

Saturday: Closed

<u>Sunday</u>: 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. ~ Noon until 1:00 p.m. <u>Evenings by Appointment</u>

\*\* <u>Eucharistic Liturgies</u> \*\* <u>Weekends</u>: Saturday ......4:30 PM Sunday ......8 AM & 11 AM

Weekdays: Monday & Thursday...... 8 AM First Friday ...... 8 AM (preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)..... 7 AM–8 AM

<u>Holy Days & Civil Holidays</u>: Consult the Mass schedule in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

\*\* <u>Parish Telephone Numbers</u> \*\* <u>Parish Office</u>.....724-872-3555 <u>Fax</u>..... 724-872-3373 <u>Faith Formation (Office</u>) ...... 724-872-3486 <u>Faith Formation (Cell</u>).....724-984-9255

Love is patient Love is kind It does not envy It does not boast It is not proud It does not dishonor others It is not self-seeking It is not easily angered It keeps no record of wrongs Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth It always protects always trusts ways hopes always persevers Love never fails Corinthians 13:4-8

Website: www.stannerostraver.org

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION:** Anointing and Holy Communion are available upon request to those who are sick, elderly or homebound. Families are requested to call the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Baptism Preparation Catechesis is required for parents and sponsors prior to the child's baptism. Please call the Office of Faith Formation to register and arrange a time for the ceremony.

**GODPARENT/CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATE:** For a Catholic to be a sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, one must be a practicing Catholic regularly attending Sunday Mass and receiving the Sacraments, a registered member of the Parish and a faithful contributor to the support of the Parish for a minimum of four months. All requests for a certificate should be made four weeks in advance of the designated date needed for sponsorship.

LITURGICAL LIFE

# JANUARY 30. 2022



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Saturday, January 29 4:30 p.m. Parish Family

#### Sunday, January 30



8:00 a.m. Monsignor N. Mitolo Mr. & Mrs. Matt Gruber

11:00 a.m. George Kowalchuck-Debby & Paul Puglia

# Monday, January 31

8:00 a.m. Michele Fleming-Sister, Gina Suppa and Parents, Gene & Lucille Sams Please pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Private.

# **Tuesday, February 1**

Mass is celebrated at Holy Family Church, West Newton, at 8:00 a.m.

# Wednesday, February 2

Mass is celebrated at Holy Family Church, West Newton, at 8:00 a.m.

# **Thursday, February 3**

8:00 a.m. Michael Amoroso-Ray & Annie Delzangle Please pray the Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Private.

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7:00 a.m. — 8:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Private Adoration 8:00 a.m. Joan Dolnack-Don & Rita Dustolfo **Dolores Tegnelia, Month's Mind** 

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Saturday, February 5

4:30 p.m. Alexander Hora Wife, Irene & Family

# Be my rock of refuge

Sunday, February 6 8:00 a.m. Robert & Evelyn Kayda Grandchildren, Angela, Nolan & Sara 11:00 a.m. Parish Family

#### WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY, remember in your prayers Allan Tomich, who was called to eternal life. Allan is the husband of our Parishioner, Diana Tomich. May he be embraced in the arms of the Risen Lord, and may he rest in peace.

The Sanctuary Candle at the Tabernacle **In Memory of Jerry Smith** by Wife, Rose Marie & Family

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **"SHARING OUR GIFTS"**

**2022** Diocesan Lenten Appeal **Diocesan Goal: \$55,126.00** "Beginning in February, 2022" Any amount over and above the Diocesan Goal will be sent back to the Parish.

**THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** participants meet on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Church. All are welcome.

The ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS or **SANCTUARY CANDLE** may be offered in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please call the Parish Office early in the week for an upcoming weekend.

DISCIPLES OF PRAYER—Do you need someone to pray for you, a loved one, friend or for a special intention? Please call the Parish Office for this request.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** You are warmly welcomed to the Parish. Register online by using the Parish Website, www.stannerostraver.org, or by calling or visiting the Parish Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles must be printed, typed and submitted by Noon on Tuesday.



IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, remember our parishioners who are ill, those who are homebound and all those who need our prayers.

PRAYING THE ROSARY-Please tune in the following channels on the radio or TV at the designated times: Radio Channel: 106.7 FM

Monday through Friday @ 11:00 a.m. & 11:00 p.m. **EWTN** Cable

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.—Rosary and Devotions (after Mass) Monday through Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday and Saturday: 3:30 p.m. (from Lourdes) Monday through Friday: 3:30 p.m. (Mother Angelica)

Sunday through Saturday: 9:30 p.m. (Mother Angelica)

**Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ EWTN Cable** Sunday through Saturday: 3:00 p.m.

**COUNTERS TO HELP COUNT THE WEEKLY** OFFERTORY RECEIPTS-We are looking to



recruit a few more volunteers to help with money counting. Needed (HELP WANTED) are up-to-date clearances for those who are interested, and the Parish Office will be glad to help with

getting them. Please call the Parish Office, 724-872-3555, for more information.

# JANUARY 30, 2022

# SUNDAY & DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, January 30

72: Jer 1:4-5,17-19; Ps 71:1-6,15,17; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; or 1 Cor 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

**Monday, January 31** 323: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20 See 523: Phil 4:4-9; Mt 18:1-5

**Tuesday, February 1** 324: 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a, 30—19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

#### Wednesday, February 2

524: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

#### Thursday, February 3

326: 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12; (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-11b,11d-12; Mk 6:7-13

**Friday, February 4** 327: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31,47,50-51; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday, February 5** 328: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34 *See 527: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Lk 9:23-26* 

#### Sunday, February 6

75: Is 6:1-2a,3-8; Ps 138:1-5,7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or Cor 15:3-8,ll; Lk 5:1-11

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<b>Baptism of the Lord ~ Sunday, January 23</b>		
125 Regular Sunday Adult Envelopes:	\$	4,157.00
<b>3</b> Nativity of the Lord Envelopes:	\$	250.00
added to that previously reported, \$16,445.00,		
for a total of \$16,695.00		
Loose:	\$	164.00
Catholic Accent:	\$	134.75
Poor Box:	\$	33.23
Votive:	\$	133.65
Total for January 23:	\$	4,872.63
Online Giving, 1/20/22, thru 1/26/22:		
35 Regular Sunday Adult Envelopes:	\$	881.00
Total for Online Giving and January 23:	\$	5,753.63

**Catholic Schools Week ~ January 30 through February 5 ST. SEBASTIAN REGIONAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**—Sunday, January 30, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Register for this Open House by visiting **www.sssbv.org**. Preregistration for the 2022-23 school year is now open.

# WELCOME BACK TO THE CHOIR

Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. Current members and those who have an interest in joining the Choir are invited on this evening. Please text or Email Director of Music, Josie Merlino, for more information, 724-309-3471 or

# jmerlino@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

# SCOUT MASS

A **SCOUT MASS** is planned for Saturday, February 12, at the 4:30 p.m. All Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in all levels of Scouting are invited to attend dressed in uniform. Leaders, families and friends are welcome. Please Email or call Faith Formation Coordinator, Rachel Lewis, **rlewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org**, or 724-797-2216 to let her know you are planning to come.

# HIGH SCHOOL DIOCESAN WINTER RETREAT ~ February 18-20

All high school (9-12) teens are invited to join in for the annual Winter Retreat at Laurelville Retreat Center. Through prayer, live music, dynamic talks, small group discussions and fun games, this year's retreat is focused on helping teens begin a faithful and lasting relationship with Jesus by recognizing how He works through the past, is present in the current moment and provides hope for the future. Contact Director of Faith Formation, Angela Ehrhardt, 724-984-9255.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~ PARISH PICNIC ~ SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 Cedar Creek Park ~Pavilion # 1 ~ 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

LITURGICAL LIFE/STEWARDSHIP

# REMINDER

The Front Entrance Doors are locked for daily Mass and for private prayer during weekday Church hours. Please use the elevator lobby door at the side entrance to enter the Church for daily Mass or if you wish to pray privately. Please exit through the same door that you entered.

**Child Protection Act**—As the obligation to attend Mass is lifted and more and more families with young children are present, and because of our support of the Child Protection Act, it is recommended that a parent always accompany a child to the restroom downstairs in the Social Hall.

#### PERRY DRUG STORE, 301 INDEPENDENCE Street, Perryopolis, 15473, has ample Supply of the covid vaccine.

Vaccine appointments are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Please call 724-736-4422.

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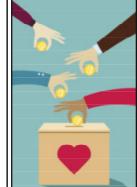
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**FOR YOUR AWARENESS,** as activities are being planned for the year, it is appreciated that the Parish Office be alerted if the Conference Room, Social Hall or the Church needs to be occupied for any meetings, events or activities to avoid conflicts. These events are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

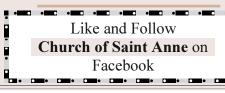
#### TO ACCESS ON-LINE GIVING FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, visit:

www.stannerostraver.org, select "donate" in the upper right hand corner of the home page, link to osv.hub.com, (Our Sunday Visitor), select the preferred donation box and choose "give now." Contributions may also be made by visiting www.dioceseofgreensburg.org, choose "donate" in the upper right hand corner and

fill out the information requested.



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 30, 2022

Last week we heard from the prophet Nehemiah, in the Temple with the people as they gathered for the first time, following their exile in Babylon. Today we are hearing from the prophet Jeremiah and how he received his call from the Lord to be a prophet.

The selection from Paul's letter to the Corinthian Church picks up where we left off last week. Today we are hearing of the greatest virtue – Love – and how it is lived out: with one being patient and kind, avoiding jealousy or being pompous, never rude, seeking other's interests rather than one's own interests.

In the passage from Luke's Gospel, Jesus is in the local Synagogue on the Sabbath and has just read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah (we heard about that last weekend). And now Jesus tells how He will not be accepted by His own town's people, how He will be rejected.

In our contemporary language we may recognize the phrase: "Familiarity breeds contempt." Familiarity breeds jealousy and contempt. How often have we seen a neighbor who betters themselves through higher education, moves on and lands a lucrative job, comes home to visit and we say something as similar as what Jesus experiences in His home town. "He grew up with us – and now look at Him! – who does He think He is to do these things"?

Jealousy and contempt cannot be a part of a follower of Jesus Christ. As we listen to Paul's words, he begins his famous discourse on Love with an extended discussion. Eloquence, prophecy, even faith and generosity can be used in a way that fragments rather than builds up. Whatever gifts we may have, they have to be accompanied by the "cement" / the bond of Love for them to be productive rather than destructive. We are told so often in both the New and the Old Testaments that we need to love God and our neighbor. Sometimes, as in the parable of the Good Samaritan, we are given an illustration of what that means in practice. But today's section of Paul's letter is one of the few occasions when the nature of Love is explored more fully. What is noticeable is how his list ties in with his description in his letter to the Galatians of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. If we are alive to the life of God's Spirit, then these fruits flow from them. We will be patient and kind, forbearing, gentle, humble, respectful and forgiving. We will not be resentful or ready to take offense, but we will celebrate joyfully the accomplishments of others. Centered on the Truth, we will always be ready to excuse, to trust and to hope ... and to keep on doing so, even in the face of adversity. For true and authentic Love will not come to an end. In Paul's view it is the one thing that takes us into the perfection that is God's own life. All the other gifts will serve their purpose and wither away. Love will not! Love has no end!

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Paul's hymn to Love, even though a favorite at weddings, is to be applied to each and every one of us regardless of our position in life. Paul's point, in writing this, is to prompt us to live together as Christians in the unity that will reflect the unity in the triune God. If we are to be honest, many of us do not even think seriously about living in community, or about how we might best do it. We limit our boundaries of care to our family and friends and spend more time defending our rights than worrying about our responsibilities. We find fault with those who do want to become actively involved with the larger community. There may even be times when we find the Exchange of Peace at Mass a too challenging intrusion on our privacy. So, it may be a useful test to take each of the words that Paul offers us and ask how loving am I – for this is Paul's point: in defining love as patient and kind, etc., he is defining God Who is patient, God Who is kind, God Who is not jealous, ... God Who is forgiving, God Who has no end. Now, can we slip in our name in the place of the word LOVE and say: "am I patient, am I kind, do I avoid jealousy towards others, ... am I forgiving of those who have hurt me." If not - there is still work for us to do. However, if we are able to do so honestly, then we are on the road to Peace in our hearts and lives, and on the way to bringing that Peace to all who come into our lives.

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World and for peace.

#### Saints for the Week

#### **OOPS!**

In last week's bulletin I forgot to mention three important Saint Celebrations. I include those, now, along with this coming week's feasts.

**January 24 – St. Francis de Sales -** He was born near Annecy, in Savoy, studied the law, and was ordained to the priesthood despite the opposition of his father. St Francis taught that we can all attain a devout and spiritual life, whatever our position in society: holiness is not reserved for monks and hermits alone. St Francis is the patron saint of writers and journalists, who would do well to imitate his love and his moderation: as he said, "whoever wants to preach effectively must preach with love."

January 25 – The Church celebrates the conversion of St. Paul because of its extraor dinary nature. Paul, who was known as Saul before his conversion, was born at Tarsus in Cilicia, of Jewish parents. He became a Pharisee, was well educated in the Law, and became an enemy of the infant Church and engaged in the persecution of Christians. It is noted that he was present at the stoning death of St. Stephen. It was between the years 34 and 36, while on the way to Damascus for another persecution, that Paul experienced his conversion. Profoundly influenced by the grace of God, the converted apostle preached Christ to the nations. The feast of Paul's conversion ends the Church Unity Octave – an annual eight-day period of prayer for Christian unity.

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#### BIBLE STUDY/FAITH FORMATION/BLOOD DRIVE/SYNOD ON SYNODALITY/SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

#### JANUARY 30, 2022

# ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY—"CHOSEN"

Sessions will continue this Thursday, February 3, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please contact the Parish Office, 724-872-3555, or Lauretta Stanley, 724-787-1989, for more information.

**Diocese of Greensburg Begins Listening Process for Synod on Synodality** As the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has requested that all of us share our ideas about the future of our faith, please participate in a short survey received at Mass last week. Place it in the boxes provided at the entrances of the Church. You may also take the survey online at **www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/synod**.

Beginning in February, Bishop Kulick is inviting the members of the community, including young people, to join him and participate in:

- one of the seven Town Hall Listening Sessions in the Diocese, or
- one of the three online E-Synod meetings scheduled.

Please pick up a flier at the entrances of the Church to see where these are being held. These Town Hall Listening Sessions are not exclusively for members of the parish where they are being held. Parishioners and members of the community are invited to join Bishop Kulick at any of them, no matter the location. Each will begin with a short prayer service then move into small group break-out sessions in the social hall of each Parish.

#### Saints for the Week (continued)

January 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas - born of a noble family in southern Italy, and educated by the Benedictines, he studied in Paris and in Cologne under the great philosopher St. Albert the Great. It was a time of great philosophical growth. Thomas attempted and succeeded in developing a simple commonsense philosophy that is known as the Summa Theologiae, a standard textbook for many centuries and still an irreplaceable resource today. Out of this also came some of the poetic hymns that we still sing today (Tantum Ergo, O Salutaris Hostia, among others).

**January 31 – St. John Bosco** – born of a peasant family in Piedmont, raised by his widowed mother, he became a priest, and had a particular concern for the young – first of all by means of evening classes, to which hundreds came, and then by setting up a boarding-house for apprentices, and then workshops for their training and education. He founded a congregation, which he named after St Francis de Sales (a saint for whom he had great admiration), and to-day the Salesians continue his work all over the world.

**February 2 – Presentation of the Lord** – forty days after His birth, Jesus was presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph to fulfill Jewish law. There He was recognized by Simeon and Anna, who were waiting for the coming Messiah. St. Luke records the event; also known as "Candlemas Day" because candles are blessed and lighted this day on which Simeon called Jesus "a light to the Gentiles."

**February 3 – St. Blaise** – born in Amiens of a wealthy family at the start of the  $9^{th}$  century, he received a Christian education, became Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred during persecutions in 316. Known as "the apostle of the North."

A tradition related to Blasé (Blaise) says that he retreated to a cave and became a hermit during the persecution. While there, he befriended wild animals and cared for them when they were wounded or sick. One day, hunters found Blase in the woods surrounded by the wild animals. They captured him with the intention of putting him in prison. On the way to Sebaste, Blase encountered a woman whose little boy was choking to death on a fishbone. Blase healed him and the blessing of throats on this day derives from that story. Blase was then delivered to the governor and beheaded.

Blessing of throats will be held at all weekend Masses this weekend by the priest extending crossed candles over the people in the congregation.



# **FAITH FORMATION**

Please refer to our website,

www.stannerostraver.org,

for information on 2021/2022 classes and sacramental preparation schedules.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2021:** Should you require a statement of you contributions for the year 2021 for income tax purposes, please contact the Parish Office, and it will be mailed to you.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN EACH SUNDAY DURING THE 11:00 A.M. MASS

All children ages 5 through 11 are invited to participate in this beautiful ritual of proclaiming God's Word with Children appropriate to their understanding. They are sent in a group with their leaders before the readings and return to their families after the Creed. No sign-up is necessary.

#### LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

Give to God what's rightnot what's left.

#### LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pray that we will hear when God sends a challenging word to us, calling us to expand our boundaries and allow God to work in new and surprising ways. Lord, let us be open to Your Spirit who moves as the Spirit wills.

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VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE FOR LENT will be held on Wednesday, March 16, from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 p.m. Some appointments were made at the recent blood drive; however, those who would like to donate may call 412-209-7000. You may also visit

https://donateblood.centralbloodbank.org

and select "Donor Login" if you have donated before. If you have not donated before, choose "New Donor." At the "Schedule your Appointment Today" screen, scroll down and enter Group Code G0040250.

Stay for homemade chicken noodle soup following your donation.



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