August 11, 2019 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our soul waits for the Lord,
who is our help and our shield. ~ Psalm 33:20

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Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1,12,18-22; Heb 11:1-2,8-19 or 11:1-2,8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

The author of Wisdom speaks of “that night” of exodus from bondage in Egypt (1) when the Lord delivered his chosen people from death (Ps). The Lord will come again, perhaps in the midst of night. Let us be prepared for his return (3). As we walk in darkness, our journey to our heavenly homeland is illuminated by faith (2).

Faith and Hope

Faith and hope are closely united in today’s readings. The Israelites knew when the Passover was coming, and so were not in fear, but had faith and courage, “putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.” In this we can see a foretelling of the Eucharist that we celebrate according to Christ’s command, “Do this in memory of me.”

We see that Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob died in faith, although they did not see fulfillment of the promise. We live in hope that our faith will be fulfilled every time we celebrate this sacrament. We too are not to be afraid, but to have hope that our faith will be fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

Treasures From Our Tradition

When Pope Pius XII died in 1958, there was the usual buzz of speculation about likely successors. Cardinal Agajanian, Patriarch of the Armenians, was highly thought of as a likely choice. This took many Catholics by surprise, since he had never celebrated the same liturgy as Pope Pius, but followed ancient Armenian customs according to the Eastern Church, which veils the Eucharistic liturgy from sight by a series of curtains, and in which the priest kneels while the people stand for Communion.

In the years that followed, the Second Vatican Council would affirm the dignity and independence of the Eastern Churches, in complete union with Rome, yet different in patterns of life and worship. We have the same faith, the same sacraments, and the same pope. Yet everywhere in the world our separate Churches are combined into families held together by the ministry of bishops. All of this serves as warning: If you ever say, “But we’ve always done it this way,” you are on very thin ice indeed!

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Update

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to our 2019 AAA. If you haven’t donated yet, please consider making a donation.

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Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, August 15th, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION in the United States. The Mass schedule here at St. Patrick will be the same as on a regular weekday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 5:15 p.m. plus the Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 5:15 p.m.

Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for August

Pope’s Intention: Families, Schools of Human Growth. That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly “schools of true human growth”.

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Religious Education Classes

The staff and catechists of St. Patrick Church are dedicated to helping your children grow in faith and be closer to God. As parents, you are the primary educators of your children and are their best teachers. Your children learn the most from the example you set when you pray together and actively participate in Mass and the sacraments as a family.

Our Religious Education Program is designed to assist you in the faith formation of your children. Enroll your child after all Masses every Sunday in August. First-time students must provide a valid baptism certificate. Classes begin on Saturday, September 7th and run through May. Class hours are from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Are You Someone or Do You Know Someone Who…

- ...has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ...has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- ...was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is an opportunity for you to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the par-

Possibilities

All things are possible for one who believes, more to one who hopes, even more to one who loves.

~ St. Lawrence

The Pain of War

War is as much a punishment to the punisher as to the sufferer.

~ Thomas Jefferson

Not Easy

Faith makes all things possible—it does not make them easy.

~ Anonymous

Be Not Deceived

Do not be disturbed by the clamor of this world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let the false delights of a deceptive world deceive you.

~ St. Clare
Today's Readings

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — By faith Abraham sojourned in the promised land (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — You do not know the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

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Today is the feast of St. Clare of Assisi. Her name means “light.” You might recognize the name Assisi as the town where St. Francis lived. Clare was one of Francis’s closest friends and followers. Clare was born in 1194 and died in 1253. That was 765 years ago, and yet in 1958 Pope Pius XII declared Clare the patron saint of television. Clare suffered from a serious illness and it was difficult for her to leave her room; however, she was reported to be able to see and hear things that were happening far away. That ability is called “telemedical vision.” Imagine what Clare might think if she were able to see today’s televisions, computers, smartphones, and other devices that help us see and talk to people around the world.

St. Clare is also the patron saint of people who suffer from diseases of the eye. This seems appropriate because of her unusual ability to see things far away. But Clare is also the patron saint of people who do laundry. This has nothing to do with her sight, rather, it is because, even though she was the leader of her community of sisters, she considered herself their servant. She was always happy to do even the hardest jobs, like laundry, for others. The community of religious women founded by St. Clare, known as the Poor Clares, still exists today.

Think about celebrating Clare today by having a family TV or movie night. Decide together what you will watch. Maybe you can share a bowl of popcorn. Perhaps you can make a donation to an organization that serves people who are blind. When it comes time to do laundry this week, offer to help the adults. You can load the washer or dryer, or fold or put away the clothes. There are all things that Clare has shed her light upon. There are ways that you can share your light with others.

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As the leader of her community, Clare wanted to set a good example for her “sisters,” so she served them their meals. When the others came in from working in the garden, Clare knelt down and washed their feet. When they got sick she took care of them. Today more than twenty thousand women in seventy countries follow Clare’s example. These nuns are known as the Poor Clares.

Take some time today to follow the model of St. Clare. See if you can be silent for fifteen minutes and listen for God’s voice. Offer to serve the people in your family. Be sure to pray. Clare prayed a special prayer that you might want to pray, too. Talk with an adult in your family about what these words mean.

Give me a lively faith, a firm hope, and perfect charity.
The recollection of an injury is . . . a rusty arrow and poison for the soul.

~ St. Francis of Paola