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GOSPEL MEDITATION -ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 20, 2022 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gaschambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

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		MASSES AND INTENTIONS Week of February 20, 2022 HF-Holy Family ** SH-Sacred Heart SA-St. Alphonsus ** ANN– St. Ann's	CALENDAR Week of February 20, 2022 HF-Holy Family SH-Sacred Heart SA-St. Alphonsus ANN-St. Ann's
SUN. 02/20/22	7:30am(SH) 9:00am(ANN) 9:00am(HF) 10:30am(SA) 11:00am(SH)	Gary Lulfs by Eileen O'Connell Don & Helen Fromel by Anna Flanigan Albert Nicolella by Bob & Sue Marullo Ruth Schell by Estate Mary Krawczyk by Family	
MON. 02/21/22	8:30am(SH) 12:15pm(HF)	No 8:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Peter & Lois Riester by Estate	All Parish Offices Closed
TUES. 02/22/22	8:30am(SH) 9:00am(HF) 5:15pm(SA)	Bill Delaney by Sacred Heart Men's Club Reverend Raymond Wahl by Estate Mary Gray by Laura & Doug Cuthbert	
WED. 02/23/22	12:15pm(HF)	James Beer by Family	
THURS. 02/24/22	5:15pm(SA)	Richard Cavanaugh by his sister Beverly	
FRI. 02/25/22	8:30am (SH) 9:00am (HF)	John Farrell by Pat, Alyce & Emily Thomas Church by Bereavement Ministry	
SAT. 02/26/22	4:00pm (SH) 4:00pm HF) 4:30pm (SA)	Stanley Kott by Family Dale Gamba by Mary Jane Middleton, Betsy Farrelly & Diana Verillo Michael Pagano by Debbie Pinckney Susan Graney Spadafora by Carin & Jeannie Galbally Frank Reginelli by Family	
SUN. 02/27/22	7:30am(SH) 9:00am(ANN) 9:00am(HF) 10:30am(SA) 11:00am(SH)	For the People of Sacred Heart Lucille & Edwin Brown by Family Helen Walsh Ditton by Estate Jill Clifford Dougherty by the Clifford Cousins Joe Seneca by Ann & David Driscoll and Buddy Barrette by his Sisters	

Ministry Schedule February 26th & 27th

Date/Time	Lector	EM	Altar Server	Sacristan
02/26/22 4:00pm (SH)	D. Cannucciari	P. Messina		P. Messina
02/26/22 4:00pm (HF)	D. Walsh	D. Walsh; P. Stolarow	A. Colella	K. Pines
02/26/22 4:30pm (SA)	C. Mellor	K. Mahoney; S. Klink		S. Mellor
02/27/22 7:30am(SH)	A. Haff	G. White		Volunteer
02/27/22 9:00am (HF)	T. Nolan	T. Nolan; H. Delaney	B. & J. Furnia	S. Marullo
02/27/22 9:00am(ANN)	G. Lawson	S. Podolak		A. & P. Herrling
02/27/22 10:30am (SA)	D. Passarello	P. & M. Skomsky	L. & S. Brabant	M. Mendzef
02/27/22 11:00am (SH)	P. Ringwood	E. Peyok; S. Clark		J. Clark

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 02/13/22

Holy Family Church Regular Collection \$3536.36 Sacred Heart Church Regular Collection \$6740.00 St. Alphonsus Church Regular Collection \$3646.15 St. Ann's Church Regular Collection \$919.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

The "PACK THE PANTRY" item for the week of February 19/20– Bottles of Salad Dressing February 26/27– Jars of Peanut Butter NOTE: Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please bring these items to church and place item in our "PACK THE PANTRY" baskets or they can be brought right to the Food Pantry which is open Thank you for your continued generosity!

> **ST. ALPHONSUS FOOD PANTRY, SUE NORTON** Monday-Saturday 9am-11:30am 315-252-0710



LENT is fast approaching and we will once again participate in the CRS Lenten Rice Bowl. Just fill it with your loose change during Lent and return it on Palm Sunday, April 10th. Your Lenten Alms save lives globally and in your own community!

St. Alphonsus Food Pantry has another Lenten Project which is "40 CANS for 40 DAYS." We ask that you donate 40 cans of food, one for each day of Lent. Our goal is to fill our 90 foot church tower with cans of food. You can drop off your donations to the Food Pantry, which is open Monday through Saturday 9:00am to 11:30am or at the entrances to the church on the weekend. In the past we have collected over 2,200 cans and would like to reach 3000 cans this year! *THANK YOU*!

> We would like to thank **Auburn EyeMDs 315-253-3217** For sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



2021-2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Sacred Heart Goal \$46,485

As of February 14, **163 parishioners** have pledged \$33,839 or 72.80% of our goal leaving a balance of \$12,646.

Holy Family Goal \$32,090

As of February 14, **117 parishioners** have pledged \$22,895 or 71.35% of our goal leaving a balance of \$9195.

St. Ann's Goal \$7561

As of February 14, **18 parishioners** have pledged \$4885 or 64.61% of our goal leaving a balance of \$2676. NO CHANGE IN PLEDGES

St. Alphonsus Goal \$37,185

As of February 14 **151 parishioners** have pledged 23,075 or 62.05% of our goal leaving a balance of \$14,110. NO CHANGE IN PLEDGES

Please prayerfully consider giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal to ease the financial burden to your parish. We have CMA envelopes in the back of church and in the Parish office if you need one. We thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Faith Community!

Sick, Infirmed, Homebound

If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized or moved to a nursing facility or family members home, please call our parish office to let us know. If you are unable to attend Mass, please contact the Parish Office or a parish member to arrange to receive communion. If a family member has gone to hospice care or needs healing prayers, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick can be administered by Fr. Stephen or Fr. Mike. Please call our Parish Office for any of these services at 315-252-7271. Thank you

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Thanking God for Missing Spears

Imagine how Saul must have felt when he awoke from his sleep and saw his spear missing from its resting place. Now imagine how he felt when he realized that the person who had it was the same person seeking his life — and there he sat, safe and sound. Now there's a day you don't forget your morning prayers.

I think if we look, we can all find a "missing spear moment" in our lives, when it hits us right in the gut that God has kept us safe from an impending disaster. This can be physical disaster, sure — but more commonly, I think it is spiritual disaster. Often the salvation comes through the gift of a person, or people, through whom God reveals His mercy.

When I was in high school, I had a circle of friends who were really into their faith. We were all in youth ministry together, and the bond we shared taught me a lesson that changed me as a person: we become those with whom we associate. I can look back now, all these years later, and see that these people are evidence of God's hand in my life.

Take a look at your life. In whose love has God shown you comfort? By whose hand has God brought you closer to Him, or kept you away from harm? Through whose friendship has God shaped you into the person you are?

Let's strive to remember to thank God for these people — and to thank them, too.

• Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Prayer for Peace in the Ukraine

Almighty and Ever Loving God, in you we place our trust and hope. Violence and cruelty can have no part with you. You guide everything with wisdom and love. Hear the prayers we offer for our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine. May your love and the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ bless and console them and gently wipe the tears from their eyes and remove the fear from their hearts. Look also with favor on the families and friends who mourn the victims and comfort them in their loss. Console them in the hope that all who trust in you will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom. Bless them with your presence and surround all with your love. Guide those in authority, O Lord. By the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens may harmony be restored and justice be served. Allow our leaders to strive in this time of despair for what is right and just. Calm this terror that threatens the Ukraine. Grant that peace, the fruit of justice and charity, may reign. Amen



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Lk 6:27-38): "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? ... And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you?" (Lk 6:32-33) In Acts 10 – 11:1-18 we read the story about Peter being sent by a vision to bring the message of the Good News to a centurion named Cornelius, a gentile and not of Jewish tradition called to conversion by a vision. Peter says to Cornelius, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears Him and acts uprightly is acceptable to Him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening... and they were baptized. Jesus came to save all, not only those who see as we see. Let us reach outside of our walls and bring with us the Good News so we can share Christ's love with all we meet. To learn more and/or participate by visiting the webpage www.dor.org/synod also, by contacting Barbara Quinn at 315-252-9756 or barbara.guinn@dor.org.

Did You Know?

The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter is a commemoration of the contributions of the Apostle to the Christian Church. It celebrates his authority and endless efforts to build a strong community around the teachings of Christ and has been celebrated since the earliest times in the Christian era.

St. Peter was known to hold the keys to the kingdom of heaven, entrusted to him by Jesus himself. For this and many other reasons, St. Peter became a celebrated figure in Christianity.

Why is the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter Celebrated?

One of the main reasons for celebrating the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter is to celebrate the unity of the Christian Church. Another important reason is that the Chair symbolizes the authority of Saint Peter and his dedication towards building a strong foundation for the Church.

Saint Peter is revered in the Christian community across the globe and is an important figure when it comes to the history of the Vatican. He is considered as the first Pope and the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter marks the longstanding Papacy in Rome since the 1st century.

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Experience Lent in a new life-enriching way based on the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. This 8 week guided exercise of daily scriptural prayer will require an at home commitment of 30 minutes a day using a participant guide book. There is also a prescribed and highly recommended option to meet as a group once a week for an hour to share the past week's prayer experiences.

Deacon Dennis will hold a weekly group meeting at Schrader or Nacca Hall and is willing to work with others to lead small groups meetings for those preferring to meet at their own parishes.

Contact Deacon Dennis prior to February 22nd if you have questions, wish to obtain a guidebook and/or be assisted to lead a separate group. Cell 315 406 1538 text/vm or email <u>ddonahue@dor.org</u>.

Widow and Widowers meeting will be a luncheon meeting at Sherwood Inn on Tuesday March 1st at 11:30am. All widows and widowers are invited. Please call Sharon Mellor at 315-406-0643 to make a reservation.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Psalm 163:8

Pandemic Stress and Effective Coping:

The Bl. Solanus Casey Doorway Ministry is a free mental wellness program for individuals, couples and families who are looking to improve their overall functioning and purpose in life. Through reflective solution focused counseling and spiritual guidance, individualized plans for effective coping are jointly developed with a licensed counselor. The Doorway Ministry specializes in working through existential crises brought on by loss, including prolonged grief and complicated mourning. Counseling is limited and free.

The Doorway Ministry also serves as a missionary disciple training center for those who feel called to provide meaningful comfort

to others who are hurting in the margins of our community. Contact Dcn. Dennis Donahue, by voicemail or text at 315 406 1538 if you wish to make a counseling appointment or learn to further enhance your helping skills.



Black History Month

Sister Thea Bowman – A Servant of God

A granddaughter of slaves, Sister Thea Bowman was an African American woman who endured racism and inequality but who fought racial prejudice and promoted education and cultural awareness for those who were marginalized. She was an advocate for racial integration in the Catholic Church. She worked tirelessly to bring people together and lived her life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Declared a Servant of God, <u>Sister Thea Bowman</u> is on the path to sainthood.

PLEASE REMEMBER that all Mass intentions, Tabernacle candles. Sacramental records. questions or concerns for Holy Family, St. Alphonsus, Sacred Heart and St. Ann's be directed to Nancy at the Parish Office on Melrose Rd. You can call 315-252-7271 or stop into the office. The office is open from 8:00am-3:30pm Monday—Wednesday and Thursday at Holy Family at 315-252-9576 from 9:00am-2:30pm. You may reach Barb Quinn, Faith Formation Coordinator at Holy Family by calling 315-252-9576 X16 and Richard White, Pastoral Minister at 315-252-9576 X13. **Reminder** all checks should be made payable to your own parish, but should be mailed to: **Regional Finance Office** 90 Melrose Rd. Auburn, NY 13021





Catholic Community of St. Ann, Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and Holy Family Faith Formation Office, 85 North St. Auburn, NY 13021 Barbara Quinn, Coordinator of Faith Formation Email: <u>Barbara.Quinn@dor.org</u> Telephone: 315.252.9576 ext. 16.



SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

The sacraments of Christian initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist—lay the foundations of every Christian life. "The sharing in the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishing of natural life. The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity." (CCC 1212)

Confession, Penance, Reconciliation

All of these words have been used to describe the sacrament. It is important to know that Confession and Penance are parts of Reconciliation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation has four parts:

Confession: the act of telling your sins to the priest, in a manner appropriate to your age and ability.

Act of Penance: an important part of healing is the "penance" the priest gives you – prayers and actions you will do with God's grace, in satisfaction for your sins. You perform your penance sometime after leaving the confessional.

Act of Contrition: the words you use to express sincere sorrow for your sins (which hurt your relationship with God and with others), and the intention to not repeat them.

Absolution: On the basis of your contrition and a specific formula of words spoken by the priest, your sins are forgiven by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God's Gift

Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). *-https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance*

Our Church Community has a role

The whole Church community plays a role in reconciliation. We do not engage in the act of reconciliation alone. While the priest is the minister of the Sacrament of Penance, the whole Church community participates in the work of reconciliation (Ordo Paenitentiae). When we gather each Sunday, we call to mind our sins and intercede for one another. We hear the Word of God, which challenges us to reflect gospel values in our lives and relationships. As the Body of Christ, we also challenge one another to live lives of holiness, justice, and love. The Church is an instrument of conversion, calling all its members to love and reconciliation with God and neighbor. https://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development

Join Us for Lenten Penance Service

Our Catholic Community will have a Penance Service on Monday, April 4, 2022 at St. Alphonsus Church at 6:30pm. Individual confessions will be immediately after the Penance Service. Please join us.

Please remember in your prayers our sick especially:

John Farrington, George, Thomas Didio, Madelyn Didio, Bill, Joan Zeleznik, Dave, Benjamin Fietze, Olivia, Bill Moore, Mary Campbell, Jonathan Arrowsmith, Lucas Mallory, TJ Caci, Jr., Don Quinn, Joe Schubach, Corrine Piccione, Rowena Angelina, Walter Dec, Mary Warter, Mary Adams, Caroline Blowers, Mark Cole, Sue Daly, Tim Daly, Gina DelPiano, Mary Dygert, Ann Fronzek, Dick Powers, Michael Fronzek, Robert Gallager, Mary Guido, Carter Hergert, Caleb Jones, Joanne Komanecky, William Androsko, Elizabeth Lane, Frances Lane, Stephen L. Norris, Siobhan Phillippe, Donna Romano, Denny Samara, Leonard Smith, Stacy, Donna Lawler, Ellie Sorber, Gloria DeMarco, David Festa, and those listed in our Book of Petitions.

Those serving our country especially: LCpl Brian Baxter USMC, Capt. Gregory Baxter USMC, Capt. DJ Benzing USAF, Lt.Col Joseph E. Brooks USAF, PFC Earl Doyle Jr. USA, SSgt Tom Ellis Sr. USA, SSgt Angel Gonzalez USA, Col Eddie Gonzalez USMC, Pvt Zachary Gonzalez USMC, CWO4 Roger Graf USA, 1SGT Zachary Howell USA, SSgt James Johnson USMC, SFC Jason Mero USA, Pvt Justin Miller USA, E3 David Mirales US Navy, LTJG Richard Nelson IV, USN, E4 Adam H. Brooks, USAF, Charles Moscov

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