



SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church Oak Hill, West Virginia 2022

August 7, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

Weekend Mass Schedule :

Saturday Evening: Parish Vigil Mass 5:30p.m.

Sunday Masses: Parish Mass 8:00 and 10:30a.m.

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This Week's Mass Intentions

Sat. Aug. 6 Vigil
5:30p.m. †Jo Ann Hall

Sun. Aug. 7 19th Sunday Ordinary Times

8:00a.m. For All Parishioners

10:30p.m. †Frank Garcia

SPECIAL COLLECTION

As recent news reports have highlighted, areas of southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky continue to be pummeled by severe weather resulting in extreme damage, loss of life, and destruction of entire communities. Most recently, severe storms on July 26, 2022, have resulted in dozens of deaths and the displacement of thousands.

Catholic Charities West Virginia and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Lexington are providing long-term recovery efforts. Their offices assist families long after other organizations have moved out. The role of Catholic Charities will last months and years as they help families and individuals in the rebuilding process to restore safe, secure, and sanitary living conditions.

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of **August 13-14, 2022,** in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred in these areas throughout the summer. Checks should be made out to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/>.

Proceeds from this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities as well as their partner agencies in both states.

Fr. Jojan Joseph-an autobiographical note

Jesus said to them, "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Luke 10:2).

My home life was very religious based. Every night before dinner, family prayer -the rosary was recited and the Bible was read. In addition, prayers were said for the Sacred Heart, for the universal church, and for the parish priest and priests all over the world.

As a child, with the school playground so close to home, I was frequently in close contact with my parish priests, which was an influence on my choice of a vocation. I attended a Catholic school from pre-kindergarten through high school.

Daily family prayer, Catholic education, and being around the parish priests sowed the seed to priesthood as I was growing up in the village of Kerala, India.

At the age of sixteen, after high school graduation I joined the Order of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus (Little Flower) in June, 1988. Upon choosing my religious vocation, attended seminary from 1988 to 2000 and was ordained into the priesthood on December 28, 2000.

It was while in seminary I received bachelor degrees in philosophy and then theology. And it was after ordination to the priesthood, I studied for and received a bachelor degree in education, a Master's degree in Malayalam literature, a Master's Degree in Applied Psychology and a Doctorate in Educational Psychology.

My first assignment was as an interim parish priest at St. Anthony's Parish in Sholayur, Kerala for three months. Then I was appointed as a college principal for Lisieux College and also the director and editor of a magazine for the children in Trichur, Kerala, where I served for 9 years (2001-2009). Then, in 2010, I was sent to the Philippines for the higher studies in psychology and earned [a Doctorate in Educational Psychology from De La Salle University, Manila in 2014.](#) During those 4 years, I served as an Associate pastor at St. Joseph the Worker, Parish, Palanan in the capitol city of Manilla.

After my studies in Manila, I served as College Director, Monastery Superior and Principal of the middle school until coming to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston on June 20, 2016. After one-month training at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Romney, I was appointed as associate pastor at Assumption Parish in Keyser on July, 20, 2016. After five months, on January 4, 2017, I was appointed as the Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Fairmont. Then I was appointed as Pastor in 2021.

Now I am happy to be called to serve as the Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish. I look forward to getting to know all the parishioners and the faithful of the Beckley vicariate. I want to share my love and smile with all of you.

Dr. Fr. Jojan Joseph, CST

****Please Note:**

Father will be moving into the rectory on August 10 around noon, if anyone can be here to help him unload will be most appreciated as we welcome him into the community of faith that is Sts. Peter & Paul.