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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Because the prophet Jeremiah foretold disaster for Jerusalem, he was denounced. But Jeremiah trusted in the Lord and overcame his persecutors.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15
Paul explains to the Romans that Adam's sin brought death to all, but Christ's gift of himself brought grace and life.

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33
In authoritative and encouraging words, Jesus urges the apostles to fear nothing -- only him who can destroy the soul. Telling them "every hair of your head has been counted," he promises that "Whoever acknowledges me before men I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven."

Speak in the Light





Today Jesus talks about light and darkness, whispering and proclaiming. He tells his disciples that there is no need to be afraid. Everything will be revealed and all secrets will be made known. Jesus also talks about the body and the soul, the value of two small sparrows and even the hairs on their heads.

Jesus is making the point that God knows everything about us, down to the number of hairs we have on our heads. God cares deeply about each of us and God always will take care of us. We do not need to be afraid, even when life is difficult. The challenge for us is that when life is painful and difficult, most of us naturally become afraid. It is not that we don't have faith in Jesus. Rather, we simply may be overwhelmed by the challenges and difficulties in our lives. And it may seem that there is no way out!

Jesus tells us: "Even all the hairs of your head are counted! So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Today I invite you to bring any worries or anxieties you have to Jesus. Simply place your worries or your pain in his hands and then sit quietly with Jesus. May Jesus bless you with deep trust and deep peace!

Father Pawel

OUR NEW BISHOP—Father Kevin J. Sweeney will be ordained a bishop and installed as the 8th Bishop of Paterson on Wednesday, July 1st in the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Paterson. Let us remember Bishop Elect Sweeney daily with this prayer: GOOD AND GRACIOUS GOD, WE STAND ON THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW TIME FOR OUR DIOCESE. AS WE CROSS THAT THRESHOLD IN THANKFULNESS, WE ASK YOU TO POUR OUT AN ABUNDANCE OF GRACE ON OUR BISHOP ELECT KEVIN J. SWEENEY THAT HE MAY FAITHFULLY ASSUME HIS MINISTRY AMONG US AND THAT, TOGETHER WITH HIM WE MAY WORK FOR THE BULDING UP OF OUR LOCAL CHURCH OF PATERSON. WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN

Revised Rectory Office Hours until Further Notice: Mondays & Wednesdays 1:30 -4:30 p.m. and Thursdays 1:30-3:30 p.m. You can also email us Fr. Pawel: frpawelbala@gmail.com Lisa (office) shrectory@gmail.com or Janet clergygal@aol.com

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THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY COURSES – Assumption College for Sisters, located on the grounds of Morris Catholic High School in Denville, has a wonderful variety of courses being offered this fall for all people. For a complete list of courses, registration form, and other information visit the school website: academicdean@acs350.org or call 973.957.0188, ext. 100. Register by August 1st!