

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If you trust in God, you too shall live;
God has set before you fire and water;
to whichever you choose,
stretch forth your hand.

SIRACH 15:15-16

FEBRUARY
16 2020



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Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's

ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 15, 2020
5:45 pm Parish Family of St. Patrick
Sunday, February 16, 2020
9:00 am +Norma Boyle req. by Marge Flint
Monday, February 17, 2020
9:00 am NO MASS
Tuesday, February 18—NO MASS
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 —NO MASS
Thursday, February 20, 2020
9:00 am +Joseph Dreyer
Friday, February 21, 2020
9:00 am Adoration until 11am
Saturday, February 22, 2020
5:45 pm Parish Family of St. Patrick
Sunday, February 23, 2020
9:00 am +Jerry Ulman req. by the Family

Altar Servers:

Saturday, February 22 - 5:45 pm
Brent Bieschke / volunteer
Sunday, February 23 - 9:00 am
Anne Marie & Kenny Smith

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, February 22 - 5:45 pm
Linda Cakora
Sunday, February 23 - 9:00 am
Cindy Smith

Cantor / Lector (Reader) :

Saturday, February 22 - 5:45 pm
Sue Nugent / Jim Kreske
Sunday, February 16 - 9:00 am
Sarah Hoehn / Steve Hoehn

Usher:

Saturday, February - 5:45 pm
Howard Bieschke / Bill Phelan
Sunday, February 16 - 9:00 am
Eddie Horath / Jim Ciesla

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters for 2/23/2020: Horath & Price

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

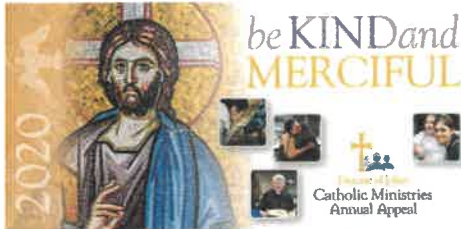
For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37
Sunday, February 9\$1,488.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

Anyone wanting their 2019 donation statement is asked to contact the office or put a note, along with your name and address, in with your regular Sunday collection. Your statement will be mailed to you.

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102.

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.
– 1 Corinthians 2:9-10



Be Kind and Merciful through the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The opening report for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin illustrates how the 30 ministries supported through our annual appeal truly exemplify this year's theme, *Be Kind and*

Merciful. These ministries allow the diocese to serve our most vulnerable brothers and sisters and assist parishes, including ours.

Our Parish's goal for the 2020 CMAA is \$10,200, with 70 percent of the amount we raise over this goal returned to us for our needs. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA and make a commitment next week during our CMAA Commitment/In Pew Weekend. Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal.

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.



Saint Patrick's Church volunteered Saturday, January 25th at the Northern Illinois Food Bank's South Suburban Center. Along with others, we labeled and bagged rice and boxed cans for distribution to those in need. Please consider joining us next time on Saturday, February 29th from 9:00 – 11:30. Signup sheet is in the vestibule. The consent form only needs to be filled out once.



BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS

BY FEBRUARY 22

ASH WEDNESDAY IS

FEBRUARY 26

*We are collecting old palms that will be
burned and used on Ash Wednesday.*

*There is a container in the Vestibule
for your old palms.*

Applications the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Bishop Blanchette Scholarship are now available to those students planning on attending a Joliet Diocesan Catholic High School for the 2020-2021 school year. Contact the parish office to obtain a BBSF Application form. Forms should be submitted back to the parish office by March 31. FACTS must be applied for online at <https://online.factsmgmt.com>. Request to be added to the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women-BBS FACTS ID#32463. If the family has already submitted a FACTS application for the upcoming year for another award, they are still eligible for the JDCCW-BBSF scholarship. Only one application need be submitted to FACTS at their online site. If you have any questions regarding FACTS call: 1-866-441-4637. DO NOT SEND FACTS to the JDCCW office. There is a \$35/pp fee for the FACTS application that needs to be submitted to FACTS at the time of application, along with a copy of the family's 2019 Income Tax report..

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Peotone
Invites you to the Council of Catholic Women's

49th Annual SHROVE TUESDAY BEEF DINNER
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
At the Will County Fairgrounds Atrium

Serving Times:
5pm and 6pm
Ticket Prices:
\$12 for Adults,
\$6 for Children 6-12
Children 5 & under Free!
Carryout's \$12

Juicy Roast Beef and Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes,
Hot Vegetables,
Cole Slaw, Jell-O
Rolls & Butter
Beverages and
Delicious Homemade Desserts!

Tickets are available at First Community Bank & Trust (Peotone & Beecher)
First Midwest Bank (Peotone), Berkot's Super Food (Peotone),
Professional Hair Design (Peotone) and St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.
Questions: Please call 708-258-6917



IRISH MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
SATURDAY, MARCH 7 AT 9:00AM
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
MANHATTAN
FR. KARL LANGSDORF CELEBRANT
TEA AND SCONES WILL BE SERVED AFTER MASS



Father Joe Follmar
Is now living in New Lenox,
with his sister
Anyone wishing to keep in touch,
his New address is:
c/o Rose Jurgens
312 Carol Road
New Lenox, Il 60451

What eye has not seen
ear has not heard,
and what has not entered t
he human heart,
what God has prepared for
those who love him,
this God has revealed to us
through the Spirit.
— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10



St. Anthony Church

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Dear Parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish and Friends,

Just a brief note of sincere appreciation and profound gratitude for your many kindnesses as I recover after major heart surgery.

Your prayers, especially but also the many spiritual bouquets, get well cards, Christmas messages and gifts have humbled me. I have truly felt your support and love.

God willing I hope to be back to the ministry I love most serving God and you Faithful parishioners and Friends in the spring. All of you are in my prayers each day at Mass—God Bless and Reward you.

With Gratitude and Love.

Father Jim
Father Jim Lennon

Adult Formation Studies

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

The Acts of the Apostles is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds, and despite all this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men. Learn from the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ applied to us today.

This is a 20-week study. The 2nd half of the study will be held in the fall, dates TBD.

Tuesday, March 31 – June 2nd @ 9:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Church meeting room

Cost for study guide: \$36

Call St. Rose at 815-476-7491 to register



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Fr. Joe Follmar; Russ McClellon; Bob O'Neil; Bob Johnson

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage our contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. It is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and selecting one Online Giving link.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 16, 2020



Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

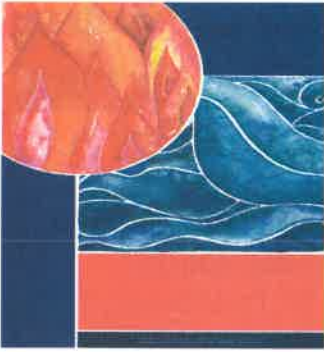
Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order;
Presidents' Day

Friday: St. Peter Damian

Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

CONSCIENCE

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.
—George Washington



THE RULERS OF THIS AGE

Saint Paul speaks of both the “wisdom of this age” and the “rulers of this age.” He refers specifically to the so-called wise people and institutions responsible for unjustly condemning Jesus to death. As we mourn the human sin that killed Jesus two thousand years ago, we also consider contemporary errors and evils that wound the Body of Christ in our own age. We easily recognize the crimes of our leaders. Religious, corporate, and government institutions have inflicted suffering on countless innocent souls. The depth of our modern-day failures threatens us with despair. But Jesus calls us to renewed faithfulness and hope. Jesus tells us to “surpass” our leaders in righteousness. He instructs us to simplify our own lives: “Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ Anything more is from the evil one.” We are right to work against the sins of our leaders, but we must also scrutinize our own lives and make peace with our families, neighbors, and coworkers.

PASSING AWAY

There is some urgency in Christ’s call to holiness. Everything in this age is passing away. Jesus’ call is timely and radical, pleading with us to drop other business and make reconciliation a priority. The Lord actually says to “leave your gift at the altar” and return to worship after making peace with the adversaries in our lives. Jesus is deadly serious about the need for reconciliation and righteousness, insisting that nothing—not even our eyes and arms—are worth more than love. All of today’s readings reflect on the deep connection between God’s law and healthy, peaceful love. As Saint Paul says in Romans 13:10, “love is the fulfillment of the law.” Here in the twenty-first century, we modern disciples of Christ can cultivate that mystery deep in our hearts, nurturing the tremendous twin gifts of God’s love and God’s law, offered to us freely to help us sustain a healthy and holy Body of Christ.

Today’s Readings: Sir 15:15–20; Ps 119:1–2, 4–5, 17–18, 33–34; 1 Cor 2:6–10;
Mt 5:17–37 [20–22a, 27–28, 33–34a, 37]

2/16/2020