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Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00pm or by appointment

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

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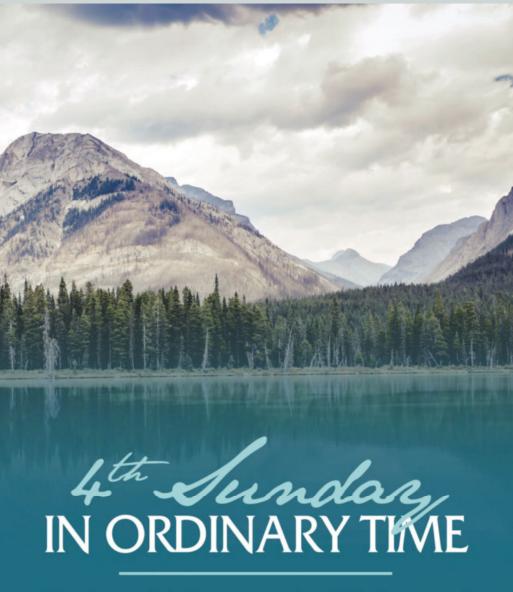
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Our Lady Queen of Peace

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We are committed to serving God and His people as we continue our journey of faith.

We are grateful to the Lord for your presence with us and look forward to including you in all areas of our life together.



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Pastor &
Campus Minister

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rlmckee@snet.net

Deadline for bulletin submissions: Monday by 3pm. Send to bulletin@olqop.com

Sacrament Certificates

Sacramental records in the Roman Catholic Church are always recorded at the parish in which you were baptized, regardless of where the other sacraments were conferred.

If you were baptized at Saint Mary or Saint Thomas Aquinas and you need a copy of any of your sacramental certificates (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, etc.) please reach out to Eileen at Saint Mary Church at 860-742-0681 or by email eileen@olqop.com

Engaged Couples

Couples need to reach out to the Parish office **at least** six months prior to the wedding to begin the preparation process.

New Parents

Congratulations! Now please contact Eileen to register for baptism preparation.

Sanctuary Candle Memorials

The Sanctuary Candles which burn near the Tabernacles at Saint Mary and Saint Thomas are available for one-week memorials, Sunday to Saturday, for \$15.00. Please contact Eileen at Saint Mary or Ernie at Saint Thomas to have the candle lit in remembrance of your beloved deceased.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sharon Albert • Mary Attardo • Craig Barnes • Suzy Bender

Nancy Caye • Norman & Elizabeth Cyr

Andrew Cullen • Gary Demko • Sandra Floer

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Henrietta Wood • Victor Zetterstrom Jr.

Homebound: Marilyn Turner

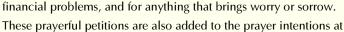
If you know someone who is sick and in need of prayer, please let us know

Prayer Requests

Who do you call when you need prayers for loved ones, friends, or even for your own intentions???

The Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Network!

We are your fellow parishioners who have formed a prayer phone chain to pray along with you through sickness, loss of loved ones,



These prayerful petitions are also added to the prayer intentions a First Friday Devotions at 7pm on the First Friday of the month at Saint Mary Church.

To start the prayer network simply call the Church offices either at St. Thomas Aquinas or St. Mary; or call the coordinator Laurie Felix-860-742-9495. You can always leave a message. If you would like to be one of our Prayer Warriors, call Laurie Felix.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Offering

For January 23, 2022

 Weekly
 7,094.20

 Other
 520.00

 TOTAL
 7,614.20

Thank you for your generosity

2021 Contribution Statements

If you need a 2021 contribution statement for your tax return, please contact Jennifer at 860-742-0681 ext 202 or at jennifer@olqop.com. Jennifer is in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

NEW TO THE BULLETIN / UPCOMING EVENTS

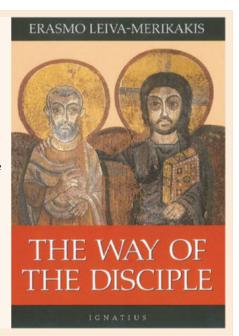
Announcing a Lenten Book Study, starting on February 16.

Join Father Jonathan on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in St. Mary's Church Hall for an indepth study on the book THE WAY OF THE DISCIPLE by Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis.

This book explores in depth six Gospel scenes so as to discover in these the essential elements of Christian discipleship. It describes the basic requirements for receiving the Word of God effectively in our hearts: namely, that we "become wet clay in God's hands", so that God can impress upon us any form he chooses. It also contemplates the vital position of the Mother of the Lord in the life of his disciples.

Each week we will gather to discuss a chapter of this book. We'll discover together how the call to discipleship is above all an invitation to intimate companionship with Jesus, and how what we normally call the "active apostolate" can never be an end in itself, but only the fruits of a life of prayer and adoration.

Please contact Eileen at Eileen@olqop.com for any questions and to RSVP to the study. The price of the book is \$10.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Lent



One-hour time slots are becoming available each week to pray before the Blessed Sacrament during Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2.

If you are interested in taking one or more time slots at Saint Thomas Aquinas on weekdays in Lent between 1pm & 5pm, please let Father Jonathan know.

Are you grieving from an Abortion? Trust in the mercy of God's love. Consider these words from St. John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion:

"The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope....The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord." (Evangelium Vitae, no. 99).

Call **Project Rachel**, the church's post-abortion healing program, for a confidential referral to a priest who can help: **860-861-4439**.

The St. Jude Council will be changing their monthly meetings as per the following schedule. All meetings will be in the St. Mary Church hall, and on Zoom, starting at 7:30 PM. If you have any questions please contact Rick Parr at rick.parr@hotmail.com or (860) 742-9818. Thank you.



Thursday, 2/3 - Planning Meeting – all members welcome

Tuesday, 2/15 - Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, 3/3 - Planning Meeting – all members welcome

Tuesday, 3/15 - Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, 4/7 - Planning Meeting – all members welcome

Tuesday, 4/19 - Regular Monthly Meeting

4TH SUNDBY IN ORDINARY TIME





'Blessing of Throats' after Mass next weekend

With Sympathy

We commend to the risen Lord:

John Dupuis, Jacques Blouin, Germaine Staples, and Charles Zemek



... who have passed into eternal life.

Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to their families and friends.



FIRST READING

The word of the LORD came to me, saying:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. (Jer 1:4-5)



PSALM

I will sing of your salvation. (Ps 71)



SECOND READING

So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor 13:13)



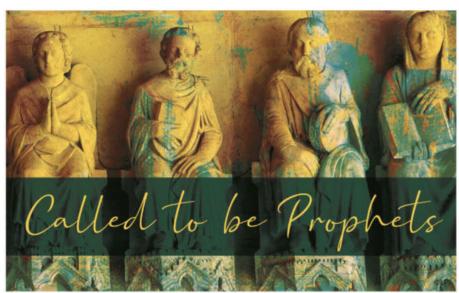
GOSPEL

And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place." (Lk 4:24)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

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 4:21-30

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk

5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-

8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Monday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Wednesday: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life

Thursday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Saturday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

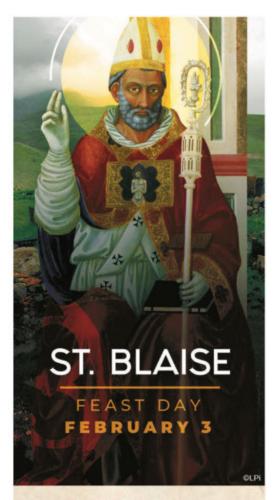
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions,

Martyrs

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Prophets possess an intimate knowledge of God and act on their experience of God. Prophetic messages usually challenge the status quo and draw us up and out of ourselves, focusing us on the bigger picture. We often think of ourselves and our own needs first. When we listen to someone speak, we judge the merit of the message by its degree of usefulness. If the message or vision contains no personal benefit or profit but a call to stretch and grow, we can become indignant. Prophets are usually the ones whose message challenges us and calls us to see things differently and love more perfectly and deeply. God is love. When listening to St. Paul speak about love we witness the unfolding of this type of unconditional, other centered, self-sacrificial perfect God. It is an invitation to life, freedom, and happiness that can be offered to us only by God. Jesus, who is God and Love incarnate, calls us to this richer expression of love. Are we ready to listen and be challenged and stretched?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY

3:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Mary 4:00pm & Clifton LaBrec, r/b Michelle and Dave

5:30pm 🕆 Walter Koss, requested by Colleen & Ernie Golnik

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Thomas Aquinas

MONDAY

9:00am Priscille Sibley, r/b Ken and Jean Soder

2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church

TUESDAY

12:20pm Special Intentions for Barbara Koepke, r/b Laurie

Felix (12:20pm Masses are at St Thomas Aguinas)

2-6pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church

6:00pm Blessings for Patricia Lutes, r/b Natashia

WEDNESDAY THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

12:20pm For a Special Intention
2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church

THURSDAY

12:20pm For a Special Intention
2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church

FIRST FRIDAY

12:20pm For a Special Intention
2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church

7:00pm First Friday Devotions, Saint Mary Church

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY — BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER MASS

3:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Mary

4:00pm Ordination Blessings for Fr Larry Barile, r/b Aleisha

& Bob Beaulieu

5:30pm ⊕Teresa Stewart, requested by Colleen & Ernie Golnik

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER MASS

8:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Thomas Aguinas

8:30am For the People of the Parish

The Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council will be conducting a **Baby Bottle Fundraiser** to benefit Birthright of Windham starting **the weekend of February 5th and 6th.** Baby bottles will be handed out, or on the greeter stands, at St. Mary's, and at the two entrances to St. Thomas. You can fill the bottles with spare change or a check. The fundraiser will last for 4 weeks and end on the weekend of February 26th and 27th. Collection boxes will be placed near the Baptismal area at St. Mary's and at St. Thomas. You can also drop your bottles off at either office during regular business hours. Checks should be made out to K of C Council 4313 – not Birthright. The Knights will count all the money and send 1 check to Birthright. Thank you for your generosity.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY

9am-3:30pm Ladies Retreat (Zoom)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00am **Faith Formation**, Pre-K & K

12:00nn AA, Saint Thomas Aguinas Chapel Basement

5:00pm **Faith Formation**, Confirmation

MONDAY

5:00pm Faith Formation, Grades 1-4

7:00pm Rosary and Novena, Saint Mary Church

TUESDAY

5:00pm Faith Formation, Grades 5-8

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm AA, Saint Thomas Aguinas Chapel Basement

7:00pm Legion of Mary, Saint Mary

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

7:30pm Knights of Columbus, Saint Mary Hall & Zoom

SATURDAY

5:00pm Junior High Youth Group, Saint Mary Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00am Faith Formation, Pre-K & K

12:00nn AA, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement

5:00pm **Faith Formation**, Confirmation

~ All events planned to be 'live' unless otherwise noted ~



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