



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 10, 2019

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
 “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”
 “Here I am, “I said, “send me!”
 — *Isaiah 6:8*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:30 AM Vivian Kashmer
 9:30 AM People of the Parish
 12:30 PM Father Thomas L. Mannion(Hispanic)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 AM William Weaver

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 AM Vito Raineri

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00 AM **NO MASS**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 AM Cameron Kishbaugh

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00 AM Madeline Chemello

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

4:30 PM Bette Walck

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30 AM People of the Parish
 9:30 AM Rick DeMent

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In memory of Roger Fish requested by Joe & Marge Kutza.
PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Dot Harmon requested by Joe & Marge Kutza.
RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Beverly Lewis requested by Mary & Stanley Kowalchick.
BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of Karen Hunsinger requested by Ellen & Sab Monatesti.
ALTAR BREAD AND WINE: In memory of Matthew & Florence Kopetskie requested by their family.

LISTENING SESSIONS

Bishop Gainer will be hosting listening sessions throughout the Diocese. He invites all those with questions or concerns regarding the Grand Jury Report, the Diocese’s response to abuse, and the path forward, to attend a session. Bishop Gainer will be here at St. Mary’s on February 20, at 6:30 PM, for one of these sessions.

PARISH SUPPORT OFFERTORY

February 3, 2019

Adults	\$5,113.00
Youth	60.00
<u>Loose</u>	<u>389.00</u>
Total	\$5,562.00

Propagation of Faith \$1,141.00

The second collection next weekend will be our collection for repairs and maintenance. As you may be aware, we have had a number of unexpected issues lately that have increased our expenses, so your generosity is particularly important.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

PARISH DATEBOOK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

BIBLE STUDY/ SHARING: 1:30 PM.

YOUTH CHOIR: 3:45 PM – Valentine’s Party.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

ADULT CHOIR: 1:30 PM.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR will be prayed at 8:00 AM for vocations.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

CCD CLASSES IN SESSION: 10:40AM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus Council 3301 cordially invites all to a breakfast on February 17, 2019, between 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM, at their Council home located at 1416 West Front St. in Berwick. The breakfast is free, but a freewill offering will be accepted.

NEW PALMS

We are very grateful to Shirley and Bernie Koval for the lovely new palms on our altar area. They are given in memory of their aunt Helen Koval. Thank you, Shirley and Bernie!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD
NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Eroh, Czajkowski
Lector: Belford
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: Kubitsky

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Edwards, Turnbach, Toth
Lector: Turnbach
Altar Servers: 2
Greeters: M. & B. Samsel

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Monatesti, Marston, Dante
Lector: Ferentz
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: Needed

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES are available in the church lobby and in the sacristy. Please pick up a copy, and be sure to secure a replacement if you are unable to serve on an assigned date. As always, thank you for your ministry to our parish.

FINANCIAL RECORDS

As in the past, our financial records are available to all parishioners. Please stop in the parish office with questions or if you would like to peruse these records.

NEW GREETERS NEEDED

If you are able to serve as a greeter at our Masses, please call the church office. @ 570-759-8113. We are very grateful to those who welcome our parishioners and guests at each Mass.

THE COUNTDOWN CONTINUES!
18 DAYS UNTIL FISH FRY 2019
FRIDAYS
MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
APRIL 5, 12

HELP IS NEEDED! Please see Joann in the parish center, or call 570-759-9227, or just come out to help.

Drivers are also needed for deliveries from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and from 4:00 PM on.

Helpers are also needed for the serving line from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

We know how busy everyone is, but any amount of time and help you can give will be deeply appreciated. Our fish fry is of tremendous importance to our parish's financial health!

GOD'S SUMMONS

Confronted with God's power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips," he said aloud. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus' instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah answered, "Here I am, send me."

We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won't lead to anything.

What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God's messenger?

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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CHOOSING SIDES

My great concern is not whether God is on our side; my great concern is to be on God's side.

—Abraham Lincoln

SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.

—St. Louise de Marillac