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JANUARY 30, 2022



4th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MORNING PRAYER (Lauds)

Tuesday 8:15 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Holy Days: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday: 9 - 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY

Engaged couples, one of whom must be an active, registered, parishioner, should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the intended wedding; a date should not be set before this contact. Pre-marriage formation is required to prepare for this serious, life-long commitment.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

First-time parents and typically those who last had a child baptized five or more years ago are expected to participate in an infant Baptism preparation session. Please contact the office to request Baptism.

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ST. BENEDICT PARISH NEWS



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

This weekend, January 29/30, there will be a regular collection only. Next weekend, February 5/6, there will be a second collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament resident in the tabernacle is burning this week in loving memory of **Ron Momeyer** from Dennis & Aurelia Sabol. Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!

ST. BLAISE - FEBRUARY 3

Blessing of the Throats will take place on Thursday, February 3, 2022 after the 8:30 AM Daily Mass.

Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

Very few facts are known about Saint Blaise. We believe he was a bishop of Sebastea in Armenia who was martyred under the reign of Licinius in the early fourth century.

The legend of his life that sprang up in the eighth century tell us that he was born in to a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian. After becoming a bishop, a new persecution of Christians began. He received a message from God to go into the hills to escape persecution. Men hunting in the mountains discovered a cave surrounded by wild animals who were sick. Among them Blaise walked unafraid, curing them of their illnesses. Recognizing Blaise as a bishop, they captured him to take him back for trial. On the way back, he talked a wolf into releasing a pig that belonged to a poor woman. When Blaise was sentenced to be starved to death, the woman, in gratitude, sneaked into the prison with food and candles. Finally Blaise was killed by the governor.

Blaise is the patron saint of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies.

In His Footsteps: Take time as Saint Blaise did to find out how you can help wild animals. Find out what is being done to support and protect the wildlife in your area. There is wildlife everywhere, even in cities. Even a birdfeeder can help God's creatures survive.

Prayer: Saint Blaise, pray for us that we may not suffer from illnesses of the throat and pray that all who are suffering be healed by God's love. Amen.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

were mailed on Friday, January 28, 2022. If you do not receive your statement within the next week, please call the office at 724-834-9045.

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE INFIRMED AND IN NEED OF PRAYER:



Lola & Emory Dobos
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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

5:30 PM MASS - Saturday, February 5, 2022

Gene Leonard - Server
Tim Rennie - Lector
Cheryl Kapelewski - Eucharistic Minister
Tom Schrum - Sacristan

9:30 AM MASS - Sunday, February 6, 2022

Owen Julie Teslevich
Paula Aiello - Lector
Kim Yokopenic - Eucharistic Minister
Sue Kosker - Sacristan

Saints & Special 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

PATRON SAINT OF YOUTH “When tempted, invoke your guardian angel. He is more eager to help you than you are to be helped! Ignore the devil and do not be afraid of him. He trembles and flees at the sight of your guardian angel.” - St. John Bosco

January 30, 2022
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 minimized. 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?

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on **February 2nd**. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

World Day for Consecrated life will be celebrated in the Church on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Humility helps us become less “self-centered” and become more “God-centered” for the sake of others.

NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE....



'LUCK OF THE IRISH' LOTTERY TICKETS

St. James Parish, Apollo, is sponsoring a “Luck of the Irish” lottery ticket, with the winner determined by the March 17th, 7 p.m. Pennsylvania Lottery drawing. Tickets are \$10 (two numbers); prize is a roll of \$5, \$10 and \$20 scratch-off lottery tickets. Tickets are available at the church after weekend Masses, at the parish office or by calling 724-882-8776.

MARDI GRAS NIGHT

Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, will hold a 21-and-over Mardi Gras Night at the Races **Feb. 25** beginning at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person at the door, or \$35 per horse, which includes two entry tickets.

For information, contact Kristina Davies, 724-539-8629, ext. 19, or kristina.davies@stvincent.edu.

A Synod on Synodality: Your Input is Needed!

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is asking that we assemble in a “synod” by sharing our thoughts on the pastoral connectivity of our Church.

All parishioners are invited to participate in town hall meetings, including our young people! Youth ministry leaders will be present to facilitate small group sessions.

Town Hall Meetings

Wednesday, February 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. St. James Parish 306 St. James Lane New Alexandria, PA 15670	Thursday, February 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. St. Margaret Mary Parish 3055 Leechburg Road Lower Burrell, PA 15068
Thursday, February 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish 200 Clairvaux Drive Indiana, PA 15701	Tuesday, February 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. St. Joseph Parish 180 Old Walnut Hill Road Uniontown, PA 15401
Tuesday, February 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. St. Rita Parish 116 South Second Street Connellsville, PA 15425	
Thursday, February 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish 101 West High Street Kittanning, PA 16201	
Wednesday, February 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. Our Lady of Grace Parish 1011 Mt. Pleasant Road Greensburg, PA 15601 Albanese Hall <i>Interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing</i>	

Zoom Town Halls

Wednesday, February 9 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Zoom Town Hall for Young Adults ages 18-30
Register for Zoom Link at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall

Sunday, February 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Zoom Town Hall for Youth Under 18
Register for Zoom Link at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall

Monday, February 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Zoom Town Hall for all parishioners
Register for Zoom Link at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 29, 2022 - Weekday
 5:30 p.m. +Mary Ann Duda (Mr. & Mrs. David Ulishney)

Sunday, January 30, 2022 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of
 St. Benedict & Our Lady of Grace Parishes

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 - Weekday
 8:30 a.m. +Joan Komarinski (Roberta Kubic)

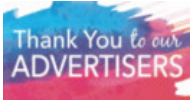
Thursday, February 3, 2022 - Weekday
 8:30 a.m. +Paul Paskevich (Briola Family)

Saturday, February 5, 2022 - Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

5:30 p.m. +Thomas Kissell, Sr. (Pauline Kuhar)

Sunday, February 6, 2022 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. +Mary Elizabeth Kmetz (Phyllis Surma)




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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS



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Report for January 23, 2022

<i>Adult</i>	\$ 1,802.00
<i>On-Line-Giving</i>	\$ 306.00
<i>Loose</i>	\$ 103.00
<i>Automatic Withdrawal</i>	\$ 250.00
<i>Total Weekly Offertory</i>	\$ 2,461.00

<i>Maintenance</i>	\$ 40.00
<i>Accent</i>	\$ 35.00
<i>Candles</i>	\$ 75.00

In order to meet our ordinary expenses entirely from our Sunday collection, St. Benedict needs approximately \$3,515.00 per week in the regular collection.

Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Benedict Parish

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

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Please remember in your prayers the men and women who have chosen to bravely risk their lives for others, including all healthcare workers, police officers, armed forces, first responders, their families and their loved ones.



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

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