karrie Zuhoski
Tina Behselich
Juliana Heitz
Andrea Palma

Youth of Parish Receive the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

On Thursday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m., the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION was celebrated. Bishop Richard Higgins, of the Archdiocese of Military Services, was the President.

We thank God for these young people who are choosing the single adult Sacrament of our faith. May they be confident of our

support as they join us to witness to the faith. By their choice for the Sacrament, their choice of a Sponsor, and their

choice of a CONFIRMATION Saint, they show us that they are accepting the adult responsibilities in the faith

and that they are open to the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit in living out the responsibilities. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love!



Christopher Albrecht
Miles Samuel Atherton
Catherine Avart

Peter Stanley Barrett
William Patrick Becht
Sarah A. Beecy
Isabelle Bellegarde
Carolyn Best
Christopher Bjornstad
Gabrielle M. Brinkmann
Julien Buhrman

Thomas R. Caldwell
Shanna Castellucci
Anne E. Clerici
Lance Colet
Julia Condon
Kimberly Creel
Marcus Cruz

Matthew Desouza
Alexandra Dimaria
Kevin Dunlap

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Allison Feeney
Matthew Fiorenza
Nicholas Fiorenza
Riley Fitzsimmons
Felipe Fonseca-Londono

Andres Galindo
Matthew Gang
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Thomas Michael Gaydos
Leo Giacinto
Kevin Arthur Griffin
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Rachel Gunnlaugsson
Jack Gurley

Madeleine Hamby
Megan Harder
Brian Harrs
Nicholas Hayeck
Alena Rae Herrera
William Hertzler
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Maura H. Leverone
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Kevin Lyons

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Lina Massis
Michael Cain McMahon
Lauren Meier
Catherine Haley Morrissey
Alexandra Murphy

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Daisy Nickle
Julianne Nickles
Julian Nolasco

Thomas O'Donnell
Jacobs Oliver

Gabriella Parrillo
Tyler Paul
Patrick Pham
Jackson Philippart
Ethan Phillips
Luke Pica
William John Pickford
Jack Prophet
Mark C. Putman

Connor Michael Radomski
Grace Reback
Erin M. Reilly
Erik Reynolds
Larry Rice
Olivia Rice
Rebecca B. Roberts
Felipe Rodriguez
Madison Rose
Jack Rourke
Luc C. Rousseau

Matthew Haviland Sargent
Nicholas Simoncelli
Audrey Smith
Isabella Sobolewski
Harry Sousa
Erin Maria Bethencourt Spalding
Caroline M. Spann
Anna H. Stein

Jessica Tansing
Jacob C. Testwuide

Liliana Vasquez
Sabrina Vazquez
Lewis Vu

Mary Elizabeth Wacławski
Erik Wartenberg
Eli West
Brandon Williams
Lianna Williams
Miller Williams
Danny Wlodychak
Matthew Wright

Sok-Di Xayachak

Nicky Zoski celebrated the Sacrament at *ST. THOMAS MORE* Cathedral.

ST. MARK wishes to thank the many volunteers who helped to prepare the students to receive the Sacrament, including the Spirit Team and those who assisted with the retreats and interviews.

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Karen Clerici
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Marian Harrs
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Kelsi O'Connor
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Faith Roberts
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Barbara Rousseau
William Spalding
Katy Spalding
Christine Spann
Elizabeth Tansing
JoEllen Testwuide

Vacation Bible School Coming in July

The 2015 Vacation Bible School will be held from July 13-17. The theme is “Conquering Challenges With God’s Mighty Power.”

Kids will embark on an icy expedition to overcome obstacles with God’s awesome power. They will be anchored in rock-solid Bible truths that will guide them through life’s challenges. The new and improved format includes Daily Scripture themes:

- God provides for Elijah (1 Kings 17)
- God speaks to Elijah (1 Kings 19)
- God heals Naaman (2 Kings 5)
- Jesus dies on a cross to take away our sins, then comes back to life (Luke 22:31-24:12)
- Jesus promises us an eternal home (John 14:1-3).

God has the power to provide, comfort, heal, forgive, and love us forever. Easy for leaders: each leader prepares only 20 minutes of material. Easy to remember: the single daily Bible point is reinforced at every station. Easy for making friends: small multi-age groups stay together in the same “Climbing Crew” throughout the day and week.

Visit Base Camp Sing and Play, Bible Expedition, KidVid Cinema (amazing stories from real kids), Imagination Station, Glacier Games, and Mountain Top Treats. There will be Preschool Peak and Connecting Kids to Justice options.

The M&Ms enjoyed a visit to the Old Bust Head Brewery in Warrenton, Virginia, on Wednesday, May 20. The brewery is named for a bygone crossroads in the hills of Fauquier County. Keith and Dorothy Peterson coordinated the arrangements for the trip.



Milestones

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following new Christians into the community of the Church:

Ava Mae Rankin

New Parishioners

ST. MARK welcomes the following new parishioners to our Parish family:

Matthew Ward

Phyllis and Philip Wilcox

Patrick and Stephanie O’Neill

Kevin Schneider

Sara Kiernan

Dennis and Sandra Salvatore

Joe and Amy Ressa

Deaths

The following parishioners entered into eternal life:

Bill Lauer

Tina Gatbunton

Bernadette Lyons

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May Saints and Feasts

This month, we celebrated the *Solemnities of the Ascension, Pentecost, and The Most Holy Trinity*, as well as the Saints who witnessed in their lives, and for some, in their deaths, to the Faith.

May 1	St. Joseph	May 18	St. John I, Pope and Martyr	St. Gregory VII, Pope;	
May 2	St. Athanasius			St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi	
May 3	Sts. Philip and James, Apostles	May 20	St. Bernadine of Siena		
May 12	Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs	May 21	St. Christopher Magallanes and 24 Companions, Martyrs	May 26	St. Philip Neri
May 13	Our Lady of Fatima	May 22	St. Rita of Cascia	May 27	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
May 14	St. Matthias, Apostle	May 24	<i>Pentecost</i>	May 30	St. Joan of Arc, Patroness of France and of soldiers
May 15	St. Isidore	May 25	St. Bede, Doctor of the Church;	May 31	<i>Most Holy Trinity</i>
May 17	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>				

Mark Your Calendar

June

June 2-6 Directory Photos
June 3-6 40 Hours Devotion
June 5 *ST. MARK* School Graduation
June 7 Youth and Family Mass 6:00 p.m.
June 14 Concert 3:00 p.m.
June 19 Movie Night 7:00 p.m.
June 20-26 High School Workcamp
June 21-July 4 Fortnight for Freedom

July

July 3 First Friday Adoration 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
July 4 Independence Day
July 5 Concert 3:00 p.m.
July 10-12 Steubenville Youth Conference
July 12 Concert 3:00 p.m.
July 13-17 Vacation Bible School
July 22-25 Junior High Workcamp

A Celebration in Music

Sunday, June 14: Flannery Jamison, soprano,
3:00 p.m., Activities Center

Sunday, July 5: Nancy Novelly, organ,
3:00 p.m., Church

Sunday, August 2: Denise Argote and
Friends, 3:00 p.m., Activities Center

Sunday, October 18: Sacred Music,
10:00 a.m. Choir, 3:00 p.m., Church

TBD: “Common Ground,” college women’s
a cappella choir

TBD: young music students’ classical
concert — piano, organ, voice

TBD: *ST. MARK* School Choirs and Bands

TBD: Composers’ Concert

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