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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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✠ FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · FEBRUARY 7, 2021 ✠

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MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, 8:00AM

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A TIME TO PREPARE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In all forms of change, some things are lost, and some things are gained. Throughout its long history, the liturgical calendar of the Church has undergone periodic revision to better accommodate the celebration of Solemnities, Feasts, and Memorials. In 1960, Pope John XXIII revised the calendar which remained in use until 1969 when, after the Second Vatican Council called for further reforms, Pope Paul VI promulgated the new lectionary and calendar which we know today.

One of the things that was “lost” with the last major revision of the Church’s calendar was the two-and-a-half week pre-Lenten season of *Septuagesima*. *Septuagesima* began on the ninth Sunday before Easter and ended on Ash Wednesday. This year, 2021, *Septuagesima* Sunday fell on January 31st, the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and ends on Shrove Tuesday, February 16th; for this reason, it is also sometimes known as *Shrovetide*.

For many centuries, *Septuagesima* was used as a time of reflection and preparation for the penitential season of Lent, which is itself a season of preparation for Easter. Unfortunately, the practical aspects of spiritual preparation, absent fasting, became juxtaposed, and somewhat confused, by the Carnival season culminating with *Mardi Gras*. For this reason, when the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* was approved on February 14, 1969, *Septuagesima* was removed from the Church’s calendar.

While we no longer celebrate *Septuagesima* as a season, the two-and-a-half weeks leading up the Ash Wednesday are a good time to take stock of our spiritual life and begin to make plans regarding what we hope to achieve during Lent. This past year has been extraordinarily difficult because of the COVID-19 pandemic; for many of us, it feels like we have been forcibly separated from the practice of our faith or, at the very least, had it severely limited. For fear of infection, many have not attended Mass in almost a year, been to confession, or received Holy Eucharist; we have been separated and often isolated from our family, friends, and community of faith. What are we to do as we face another Lent and Easter under the specter of pandemic?

As with any other challenge in our lives, we begin by preparing.

It is time to remember who we are as Christians and what we believe. As we approach the beginning of Lent, it is time to reflect on the state of our faith life and consider what we need to do to refresh, renew, and restore it. It is time to put aside our fear, not our prudence, and remember that we are a part of the Church *militant*, soldiers of Christ, “[f]or our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens.” (Ephesians 6:12).

In the coming week, we will be providing you with a calendar of Lenten devotions and other resources.

—Fr. Jim Bates, Parochial Administrator

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Christopher Anderson, Jerry Anderson, Patrick Battinelli, Rosemary Bella, David Bodofsky, Sal Bonina, Aisha Bonny, Taylor Bova, Frank Carreiro, Mary Caruso, Daniel Caruso, Elena Cates, Toni Coe, Frank Colandro, Sandra Coppola, Sonya Correntee, Patti Crowley, Marge Denicola, Steven DiCiccio, Barbara Eilertsen, Carl Ezzo, Johann Fernando, Gerry Fraioli, John Gerardi, Adam Godlewski, Carol Happel, Marge Hogan, Rachel Hogan, Susan Jacobsen, Mary Joyce-McDonough, Carol Kane, Liam Kelly, Kathy L., Megan Lemoung, Gary Livia, Miguel Machado, Mark, Frank McNerney, Mary Montaine, Mary Palmer, Harper Pappas, Michael Pataky, Guillaume Paulemon, Sylvia Privil, Sandy Recchia, Rev. Alfred Riendeau, Julie Salce, Lois Scatton, Gina Stuart, Anthony Tomczyk, Lucille Tomzick, and Betty Vitti.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection for February 6-7 is for the Church in Latin America. Thank you for your generosity in support of this collection. May God bless you and your families in your kindness.



In your prayers...

Remember the men and women in the Armed Forces and all who protect us and put themselves in harm’s way on our behalf; may they be shielded from danger; and for their families and loved ones. In particular, Andrew Anderson, Christopher Blasius, Nick Carella, Ian Francis, Samantha Krom, Christian Legaspe, Steven Nolan, and Dylan Schneider.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Audacity of Holiness

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety—that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident—in the most audacious way—in His Fatherly goodness."

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness—to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his—and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

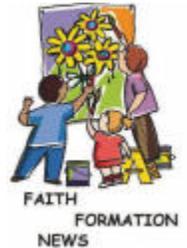
First Penance Workshop—Sunday, February 7, 2021

All young parishioners preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance for the first time must attend the First Penance workshop from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 7, 2021 in Doran Hall. We will review all we have learned about this important sacrament, watch the “Skateboard” video, and discuss what happens when we ask for God’s forgiveness.

First Penance will be held Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the Church.

Confirmation Workshop—February 9, 2021

The Confirmation workshop “Where is the Love?” will be held 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 in Doran Hall. We will explore the meaning of the Rite of Confirmation Imposition of Hands as well as the gift of the Holy Spirit. The following items will be due: My Sponsor’s Faith Story, sponsor certificate, and Confirmation name choice.



No Faith Formation classes Sunday, February 14 and Tuesday, February 16 due to the February school break. Happy Valentine’s Day!

ZOOM Authorization

In order to hold ZOOM sessions, the parent permission form for ZOOM must be signed and returned to Sandra Kluun. This form was included in the Family Handbook packet in October 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Kluun.

Sunday Reading and Background: Reading 1—Job 7:1-4, 6-7

In this reading we meet Job, a holy man who always loved and served God well. Job had great wealth and a wonderful family. But then he suffered one tragedy after another, and lost everything, including his family. Today we hear him grieving and complaining because he does not understand why he has had to suffer so much. His heart is broken. He believes that he will never be happy again.

For reflection and discussion: We all know how Job feels. Life is not always easy for us. We suffer pain, loss, misunderstanding, fear, and anger. But, like Job, we must remember God’s unfailing love for us. By faith, we praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.

What experiences might cause you to feel like Job sometimes? What are the burdens that you can change? What are the burdens that you cannot change? Do you ever blame God for your suffering? Why or why not? How have you experienced God’s healing presence when you are suffering? What will you do to help others who are suffering know that God is with them? (from Sadlier)

Resources from the Leadership Institute

Sunday Family Rosary—continues at 7:30 pm every Sunday night. All are welcome.

(<https://formationreimagined.org/sundayfamilyrosary/>)

The Family Bible Challenge—is now national! Check out the website.

(<https://familybiblechallenge.org>)

The Face of Prayer—Did you know that you and your children (those with phones) could receive an invitation to pray from Bishop Caggiano every single day? Thousands receive a message each day and all you have to do is text the word PRAY to 55778. Then sit back and pray along with us.

Pathways to God—Have a look here for thought-provoking debate, insight and inspiration to help you along your faith journey. Resources include “Scripture and Theology,” “Saint Ignatius,” “Praying with Art,” and “Mental Health Awareness.”

(<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/resources/all>)

Parish Offering
Week of January 31, 2021

Saturday, 4:00pm (34)	\$513.00
Sunday, 8:00am (24)	\$380.00
Sunday, 10:30am (48)	\$272.00
TOTAL	\$1,165.00
Mailed into Parish Office	\$565.00
Online Giving	\$1,716.00
Church of Latin America	\$125.00

Thank you for your continued and generous support and for your consideration in participating in online giving! May God bless you in your care and concern for the financial wellness of Saint Maurice Parish.

UPDATES FROM THE CATHOLIC
ACADEMY OF STAMFORD

The Catholic Academy of Stamford is now accepting applications for 2021-2022. Interested parents, please contact Mary Margarone at 203.322.6505 or info@casct.org. You may also apply online at www.CasCt.org. Our Virtual Open House can be accessed at any time on our website for prospective families to visit.



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**THE “NEW NORMAL”
 FOR ATTENDING MASS**

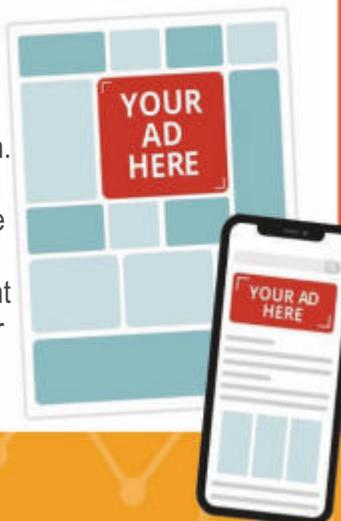
As Saint Maurice continues public worship, it is of the utmost importance these specific guidelines be followed.

- ◆ If you are sick or at high risk please do not attend
- ◆ Reservations are required via website or phone call
- ◆ Single door by rectory used as Entrance to Church
- ◆ Single door by Baptismal font as Exit from Church
- ◆ Collection basket at entrance and exit to Church
- ◆ Face masks must be worn in Church at all times
- ◆ Sanitize hands upon entering Church
- ◆ Social distancing must be maintained at all times
- ◆ Sit only in pews marked with yellow tape
- ◆ Families may sit together in same pew
- ◆ Kindly refrain from singing; Mass parts will be spoken
- ◆ At Communion: After host is placed in your hand, step aside, lower mask, consume host, replace mask and return to seat via side aisle
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 6

4:00pm All our parishioners

Sunday, February 7

8:00am Salvatore Ripegno

10:30am Antonio Zinicola

Monday, February 8

8:00am The Shepherd's Staff

Tuesday, February 9

8:00am Laureano Castro

Wednesday, February 10

8:00am Margaret Harter (Living Intention)

Thursday, February 11

8:00am Light from the Holy Spirit

Saturday, February 13

4:00pm Antoinette Apruzzese & Angela Iannotta

Sunday, February 14

8:00am All our parishioners

10:30am Thomas Nardoza

BEREAVEMENT GROUP FOR THE WIDOWED

A support group for women and men who have lost a spouse or significant other. The meetings are held in Doran Hall. For detailed information, including dates and times, contact Donna Hughes at 203.595.0603 or donnahuz@aol.com.

MASS RESERVATIONS

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED in order to attend weekend Mass. You must make a reservation for the number of people attending. An online reservation system is available on the Parish website; click on the **RESERVATION** button and follow the instructions to place your reservation to attend Mass.

PLEASE DO NOT SHOW UP WITHOUT A RESERVATION! If you do so, you may be asked to wait in line to accommodate those who made their reservation in advance.

If you do not have access to the internet, call the Parish Office at 203.324.3434, extension 705, to make your reservation. Calls received by Saturday at 10:00am will show on the check-in list.

*The sanctuary candle this week is
in memory of Reverend Gerald T. Devore.*

*Votive candle by the statue of the Holy
Family is for our nation and the world.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday:	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4, 5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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