

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2021



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Christmas 2020
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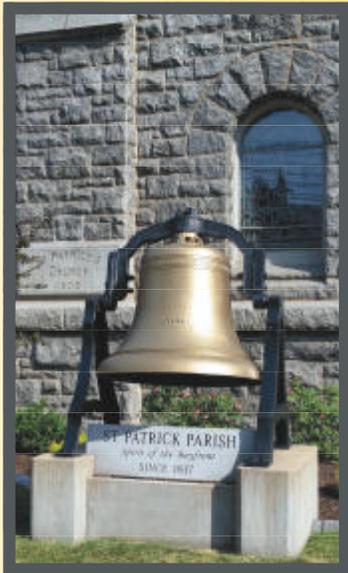
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk...



Today is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The calling of prophets in the Old Testament always involves some sort of grand drama. Genesis 12 describes Abraham, age 75, leaving Haran with his elderly wife and possessions in response to God's invitation to make of him a great nation. Moses hears the voice of God in a burning bush. God always chooses unlikely characters who hesitate to respond to his command. Samuel's calling is different. He has been under the direction of the temple priests since childhood and is well positioned to hear God's voice. It takes 3 tries for God to get Samuel to realize that it is not the high priest Eli who is calling him. Eli then helps him to discern God's call and secondly, Samuel announces that he is listening.

Paul had a deep relationship with the Christian community at Corinth, a community who had a host of problems that Paul felt obliged to address. At the very top of the list was the issue of a spiritual pride that led many in the community to divorce the body from the spirit, meaning that the body could participate in immoral acts without damage to the spirit. Paul addresses their egos in this section we read today. He frames his message in terms of belonging; because Baptism grafts us to Christ, there is no aspect of the body that can be used for any other purpose than to give glory to God. Paul emphasizes that the entire body belongs to Christ and cannot be defiled.

Unlike the synoptic gospels which record the baptism of Christ as a firsthand experience, John relies upon the testimony of the Baptist to reveal Jesus' true nature. "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." (John 1:34) The next day after John was baptized he is walking by the Jordan and God makes his identity known again: "Behold, the Lamb of God." John makes it very clear that following Jesus is the thing to do. The two disciples on the shore hear of the words of the Baptist, and they follow Jesus without questions. It is Jesus who asks the question: "What are you looking for?" This is the foundation of John's gospel that is posed to all of us. The entire theology of John's gospel is revealed within these

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

opening verses: seek and you will see.

In concert with the diocese, the parish office will be closed on Monday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. It might be a time for all of us to utter a prayer for an end to the racial strife in our land that we can all learn to live together as God's creatures.

By the end of January, we should have the printouts for everyone on your 2020 contributions to the parish so that you can use them for tax purposes. If for some reason, you do not receive one, please call the parish office and we will send you one.

If you've ever been in the rectory, you know that the Cauley brothers did not spare any expense when they built this house in 1915 entirely out of their own pocket. I'm told that the Waterford crystal chandelier in the large first floor hall is worth over \$38,000! Each of the doorknobs in the house has a cross on it. The doorknobs as well as the plate for each one are made of brass. The parish custodian recently started cleaning them and restoring them, and you have to see them. They literally sparkle.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and will be observed this year on February 17. That is also when we begin appealing to you for support of the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal. Our assessment from the diocese this year is not only the largest in the history of the parish at \$100,400; it is also the fourth largest in the entire diocese. I'm hoping that once again you will rally to support this annual appeal. As you know, I refuse to talk about money from the pulpit; but a letter and pledge envelope will go out to everyone in the parish in early February.

Our baptisms are down rather dramatically during 2020, but that is because of Covid. I don't blame parents for not wanting to bring a baby out yet.

Some random thoughts: "How many of us have looked around at our family reunion and thought, 'Well, are we just two clowns short of a circus.'" ... "We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it." ... "I'm at an age where my mind still thinks I'm 29, my humor suggests I'm 12, while my body mostly keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet."



Saint Patrick News



The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Carmelo & Mary Pontoriero
from Mark & Mary Jasinski family

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Jan. 16 Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 PM EUGENE & CLARA KULIG (JAY & CAROL HABAS)
- Jan. 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR (ANGIE KONTUR)
10:30 AM FR. MIKE ALLISON (JACK BERTGES)
- Jan. 18 Monday, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY**
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
OFFICE CLOSED
- Jan. 19 Tuesday, Weekday**
8:00 AM BERTHA MANNA (MARY BETH ABBOTT)
- Jan. 20 Wednesday, Weekday**
8:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK CHURCH
- Jan. 21 Thursday, Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Jan. 22 Friday, Weekday**
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- Jan. 23 Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 PM WILLIAM P. ALEX (PATRICIA BRUNNER, THOMAS & LINDA BRUNNER, DEBRA & CHRIS SLUSARZ)
- Jan. 24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM DAN LYNCH (FAMILY)
10:30 AM CARMELO PONTORIERO (HUTLEY FAMILY)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Minister: Ray Fiorelli, Shirley Winschel

Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 8:00 am

Lector: Dan Bergell

Eucharistic Minister: Joseph Schneider, Barb Fischer

Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Smith

Eucharistic Minister: Ed Smith, Ann Scutella

Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,598.00
Online Giving	<u>2,702.50</u>
Total	\$ 9,300.50

Thank you for your generosity!

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