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Calendar Highlights

Friday, August 25

1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Library

Saturday, August 26

7:00 a.m. Yard Sale and Car Wash

9:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Chapel

11:00 a.m. Al-Anon — Undercroft Commons

11:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1

Sunday, August 27

7:45 a.m. **Holy Eucharist—Main Church**

This Week at Ascension

Finding Your North Star

Finding my way through and to life is one of the things we mean by the art and practice of discernment. To discover the choices that lead me and me alone, unique creation that I am, to life and love and freedom - to God – I must practice what some spiritual traditions call “indifference,” or “detachment.”

This doesn't at all mean that I don't care or am not fully engaged in what's happening in my life! What it means is that to tune in to what choices lead me to life abundant I must be open to anything that God might dream for me. This is why we pray, in the traditional language of the Lord's Prayer, “thy will be done.” I need to get very clear about what I want so that I can discover, or discern, who God calls to me to be.

It isn't always what we think! Say that God is calling you to a life of monetary wealth, so that your money and assets can be deployed to support the ministries of others. But you choose instead to eschew wealth because you are attached to the idea that God wants everybody to be poor. You become a night watchman at a pediatric hospital instead, a totally fine path but one that does not call forth your unique potential. Or God may be calling you to married life, which can activate latent gifts of compassion and a more impassioned, authentic engagement with other people. But you may cling to a belief that God is best served by a celibate life in a monastery or convent where you can immerse yourself in contemplation.

If we want to find our one true path to life and love and God, our best prospects lie in a radical openness to anything. When confronted with a choice in our journey, to discern where the Lord will lead us, clarity will come when we view all options with a balanced

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church

10:15 a.m. Service for Young Children— Chapel

11:00 a.m. Misa en Espanol—Chapel

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church

1:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting—Room 1

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist: Last Chance Church —Chapel

Monday, August 28

1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1

6:00 p.m. Ensemble Rehearsal—Main Church

6:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous— Room 4

6:30 p.m. Spanish Class— Ascension House

Tuesday, August 29

7:00 a.m. Mobile Med—Chapel

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting—Library

6:00 p.m. Spanish Bible Study— Ascension House

7:00 p.m. Codependents Anonymous— Room 1

perspective. How many times have you heard people say: "I would not have chosen to go through what I did, but I like who I am today and knowing what I know now. I have God in my life." They might be referring to a serious illness or loss, or failure in their vocation, or even the crushing responsibility of leadership, power and wealth.

The idea is that if I am following where God is leading I will know greater freedom and feel more truly alive, regardless of the circumstances in which I may find myself.

Lord, my God, When your love spilled over into creation You thought of me. I am from love, of love, for love. Let my heart, O God, always recognize, cherish, and enjoy your goodness in all of creation. Direct all that is in me toward your praise. Teach me reverence for every person, all things. Energize me in your service. Lord God, may nothing ever distract me from your love. neither health nor sickness wealth nor poverty honor nor dishonor long life nor short life. May I never seek to choose to be other than you intend or wish.

- Joseph Tetlow, S.J.

May you find peace, in God's ongoing creation of you,

Randy

Invitation to "Walk with Me" film

The Stillwater Mindfulness Practice Group invites you to view — "Walk with Me: A Journey into Mindfulness Featuring THICH NHAT HANH" on September 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Germantown Stadium 14, 2000 Century Blvd. Germantown, MD.

7:00 p.m. Stillwater Mindfulness
Group—Chapel

8:30 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1

Wednesday, August 30

10:00 a.m. **Wednesday Morning Book
Group-Library**

1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1

7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous—
Room 1

8:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous—
Chapel

Thursday, August 31

10:00 a.m. **Yoga-Chapel**

4:00 p.m. **Tai Chi—Chapel**

7:30 p.m. **Zumba —Undercroft
Commons**

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For more information,
visit <http://walkwithmefilm.com/> or to reserve
your tickets <gather.us/s/20587>

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Prayers For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked
With Ours: St. Bartholomew's Parish

Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope:

Mary, Kirk, Sally, William, Sue, Margaret, David King, David Parkerton, Olive, Mohamed, Fran, Ed, Bob, Suzanne, Mary and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We give thanks to Betsy Hasegawa for giving alter flower in memory of her father, Jerome Jenkins, on his birthday.

The alter flowers were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Zimra and Mildred Dorcas Mwamba by Claire Morin.

We give thanks for the lives of Mary Anna Culkin, Ed Stennett, and Harry Stone. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We give thanks for the life of the Sandy Boynton, who died on Thursday, August 24. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope for refugees and all affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended Healing Prayer List.

Worship Leaders

Sunday, August 27
Preacher: Laura Shay

7:45 AM

Reader/Prayers: Jean Cohn
Chalicians: Wadai Dennis, Sharon Hayden
Healing Prayer: Janet King
Acolytes: Raymond Chin, Aidan Douglas
Welcome Team: Jean Cohn, Don Cohn
Altar Guild: Leslie Sanya, Wadai Dennis
Hospitality Angel: Jean Cohn

9:00 AM

Reader: Marsha Sutherland, Gordon Donnelly
Prayer: Betsy Hasegawa
Chalicians: Sue Snay, Sari Stoddard
Healing Prayer: Susan McLaughlin
Acolytes: Gary McLaughlin, Paul Whitmore, Roberta Taylor
Welcome Team: Dorett Sutherland, James Black, Jonathan Black
Altar Guild: TBA
Hospitality Angel: Marjorie Madikoto

11:15 AM

Reader: Kendall Anderson
Healing Prayer: Peg Ruppel
Welcome Team: Avin Lalmansingh, Karl Didavi, Clark Didavi
Altar Guild: Georgana Maines
Chalician: Sarah Rubin, Anika Lalmansingh
Song Leader: Claire Morin

Hospitality Angel: Rose Buck

Eucharistic Visitor: Meredith Horan

Flower Delivery: Hawa Clemens, Eliane Dunn-Johnson