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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass • 2002, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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January 23, 2022



Inclement Weather Cancellation Notices

Please watch WFSB Channel 3 for updates regarding cancellation of weekday or weekend Masses and religious education due to inclement weather. Cancellations can also be accessed on the Internet at www.wfsb.com and click on the tab for cancellations.

Announcements for weekday and Sunday Masses will be posted by 6:30 a.m. Announcements for Saturday Masses will be posted by 2 p.m.

COVID-19 Guidelines Update January 16, 2022

With the rising numbers of COVID cases in our towns, communities, families, and parishes, everyone is strongly encouraged to wear a mask when inside all of our churches.

While a large number of people are vaccinated, we are finding that anyone can still get sick and/or spread viruses.

Please be considerate of everyone around you and wear a mask when in Church.

Thank You



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

*Father, your son accepted our sufferings,
to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness.
Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters,
may all who suffer pain, illness or disease
realize that they are chosen to be saints,
and know that they are joined to Christ
in His suffering for the salvation of the world,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen*

**THIS DAY
IN AMERICAN
HISTORY
JANUARY 23**

The Blue and the Gray

The boys of Georgetown College Boat Club had a problem.

The 1876 rowing season was upon them, and, unlike their rivals-Harvard and Penn State-Georgetown had no distinctive colors to help their fans on shore identify them. To solve the problem, they formed a committee and weighed their options.

Their decision? Blue and gray. The blue would represent the students from the Northern states, the gray would represent the students from the Southern states, and

together the two colors would represent the unity of the students on campus, a unity that just 10 years before seemed unthinkable.

Georgetown, the oldest Catholic and Jesuit institution in the United States, had nearly closed its doors in the immediate wake of the Civil War. Nearly 1,200 students and alumni had fought in the conflagration, and in 1861 the U.S. Army took over the university's campus to house Union soldiers. By 1869, its graduates numbered exactly seven.

The Jesuits who ran the school, however, were determined to see it survive. The land for the college had been purchased on January 23, 1789 by America's first bishop, the Jesuit John Carroll, and since then, Catholic men from across the country had worked hard to attend the school.

In 1873, Father Patrick Francis Healy assumed the presidency of the college. Some thought he would close its doors. Healy, however, became like a second founder, erecting new buildings, reforming the curriculum, and improving alumni relations. Within a decade, the school was on sure footing once more.

Today, Georgetown University educates more than 7,000 undergraduate and 9,000 post-graduate students. Considered one of the most prestigious schools in the country, with more than 23 Rhodes Scholars, a U.S. President, and dozens of civic and cultural leaders on its alumni rosters, its blue and gray colors still represent the university and its 23 intercollegiate teams.

Source: *The American Catholic Almanac*, New York, Image Books, 2014, page 25.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

MASSES & MASS INTENTIONS

SAINTS THOMAS & ANNE

Saturday, January 22nd

5:45pm Mass

Sunday, January 23rd

8:00 am Reconciliation

9:00 am Mass

Monday, January 24th

8:00 am **MASS @ St. Mary**

Tuesday, January 25th

7:00 pm Mass

Friday, January 28th

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, January 29th

5:45 pm *Raymond Gromko*
Req. by Merrell & Cecile Gerber

Sunday, January 30th

8:00 am Reconciliation

9:00 am *Joseph Landry*
Req. by family



The Sanctuary Lamp at
SS. Thomas & Anne
will be lit for the Month of January
For Bob & Blanche Osga
Req. by Sandra and family

SAINT MARY

Saturday, January 22nd

4:00 pm *Sondra & Phillip Champagne*
Req. by Steve & Linda Champagne

Sunday, January 23rd

8:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, January 14th

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, January 25th

8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, January 26th

8:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 27th

8:00 am *For the health of Marybeth LaFlamme*

Saturday, January 29th

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 30th

8:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

All weekday Masses are in the
Chapel in the Parish Center

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

Saturday, January 22nd

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 23rd

10:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 27th

10:00 am Mass

Saturday, January 29th

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 30th

10:00 am Mass

SAINT CATHERINE PARISH

Total 2021-2022 Budget—\$141,015.00

Divided by 52 weeks equals a weekly budget of
\$ 2,711.83

January 16th Income:

Offertory	\$ 1,341.00
Maintenance	\$ 35.00
<u>Electronic Giving</u>	<u>\$ 80.00</u>
Total Income Jan 16th	\$ 1,456.00
Deficit	\$ -1,255.83

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SAINT MARY PARISH

Total 2021-2022 Budget—\$305,101.00

Divided by 52 weeks equals a weekly budget of
\$ 5,867.33

January 16th Income:

Offertory	\$ 3,896.00
Parish center	\$ 355.00
<u>Electronic Giving</u>	<u>\$ 508.45</u>
Total Income Jan 16th	\$ 4,759.45
Deficit	\$- 1,107.88

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SAINTS THOMAS & ANNE PARISH

Total 2021-2022 Budget—\$124,534.80

Divided by 52 weeks equals a weekly budget of
\$ 2,394.90

January 16th Income:

Offertory	\$ 1,184.00
<u>Fuel</u>	<u>\$ 214.00</u>
Total Income Jan. 16th	\$ 1,398.00
Deficit	\$- 996.90

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*“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and
allot portions to those who had nothing
prepared...”
(NEHEMIAH 8:10)*

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that god does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now there’s the hard part to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

St. Mary Food Pantry

The Pantry currently needs donations

Of the following items:

- Baked Beans
- Diced Tomatoes
- Canned Pasta
- Assorted Juice Boxes

Donated items can be left Monday—Thursday from 9am—1pm or they can be left in the donation bins in the rear of St. Mary church, or on the table in front of the Rectory. Thank you!



*Christopher Hart, Cheryl Wakely, Hunter Picco,
James Gauthier, Damaris, Cherrill Gemeasky,
David Gemeasky, Margaret Labriola, Sister Charles
Marie, Mike & Jan Clancy, Grady Sadosky, TJ
Faulise, Dolores Davidsson, and James Gauthier*

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

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

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-3

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

3:00 pm Saturday at St. Mary
3:30 pm Saturday at St. Catherine
8:00 am Sunday at SS. Thomas &
Anne or by appointment

Baptism

Call the office for an appointment.
Mandatory instruction prior to
Baptism.

Matrimony

Arrangements must be made one
year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick, Visitation of Sick & Homebound Communion:

By appointment.
Call the office for complete
information,
860-376-2044

PARISH CONTACTS

Columbiettes Council #2364

Meets on 1st Monday. Call Maryann at
860-608-6772

Knights of Columbus Council #2364

Meets on 3rd Thursday, 860-376-2627

St. Mary St. Thomas Cemetery

Call Sheila at the office, 860-376-2044

St. Catherine Our Lady of Good Council Guild

For information, please call the office
860-376-2044

St. Mary Food Pantry

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