The beauty of soccer

Lewiston is an old mill town in south-central Maine. Like many small cities in the northeast that once thrived on manufacturing, Lewiston now struggles economically. But Lewiston is re-creating itself - thanks, in large part, to its high school soccer team.

The Lewiston High soccer team brought home the city’s first state boys soccer championship in 2015, going 17-0 and outscoring opponents 113-7. The team is ranked 22nd in the nation. But its success extends far beyond the scoreboard.

The team is made up of players from the Congo, Kenya, Turkey, Germany and Somalia. The students on the team are widely credited with building ties among this small Maine city of 36,000 and its 7,000 new residents from overseas.

And when the coaches, Mike McGraw, who changed that dynamic by purposefully placing blacks among whites and whites among blacks. "I told them, 'This is how you have to be on a team.'"

In 2001, Lewiston became an unlikely destination that offered safety, affordable housing, and low-wage jobs for Somalis fleeing the horrific civil war in their homeland. Word spread from early arrivals, and the African immigrant population swelled. But the first refugees were not welcomed and struggled to establish roots. But the success - and character - of the soccer team has helped bring the communities together.

Of course, African players dominate the squad - after all, they grew up in a land where soccer reigns. Their skills set them apart from the white players on the field - but there is no separation after the game.

Says the only white starter on the team, the goalie: "They’re just like our brothers, our family. There’s no difference."

And an assistant coach believes: "The way the world should get along is the way these kids treat each other. This is the best place to be a soccer coach - anywhere."

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector is a parable about self-absorption colliding with selflessness, arrogance uprooted by humility, greed succumbing to the common good. The Lewiston High soccer team possesses the humility and generosity of heart of the tax collector that bridges the chasms created by such divisive attitudes: each member of the team, black and white, realizes their equality before God and the value of each member’s gifts to the good of the team and school. Humility that compels us to treat others with respect and generosity will be exalted in the reign of God, a reign that is realized, here and now, on our own soccer fields, and marketplaces and dinner tables.
TODAY’S READINGS

1st Rdg: LORD, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

Psalm I will praise your name forever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

2nd Rdg: May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

Gospel: Zacchaeus, a tax collector, considered to be a sinner, is converted to the Lord (Luke 19:1-10).

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: James Bonaparte (Army); Jacob Dishler (Marines) Ryan Whipple (Air Force)

Don’t forget to bring your items to help for our food drive for Unionville Food Pantry. Any non-perishable items, canned meats, paper products, and cereal are especially needed. A box is in the back of the church to collect these items until November 13. Thank you for being so generous to those in need.

Pre-Baptism Sessions will be held on Nov 6 and Dec 4 at 2pm in the Religious Education Center at St. Cecilia. For registration and information, call Gary and Tina Grimm at 724-495-2385.

26th ANNUAL FR. MARCUS O’BRIEN SERVICE AWARDS DINNER Catholic Charities will be recognizing Kim Majcher for her exemplary service to our parish and the community at the Fr. Marcus O’Brien Service awards dinner, Sunday Oct. 30, 4:30 PM at St. Elijah Serbian Center, 2200 Irwin St. in Aliquippa. Kim is among this year’s 12 recipients who will receive the award. Guest Speaker will be WTAE-TV news anchor Mike Clark, a highly visible champion of the faith.

HURRICANE MATTHEW COLLECTION SUNDAY, OCT. 29-30 Hurricane Matthew ravaged the Caribbean and the southeast United States with torrential rain and damaging winds. While our own country has been affected by flooding, the destruction in Haiti is much worse. Reports indicate that nearly 900 people have died in Haiti alone and tens of thousands of homes have been destroyed throughout the Caribbean. Support will certainly be needed to help rebuild homes. However, food, water and hygiene products are the most immediate needs so that those who have been displaced can be nourished and the spread of disease be minimized. Catholic Relief Services is already providing direct aid throughout the Caribbean, but especially in Haiti. Thank you for your generous help to assist our brothers and sisters in need. May we continue to pray for all who are suffering because of this tragedy and may God give rest to those who have died.

Note to parishioners: Although the US Postal Service has been providing us with address changes as they happen, we have been noticing that many of the phone numbers we have are incorrect or disconnected. If you have had a change in phone numbers in the past two years, please notify the parish office of that new contact number. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The Holy Name Society welcomes new members, both male and female. The organization recently began to register women in as members. Please contact John Buerkle (724-869-0904) for information on how to register for the Holy Name Society. We meet in the lower on the second Sunday of every month at 9:30 am for a meeting and breakfast.

ALSO, HNS MEMBERS WILL BE OUTSIDE FOR ALL Masses SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY—$5.00/each [Not too early to begin buying stocking stuffers!]

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PRETzel PRESENTATIONS continue on the First Tuesday of Every Month in the lower hall at 7 pm. All proceeds ($5 each) benefit St. Felix Parish. Come and bring a friend — prepare to be inspired, motivated and “drawn” to the Kingdom of God. Any questions or comments, call Dee Ruckert at 412-445-0250. The next presentation is on November 1.

Fall Festival St. Felix Parish Center, 450 13th St, Freedom, PA Thurs., Nov. 3 3 - 7 PM Craft Booth Roast Beef Dinner Adult Ticket: $12.00 Child Ticket (under 10): $6.00 Donations are being accepted for: Cost of Roast Beef Chinese Auction Baskets Craft Tables

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CONGRATULATIONS TO
KIM MAJCHER
2016 MARCUS O’BRIEN Awardee
For St. Felix Parish

Kim has been a member of the parish for the past few years but in that short time has taken initiative to improve our church. She is a self-starter with an ability to look at traditional events with a new viewpoint. Kim doesn’t ask “Why?” instead she asks “Why not?”.

She quickly accepted the invitation to join our Pastoral Council and from that she became a vital member of the Fundraising committee. When the Parish was asked to choose the On Mission team, Kim prayerfully accepted the responsibility.

She is a leader in every sense of the word.

MASSES FOR ALL SAINTS DAY:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 7 PM
(at both St. Felix and St. Cecilia)

and

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 9 AM
(St. Felix); 12:15 PM (St. Cecilia)

OUR YOUTH GROUP IS DOING
WORLD VISION’S 30 HOUR
FAMINE.
On Nov. 5th and 6th, we’re raising funds to help the hungry!

Our goal is to raise $1,050. This will provide food and care for 30 children for 1 month.

Contact Tony Simoni @ 724-886-6099 OR Nate Majors @ 724-591-6500
for donation information or you can donate after mass on November 5th or 6th.
I’ve already seen or heard about my parish, so why should I still attend my parish consultation session? Because the parish models are incomplete without you!

We need your wisdom perspective ideas thoughts questions concerns time input!

Throughout fall 2016, a team of facilitators is presenting important information about On Mission at all 192 parishes in the diocese. However, it is impossible to share this important information with everyone at the same time. We ask for your patience and encourage your participation, even though you may have already seen or heard about the models in some other way. Learn more about On Mission by attending your upcoming parish sessions.

Here’s why your participation is so important...

1. **Parish sessions are comprehensive.** Not only will you learn about the specifics of the proposed models, but you will also learn the thoughts and concerns of other parishioners and be able to share you own.

2. **DRAFT models are preliminary.** They are initial proposals that need to be refined after this period of consultation.

3. **Your feedback is essential.** The models have been prepared from gathered data and in light of 4 primary criteria that are important for the growth of the Church: sustainable growth, pastoral care, financial sustainability and clergy distribution. What they are missing is the perspective of those who will be most affected by them...you.

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sat Oct 22
4:00 PM
Marcella Gigler
Catherine Schatzel
Sun Oct 23
11:00 AM
Thomas Malagise
Wife, Mary Ann & Kids
Mon Oct 24
For All Parishioners
Tue Oct 25
For Those Affected by Natural Disasters
Wed Oct 26
Christine Speigle Mooney
Family
Thu Oct 27
Marie Handte
Fri Oct 28
NO MASS SCHEDULED

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sat Oct 29
4:00 PM
Jean Campisi
Ron & Jackie Golletti
Sun Oct 30
11:00 AM
For All Parishioners

If you have scheduled a Mass for a loved one, and are in attendance, please let one of the ushers know, so that they are aware of whether you would like to carry the gifts to the altar during the Presentation of the Gifts.

DEEPER INTO THE GOSPEL———What was the Gospel reading? What was it about? Can you remember? Can you even recall which Gospel it was from? Most Catholics will forget the Gospel before Mass is even over. If we can’t remember the Gospel each Sunday, how can it help shape our week? Unless we know the Gospel, it won’t have any power. The best way to know the Gospel is study it in advance. This will help you remember and understand the Gospel each week. There is a great and free opportunity available to you that will help you experience the remarkable stories that we listen to each week. Visit: https://deergospel.com/gospel-sign-up and enter your email address. Every Thursday you will receive a short commentary on the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel that will help you to be prepared to hear the Word at Mass on Sunday.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

OCT 29 4 PM
Janice Bonaparte, Chris Tabin
Joanne Borkovic, Cissie Sassic
Diana Neal, Dee Ruckert
Jamie Pedaline, Mary Ann Petcovic
Carson Gilarno, Jake Pail
Bob/Marylyn Gibbs, Jan Alicandro

Eucharistic Ministers, Cup
Eucharistic Ministers, Host
Lectors
Servers
Cantor

Planning an Event?
If you are looking for a venue for a private event please consider the Parish Halls for your occasion. We can accommodate large and small gatherings. Call Jackie at 724-774-7698 for more info.

GRADUATIONS, BRIDAL/BABY SHOWERS, REHEARSAL DINNERS, FAMILY PARTIES

(SAM) SUBSTANCE ADDICTION MINISTRY
Is to offer hope, healing and reconciliation to both the afflicted and the affected. SAM is a support ministry that helps people face the challenges that accompany addiction. SS Peter and Paul in Beaver is the designated host parish for SAM. Call 724-775-4111 for more info.

Help Wanted!
Our Parish is looking for part time (no more than 10 hours per week) maintenance service. Duties include cleaning both upper and lower halls, relocation of tables, and sweeping the church, and also some minor electrical & plumbing work etc. Flexible hours can be arranged. Great job for teenager or an active retiree. Call Fr. Paul at 724-775-0801 for more info.

MASS TIMES AT LOCAL PARISHES

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The Mass Book for 2017 is open for scheduling. Parishioners may schedule one Mass for Saturday/Sunday and multiple weekday Masses if desired. The offering for a Mass is $10.00; if requesting via mail, please include a phone number in the event your date cannot be accommodated or must be moved due to extenuating circumstances. Thank you!
Thank you to all parishioners who have generously given for the support of the parish.

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PLEASE, PLEASE.

USE THE SPECIAL PSP ENVELOPE IN YOUR PACKET.

(for those who do not get special PSP PLEDGE envelopes) As you can see above, we’re only a little over half way to our Parish Share goal this year. We need everyone to do their part, no matter how small or how large. Every bit helps, is needed, and much appreciated.

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Oct 25: On Mission for the Church Alive Parish
Meeting, 7 pm, Parish Center (see below)

Oct. 30: Catholic Charities Awards Dinner

Oct. 31: ALL SAINTS DAY: Mass at St. Felix & St. Cecilia 7 PM

Nov 1: ALL SAINTS DAY: Mass at St. Felix 9 AM, Mass at St Cecilia 12:15 PM

Nov 1: Pastel Presentations, 7 pm, LH

Nov 3: Fall Festival/Roast Beef Dinner, 3-7 pm

Nov 8: ELECTION DAY {Don’t forget to vote!}

Nov 12: Pre-marriage Workshop, 8:30 am, St Cecilia

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**Ignatian Advent Mini-Retreat**—St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), shared his own spiritual journey in a manner that could be shared by others. Under the guidance of Sister Catherine Higgins, St. Joseph Spirituality Center, Baden, is offering a program throughout this year that will give a beginning experience of *Ignatian Spirituality*. In this first year, participants will be shown how to pray while contemplating the presence of God in the everyday world. Through individual and small group instruction, people are led through scriptural meditations, reflective conversations with a spiritual director and small group sharing.

The second session in this year’s series is an **Advent Mini-Retreat in Daily Life** which will be offered with both an afternoon and an evening option on **Monday, November 28** at either **1:30 – 3:30 pm or 6:30 – 8:00 pm**. After the opening session on Monday, participants commit to a four-day mini-retreat of 20 minutes of personal prayer with four individual sessions (Tuesday, November 29 – Friday, December 2) with a Spiritual Director, who provides them with prayer material and who helps them explore their personal prayer experiences. A fee of $75 includes materials and individual direction. Please register by **November 19** through [http://bit.ly/IgnatianIntro](http://bit.ly/IgnatianIntro) or by calling 724-869-6587.
As we journey on mission for the Church alive! may we be inspired to use our God given gifts to build up the Church, which is the Body of Christ. The parish meetings are a chance to learn about the current realities facing our Diocese and how we can best align our resources to provide ministry and outreach to everyone. Our next consultation session will be held on Tuesday, October 25, both at 7 PM. Visit OnMissionChurchAlive.org for more information on the draft models after our parish sessions are completed.

Pre-Marriage Class ~ ~ ~ ~ November 12, 2016
St Cecilia will be hosting a Pre-Marriage class with Fr. Scott Seethaler, OFM. CAP. as . Registration begins at 8:15 AM; with class from 9 to 4:30 PM. Cost is $70 per couple which includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register, email Sr. Anne Green at agreencsj@comcast.net by Oct. 21, 2016.

Catholic Initiation of Adults
Perhaps you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or a baptized Catholic who did not receive either their First communion, Reconciliation or Confirmation (to be a sponsor one must be confirmed). If so, please invite and encourage them to join our RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation—program. Sr. Anne will help you prepare to receive any or all of these vital sacraments of our Catholic life. For more info, call Sr. Anne at 724-775-0801.

Quigley Catholic – College Prep. Catholic Values.
Quigley Catholic High School invites you to their Fall Open House on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 2:00–4:00 PM. Quigley Catholic is a college preparatory high school that places a high priority not only on academics, but also on faith formation. Quigley Catholic is consistently recognized among the top Catholic high schools in the nation. All are welcome to come and see what the Quigley family is all about! If you would like more information please call 724-869-2188, email us at admissions@qchs.org, or visit our website at www.qchs.org.

Go to your smartphone APP store and download OneParish. You can select to donate to the parish along with doing individual reading on many topics, listen to Catholic radio and follow Pope Francis all through one app!

Find and “like” us on Facebook. Search “St Felix Catholic Parish” Schedules for Masses, events, and activities will be posted here as well as local posts of interest to all.