

## FROM OUR PASTOR



I write to you this week to give everyone an update and share some recent ultrasound photos (right) and some very promising news regarding my niece, "**KAILEEN ROSE SCHUTT**". As many of you know six months ago, my younger sister **Mary** and her husband, **Jeremy's** second daughter had a 1% chance of survival prior to birth. The doctors believe she suffers from several severe developmental disabilities; Down Syndrome, Cystic Hygroma and also several heart defects. So many of you have joined us in **praying for a miracle, and particularly seeking the intercession of SERVANT OF GOD**



**FRANK PARATER.** As a Servant of God, the Church is considering the possibility of one day declaring him a Saint. Frank became a seminarian for the Diocese of Richmond when Northern Virginia was still a part of that Diocese. So we can rightly claim him as one of our own "native sons".

Well, all the prayers seem to be working! According to the doctors "things have not fit the natural progression". The Cystic Hygroma has reduced in size and is no longer a primary area of concern. The doctors are now planning for the likelihood of a safe c-section delivery in mid-March. As of now, little Kaileen will need surgery within 24 hours of birth to address the heart defects, with further surgeries to likely follow.



From a 1% to near 100% chance of being born is pretty amazing, and my family is so very grateful for all of the prayers - please keep them coming! Here is the prayer seeking Frank Parater's intercession:



*Loving Father, your servant Frank Parater sought perfection as a student, scout and seminarian. He offered himself to you completely through the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Through his intercession, may young people answer your call to follow Jesus as priests, deacons and religious. Grant, as well, the favors I seek, so that your Church will recognize his holiness and proclaim him Blessed. Grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Perhaps our good Lord will grant a complete and miraculous healing for Kaileen Rose Schutt through the intercession of Frank Parater and thus further his cause toward canonization. Again, on behalf of my entire family, we are so deeply grateful to all who are able to join us in these prayer efforts. I will certainly keep everyone posted.

Christ's grace and blessings ~ Fr. Bashista

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### Respond When Jesus Looks at You

When Mark recounts how Jesus called the first disciples, he writes that Jesus "saw" Simon and Andrew, and, later, that he "saw" the two sons of Zebedee (Mk 1:16, 19).

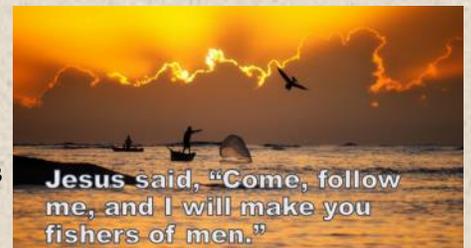
Jesus sees with special eyes. We can't possibly imagine all that he sees when he turns his glance on someone. He sees much more than we do. He sees the inside, the longing, the sin, the faith, the hope, and the love.

Jesus even looks at you. Your innermost self can meet his gaze, and only in so doing will you come to know yourself. It is in your answer to his gaze that it becomes apparent who you are. Do you meet his eyes with longing, readiness, and openness?

When he called the disciples, he received an outright yes as an answer. Mark writes that they immediately left everything and followed him.

Perhaps, in comparison to this immediate, unconditional "yes," you realize better how doubtful your own answer to his gaze and call has been. Maybe the greater part of your life has passed by without you ever responding when he looked at you.

But it is not too late. Today, Jesus looks at you again, he sees everything that is inside of you, the darkness as well as everything that is good and beautiful – that which nothing has been able to destroy. Answer his penetrating eyes and give him your "yes."



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