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FEBRUARY 7, 2021 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am

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Children's Faith Formation

-Sunday 9:30am

Youth Ministry

-Sunday 6:30pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

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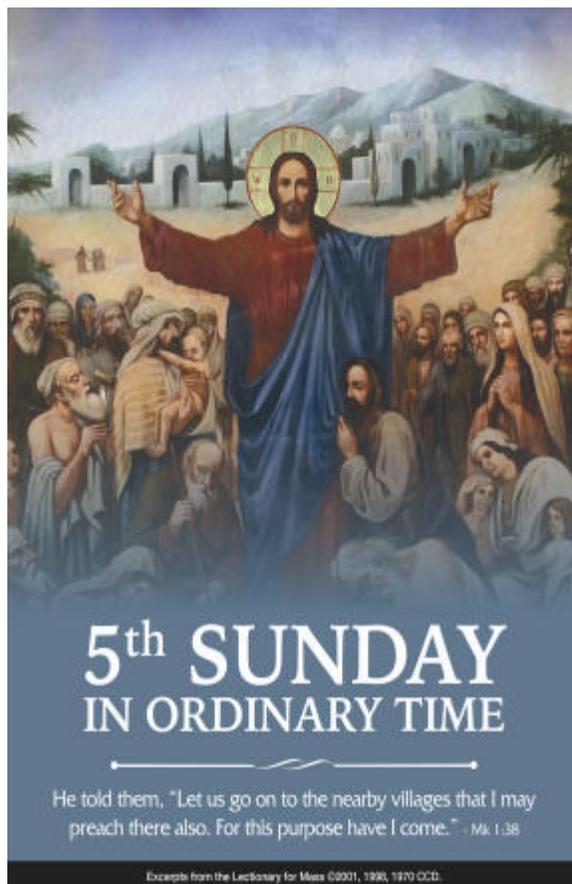
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AA/AL-ANON Sundays 3:00pm & Wednesdays 8:00pm

AA Monday-Friday 8:00pm

AA Tuesday 10:00am

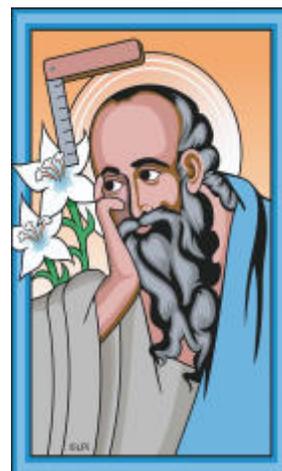
A SOUP KITCHEN is offered on Mondays from 12:00pm-1:00pm

(Carry-out only until further notice)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE SICK: If you know of someone homebound or in the hospital or nursing home who would like to receive Communion, please call the parish office.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING MINISTRY

Please contact 330-837-9702 for more information.



February 7, 2021 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be. ©LPi

MISSION STATEMENT

The community of St. Joseph is a parish dedicated to the mission of the Roman Catholic Church in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are centered in the Eucharist and committed to being the Body of Christ in the world around us. Under the patronage of St. Joseph, we strive to do the following: gather as a family worshiping together and supporting one another in spiritual growth; share our faith with others and provide continuing education in the faith to our members; be a community of love that responds with compassion to both the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us, including the greater Massillon area; gather together as a family in a variety of spiritual, social, and community oriented events.



Sunday, February 7 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

National Marriage Week USA

Monday, February 8

St. Jerome Emiliani

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

International Day of Prayer and Awareness
Against Human Trafficking

Tuesday, February 9

Wednesday, February 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

Thursday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day for the Sick

Friday, February 12

Saturday, February 13

Confessions will be heard beginning at 3pm

Sunday, February 14 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Valentine

World Marriage Day



**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS
AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin - February 8

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering.

Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.

O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery.

Intercede with God on their behalf

so that they will be released from their chains of captivity.

Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.

Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith.

Help all survivors find healing from their wounds.

We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us.

Amen.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK USA

For information and resources, visit foryourmarriage.org.

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with His Church:
look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that they may always rejoice in the gift of Your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



**VOCATIONS FOR THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN
World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**

"Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!" Could God be calling you to spread his Word and his love as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER is prayed 20 minutes before each weekday Mass, except during the month of May and October, when the Rosary is prayed.

HOLY DAY MASSES: Vigil Mass at 7:00pm the night before the Holy Day and on the Holy Day at 8:30am and 12:10pm, unless otherwise noted in the bulletin.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held each Friday following the morning Mass, until 12:45pm closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT: JANUARY 31, 2021

Regular collection	\$11,348.00
Endowment	\$115.00
Initial offering	\$130.00
Christian education	\$170.00
Church Overseas	\$220.00
Memorial fund	\$50.00
Exponent	\$70.00
Capital Campaign	\$50.00

Thank you to everyone who contributes to our parish; your support is greatly appreciated!

MASS ATTENDANCE: January 30/31, 2021

4pm: 85 8:30am: 78 11am: 110

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - MARK 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

EDUCATION FUND TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Father Paul has tickets available after Mass, or you may purchase them from the parish office. For a \$20 donation, your ticket is eligible for **every** drawing (i.e., your ticket is put back in the drum) **except** the grand prize drawings (i.e., once the winner is pulled, you are not eligible for further grand prizes). One ticket will be drawn each weekday for 9 weeks; the ticket holder wins \$50. Drawings begin on March 1; the grand prize drawing will be on May 7. In years past we have hosted a free fish dinner for those who support this fundraiser. Most likely, that will not take place due to ongoing restrictions on large gatherings.

ANNUAL WHITE MASS

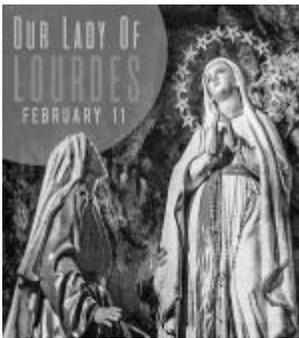
The Annual White Mass – celebrating and recognizing the ministry and work of those in the health professions – will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Columba located at 154 W. Wood St. in Youngstown. Bishop David J. Bonnar will preside. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, participants need to RSVP by calling 330-744-8451 ext.272 or emailing dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org to ensure that there is sufficient space with social distancing.

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

You may bring your old palms and place them in the basket near the Baptismal font. They will be burned for ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday.

WORLD DAY FOR THE SICK

The Catholic Church marks the annual day on 11 February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This day was instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II on 13 May 1992.



“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love.” Pope Francis makes the point in his message for this year’s World Day of the Sick. Pope Francis says that the annual day “is an

opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities.” He expresses his spiritual closeness and the Church’s loving concern for those suffering the corona virus pandemic, especially the poor and the marginalized. (excerpted from the Vatican News website)

END OF MASS

Question: *Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?*

Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it’s okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is “no,” but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to “Go forth” during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift – the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament – and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship – and communion in the fullest sense – and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass. ©LPI

FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

The Exponent is an important source of adult faith formation for Catholics in close to 25,000 homes, focusing on diocesan news and features that are not available in any other Catholic publication. Our commentary columns feature columnists from across the country, offering a Catholic perspective on the important issues of the day. We also feature commentary on the Sunday Scripture readings. Important to our readers as well is our new shepherd, Bishop David Bonnar, who is now writing a regular column for us in which he shares his thoughts and insights with readers. Combined with our website – www.cathexpo.org – we remain a fundamental resource for reaching Catholics in the diocese. Subscribe today! Simply call the parish office and we will arrange for a subscription for you as our gift to you.



February 7, 2021 5th Week in Ordinary Time

First Saturday, February 6

4:00 pm +Dorothy Long

Sunday, February 7

8:30 am +Fran Kingsbury

11:00 am +Marian Paul

Monday, February 8

8:30 am Living and deceased members
of our parish family

Tuesday, February 9

8:30 am +Joseph and Ruby Golech

Wednesday, February 10

8:30 am +Anthony P. Morelli

Thursday, February 11

8:30 am In celebration of Jim and Jan Bittner's
60th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, February 12

8:30 am +Ruth and Cletus Meyer

Saturday, February 13

4:00 pm +John D. Ferrero

Sunday, February 14

8:30 am +Joseph Painter

11:00 am +Donato Basso

PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF Shirley Jordan, sister of parishioner Rosie Meyer. May she rest in peace and may her family know of our prayers and support.

Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

LITURGICAL ROLES February 6/7, 2021

	4:00 pm	8:30 am	11:00 am
Euch Min:	C/K Wicker J. Ferrero	M. Revlock M/K Ruppert	T/C Seesan R. Daugintis
Lector:	T. Ferrero	R. Heck	J. Dewald
Servers:	R. Marsh B/I Wicker	J. Revlock A. Montini J. Doney	A. Ilg E. Ilg S. Elliott



LITURGICAL ROLES: February 13/14, 2021

	4:00 pm	8:30 am	11:00 am
Euch Min:	C. Hatfield J. Harding K. Massarelli	R. Heck B/J Sylvester	M. Galinec S. Elliott M. Jones
Lector:	M. Gozdan	R. Mamone	R. Daugintis
Servers:	A. Shiplett I. Monacelli D. Caldwell	N. Hatheway F. Hatheway R. Kyles	A. Jones A. Perry X. Wohlheter



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

The Holy Father's prayer intention for February: ...for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

...Bishop David J. Bonnar as he begins his ministry within the Diocese of Youngstown.

...those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits.

...those who are away from Mass know that they are missed and that we are praying for them.

...the seriously ill members of our parish family; those in nursing homes; those who are hospitalized; those who are home bound; those undergoing treatments and tests; and those on our prayer chain.



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