

February 3, 2019
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: 9:30 am

TUES AND THU-SAT: 8:30 am

WED: 6:00 pm

HOLY DAY: (no vigil) 8:30 pm, 6:30 PM.

CONFESSIONS

ARE HEARD 1/2 HOUR BEFORE MASS



When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28-30

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St. Frances Cabrini

Roman Catholic Church

MISSION STATEMENT

“The Family of St. Frances Cabrini is committed to building the Kingdom of God through prayer, discipleship, love for one another in our community and in our world, and to be a servant to all.”

Friend of the Week

JOHN SIKORA
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Traveling Madonna

The Traveling Madonna (purpose is to ask her intercession) will be in the care of Mike & Linda Olinski. Eric & Kayla Amato will take possession of her the week of February 10th. Anyone who would like to participate may sign up in the back of church. This can be a wonderful learning tool for children.

Councils Meetings

The Parish Finance Council and the Parish Pastoral Council will both meet during the coming week.

The Finance Council will meet tomorrow (Monday), February 4th, and the Pastoral Council will meet this Tuesday, February 5th. Both meetings will take place in the rectory at 6:30pm.

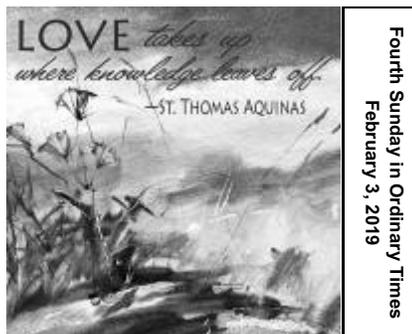
Collection for the Church in Latin America

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. What our parish gives will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share it with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit <http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm> for more information. Your gift makes a difference!



Fish Fry

The Martins Ferry K of C sponsors a fish fry the first and third Friday of each month at the council home, 25 N. 4th St. Eat in or take out orders are available from 11am to 6pm. Includes fish sandwich, french fries, onion rings, macaroni and cheese and coleslaw. There will be hot sausage sandwiches on Feb. 1. Phone 740-633-0528.



January Cleaning Committee

Gonot Family	546-4361
A McFarland	635-1408
H Rusiecki	635-0797
E Simpson	635-3730
J Mertz	635-1475
H Kinney	633-6523
R & L Kovalski	546-3462
B & M Matusik	695-2283
S & Kathy Gadzik	695-1758

Thanks to all who help.

Rest in Peace

Our sympathy goes out to the Joan Galich Family. Joan passed away unexpectedly last Saturday and was buried from St. Frances Cabrini last Wednesday. May she rest in peace.

Food for Thought

"Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die."

Why Do We Do That?

My neighbor is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?

Answer: Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbor become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can't be close to someone we don't know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbor might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don't know how to answer. If your friend hasn't yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbor's current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbor to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbor to feel welcomed and supported. Our Church is vibrant and alive!



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	2/2	5:00 pm	People of Parish
Sun	2/3	9:30 am	Helen Sliva by J & N Fillipovich & Family
Mon	2/4	8:30am	No Mass
Tue	2/5	8:30am	Betty Sikora by Harry & Marsha Porter
Wed	2/6	6:00 pm	Bob Sall by Jim & Marcia Runkel
Thu	2/7	8:30 am	Lois Kwiatkowski by T & C Montgomery
Fri	2/8	8:30 am	Sally Starkey by Bill & Kathy Griffiths
Sat	2/9	8:30am	Fr. Tim's Successful Surgery by Anonymus

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	2/9	5:00 pm	John Whitaker by Joe & Regina Sikora
Sun	2/10	9:30 am	People of Parish

Stewardship

Candles/Literature	\$21.00
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Youth	\$29.00

Prayer List

Leo Zambori, Rose Bugaj, Betty Gross, Fr. Tim McGuire, Tom Gandy, Bunny Sickinich, Cathy Gazdik, Karen Carlier, Tony Palombi, John Carlier, Regina Sikora, Patty Jeskey, Frank Koles

Gospel Meditation

Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"



Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among

the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.

Mark Your Calendar

Catechism Classes, Sun, Feb 3, after Mass
Parish Finance Council, Mon, Feb 4, 6:30pm, Rectory
Parish Pastoral Council, Tue, Feb 5, 6:30pm, Rectory
Knights of Columbus, Wed, Feb 6, 7:00pm, Gathering Center
Father's Surgery, Tue, Feb 12, UPMC, Pittsburgh

Pastor's Paragraphs

In ten days (Tuesday, 2/12), I will have surgery—the third—on my neck. This one will be more extensive than the first two, and the surgeon warned me the recovery will be more difficult. The surgery will be performed by Dr. Vincent Miele at The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (Mercy Campus).

I will have five or six foraminotomy procedures. A foramin is a hollow passageway; "otomy" means "to open." In this case, the opening is between a vertebrae and a disk through which a nerve leaves the spinal cord, and makes its way to whatever muscle it is destined to control.

My root problem is serious, damaging osteoarthritis. In fact, each of the six surgeries I face (two down, four to go) is a direct result of arthritis. I was diagnosed with arthritis when I was 15 years old, so the problems I face now are not a complete surprise.

Spinal stenosis will also be cleaned out as the opportunity is available. Stenosis is a narrowing of any tubular structure of the body, like the spinal column.

When I met with the surgeon he warned me that there will be a great deal of post-operative pain, and he would not clear me for normal activity for at least three months. I should expect to be in the hospital for about a week. During that recovery period I will be prescribed rest, pain meds, physical therapy, stretching and hot/cold therapy.

I asked him about having Mass and driving. He said that I should be able to do both—with great care—in about one month.

Please keep me in your prayers. Fr. Dunfee anointed me prior to my first two surgeries. The bishop asked if he could do so this time. I think I will take him up on that.

Ministries for February 9th and 10th

	Lector	EMHC	Chalice	Chalice	Sienna	Servers			Ushers				Greet.
5:00 pm Sat.	Janice Barath	Joyce Benline	Linda Olinski	Tom Jeskey		Jessica Roberts	Abbey Berze	Alden Miller	Josh Shutler	Tom Jeskey	Tom Roberts	Cole Roberts	T & C Miller
9:30 am Sun.	Dave Sommers	John Carlier	Carol Webb	Jim Probst	Marsha Porter	Brandon Kralovic	Brayden Kralovic	Grace Miller	Pam Ambrose	Dave Sommers	Jason Hanson	Robert Matusik	L & R Utter

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