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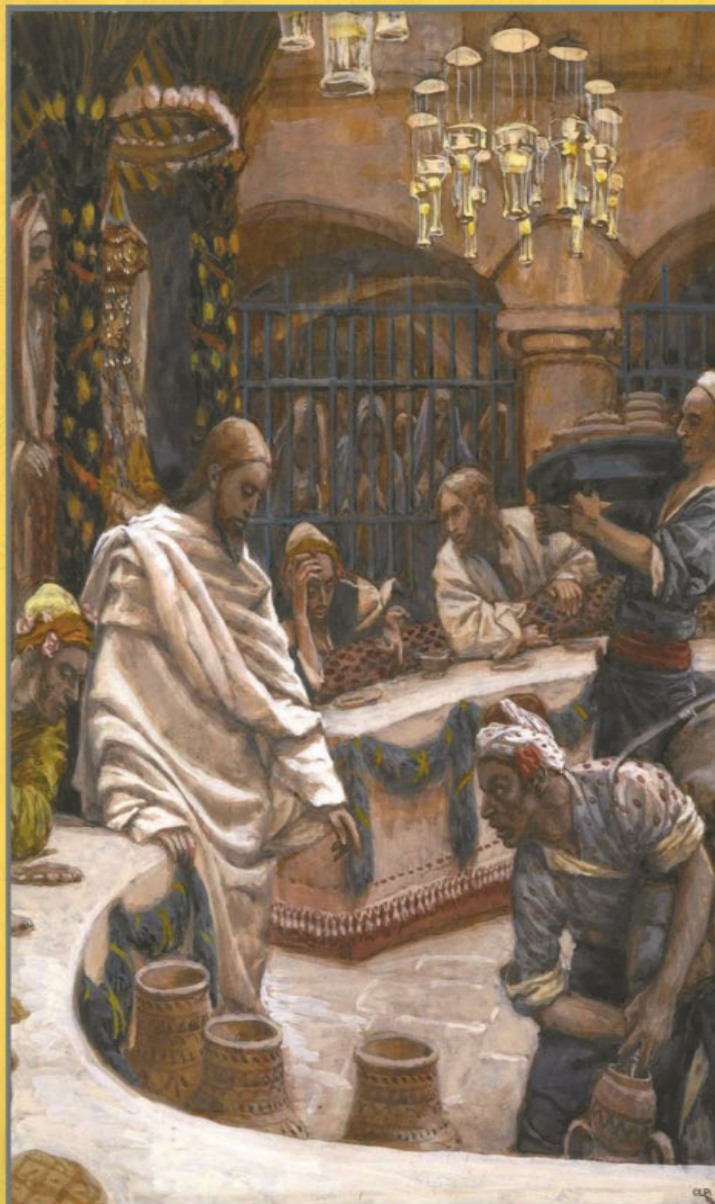
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2nd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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JANUARY 16, 2022 • 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St. Mary Church — 303 West Monroe Street, Tomah

Saturday.....4:00pm

Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am

St. Andrew Church — 203 May Street, Warrens

Saturday.....6:00pm

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St. Mary, Tomah

Tuesday.....5:30pm

Wednesday-Friday.....8:00am

Liberty Village Assisted Living, Tomah

First and Third Wednesdays.....10:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday.....4:30pm-5:15pm

Thursday.....5:00pm-6:00pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday.....4:00pm-5:15pm

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Are you a new or expectant parent? Baptism is the sacrament of initiation that welcomes your child into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Parents must complete baptismal preparation prior to their child's reception of the sacrament. Please contact Jon Burbach to schedule a class at 372-4516 x3.

MARRIAGE

At the time of engagement, but not less than six months prior to the wedding, please call the parish office to arrange for marriage preparation and to schedule your specific wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/HOME VISIT

Please contact the parish office for any sacramental ministry (anointing before a planned surgery, severe illness, etc.) or visitation to the sick or homebound.



As of January 12, 2022
218 families have pledged
\$97,931.00

Thank you so much, we have exceeded our parish goal of \$90,690!!! Everything given from this point will go to our Education Endowment Trust.

Gospel Reflection

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



MAY GOD GRANT THEM

ETERNAL REST

Don Thill — January 6

Jim Ratliff — January 12

PCCW News

Join us for our monthly meeting on Thursday, January 20 at 4:00pm in the St. Mary's church hall!

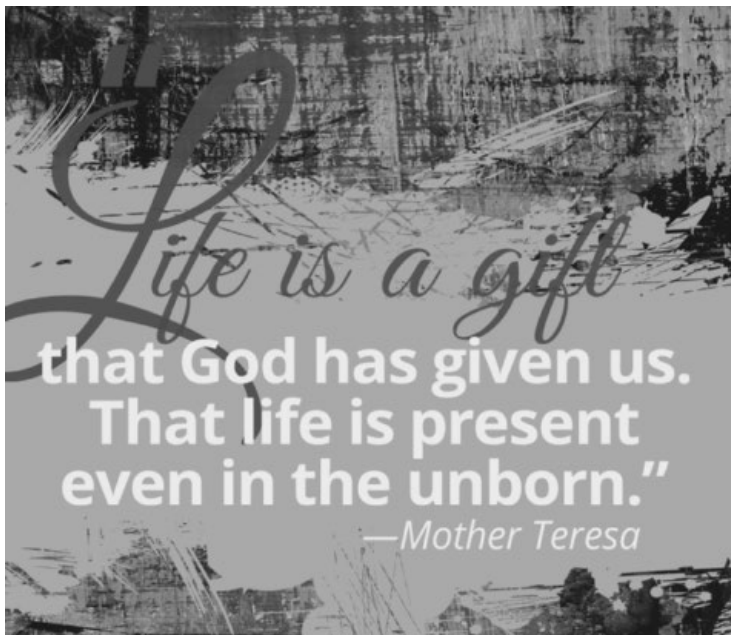
Catholic Q and A

Question: How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer: We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of January 8-9

Estimated Weekly Need.....	\$13,840.00
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$10,522.02
Online Giving/ACH.....	\$3,478.00
Weekly Total.....	\$14,000.02

Intentions for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday, January 15 Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Dan Grygleski

St. Andrew — Warrens

6:00 PM Jerry and Rosie Haun

Sunday, January 16 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Elizabeth Dwyer

9:00 AM *Pro populo* of Queen of the Apostles Parish

10:30 AM Gerald "Baldy" Alderman,
Ruth Alderman McGath and
James McGath

Tuesday, January 18

9:30 AM *School:* Helen Hess

Adoration — 4:00pm-5:15pm

Confession — 4:30pm-5:15pm (DK)

5:30 PM Carrol Schmidt

Wednesday, January 19

8:00 AM Frank Pemrick

10:00 AM *LV:* Deceased Members of the
Pierce Family

Thursday, January 20

8:00 AM Ralph Pampuch

9:30 AM *School:* Mary Schermerhorn

Confession — 5:00pm-6:00pm (SM)

Friday, January 21 St. Agnes

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of
the Bauer and Thompson Family

Saturday, January 22 Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Jack Thill

St. Andrew — Warrens

6:00 PM Susan Schlusser

Sunday, January 23 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Marion Boberg

9:00 AM *Pro populo* of Queen of the
Apostles Parish

10:30 AM Vernie Vandervort



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Keeping Current with
Queen of the Apostles
CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL



Imitating Christ so that others may live...

My Dad was a life-long blood donor and I remember going along with him my first time to the National Guard Armory in my hometown and stepping through the donation process with him at my side when I was in high school. While it was a little scary at first, my Dad kept telling me how important it was to donate blood for those who needed it. In his mind, he was paying it forward for the day when he might need a transfusion. The fact that the blood drive was at the Armory seemed to make this act even more honorable to me. Well, I have kept up the tradition and have been a regular blood donor since I was about 17 years old. During all those years, I have donated about 16 gallons, one pint at a time.

A few weeks after each donation, the Red Cross sends me an email stating the city and location where my blood donation went. They cover local needs first, but excess donations are moved around the country to areas of need. This occurs frequently after natural disasters like hurricanes when people not only need blood, but collections in those areas have been reduced.

One could think of donating blood as performing one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. When we donate blood, we are in a way, visiting and caring for the sick. Even in this time of pandemic, when we may not be able to visit certain hospitals or nursing homes, we can still safely donate blood and send part of ourselves to those who need us most in their time of need.

There is an incredible need for blood at this time as always. According to the Red Cross, the current shortage is the worst it has been in ten years. The current situation is forcing some hospitals to make tough ethical decisions about which patients will receive the limited supply of donations and which will need to go without. It is vitally important that our society continues to create new donors through education and encouragement. Paraphrasing my Dad, "Don't assume blood will be available when you need it, if you have not paid ahead by your own donations."

Please consider donating blood this year if you don't already do so. If you are a regular donor, I challenge you to bring someone along with you to the next drive. Walk with them on this work of mercy. It is clearly an expression of the second greatest commandment: *Love your neighbor as yourself*. When you give your life's blood that another may live, you are imitating Christ, who gave us His very Blood that we might live.

More information and appointments are available from the Red Cross at www.redcross.org

—Deacon Bob

School News

****Partnering with parents to provide Catholic formation and quality education extending beyond the classroom****

School Office: (608) 372-5765

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am-3:30pm

Mass Schedule

Grades 4K-2: Tuesday, January 18 at 9:30am

Grades 3-5: Thursday, January 20 at 9:30am

January 21: No School — Teacher In-Service

Religious Education

Director of Religious Ed: Jon Burbach
Religious Education Office: 608-372-4516 x3
dre@queenofthepostlestomah.com

Sunday, January 16

Level 9: Large Group — 6:00pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, January 19

Levels K-5: No Class — Catechist In-Service
Levels 6-8, 10: No Class — Catechist In-Service

Sunday, January 23

Level 9: Small Groups

Wednesday, January 26

Levels K-5: Class — 6:00pm-7:00pm
Levels 6-8, 10: Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm

HAVE PATIENCE
WITH EVERYONE,
BUT ESPECIALLY
WITH YOURSELF.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

HOMEBOUND COMMITTEE NEWS

The Homebound Committee extends a THANK YOU to those who contributed to our Christmas Gift Bags. Because of COVID restrictions our December visits were limited, but each of the 49 gift bags was received with a smile and words of appreciation. Please keep our homebound and elderly parishioners in your prayers.

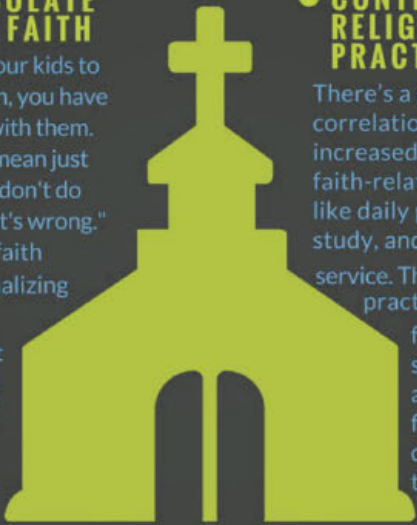
We are also looking for people who would be willing to bring Holy Communion to one or two homebound parishioners. If you are interested, or have additional questions, please call the parish office!

4 WAYS TO KEEP YOUR KIDS CATHOLIC

Parents are the most influential and important mentors in shaping a child's faith. Here are four ways parents prove essential and irreplaceable for keeping kids Catholic:

● ARTICULATE YOUR FAITH

If you want your kids to have real faith, you have to discuss it with them. This doesn't mean just telling them "don't do this because it's wrong." Articulating faith means internalizing it, owning it, and making it a part of you, which is why dialogue is necessary.



● CONTINUE RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

There's a direct correlation between increased faith and faith-related activities like daily prayer, Bible study, and charitable service. These religious practices act as faith catalysts, speeding up and propelling faith development to new levels.

● BUILD A STRONG RELATIONSHIP

Handing on faith requires a strong relationship and a deep level of trust. Openness, honesty, and transparency about who you are and what you believe goes a long way toward establishing trust with your children.

● BE A ROLE MODEL

Children look up to their parents for guidance. It's not a matter of if you are influencing them (you are), rather what kind of influence are you having on them?



Saint Agnes — January 21

St. Agnes is the patron saint of young girls and is one of the most famous early Christian virgin martyrs and is mentioned in one of the Eucharistic prayers of the Mass.

Almost nothing is known of this saint except that she was very young—12 or 13—when she was martyred in the last half of the third century. Various modes of death have been suggested — beheading, burning, strangling. Legend has it that Agnes was a beautiful girl whom many young men wanted to marry. Among those she refused, one reported her to the authorities for being a Christian. She was arrested and confined to a house of prostitution. The legend continues that a man who looked upon her lustfully lost his sight and had it restored by her prayer. Agnes was condemned, executed, and buried near Rome in a catacomb that eventually was named after her.

She is depicted in art as a young girl in robes, holding a palm branch in her hand and a lamb at her feet or in her arms because of its association with gentleness, purity, and submission. On her feast day, two lambs are brought to the pope to be blessed. The wool from these lambs is woven into the palliums (bands of white wool), which the pope gives to newly consecrated archbishops.

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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