

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 6, 2022

Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” - Luke 5:10



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11
Monday	Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Gn 1:20—2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday—	February 5	4:00 PM	Sandy Kamarauskas (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	February 6	9:00 AM	Gretchen Green (George & Fran Calafut)
Monday –	February 7	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Tuesday –	February 8	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday –	February 9	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Thursday –	February 10	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday –	February 11	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Saturday –	February 12	4:00 PM	Donald Imler (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	February 13	9:00 AM	Candy Wells (Ron & Anne Teel)

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

This is the heavily symbolic commissioning of the Prophet Isaiah. In the first chapters, Isaiah recounts his visions, all leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem, and at this point Isaiah is standing within the Temple before the altar. The combination of vision and place becomes blurred as he recognizes God's presence. Because he will be God's prophetic voice, preaching God's words, his mouth is purified by the holy fire. After initial reluctance, he enthusiastically receives God's call: *Here I am! Send me!*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul is here emphasizing the death of and then the resurrection of His body from death. Many of the Corinthians were (notoriously) believers in the spiritual afterlife but not the bodily afterlife as proven by Christ's physical presence to his disciples after resurrection. So, Paul wants to make it clear to them that his teaching on the matter is correct, hence the 'name-dropping' and subsequent personal resume. The Greeks were a proud people and Paul's tactics would have been considered appropriate and no doubt effective.

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

In this passage Peter is being 'called', much the same as Isaiah in today's first reading. The miracle of the great 'catch', and the meaning in evangelization terms, is one with Peter's call to service and his future leadership of the early Church. It is interesting that upon recognizing the miracle, Peter's first response isn't wonder and joy but an immediate sense of inadequacy: *"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."* The first leader of the Church, the Body of Christ on earth, was humble not proud, uneducated not learned, and a simple fisherman rather than a polished aristocrat. God would invest him with courage, fill his mouth with exactly the right words, and give him the Spirit to stand before all humans equally. And so it goes.



MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-278-4590.

LET US PRAY THIS MONTH:

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold, Richard Arnold, Frank Bayer, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Ellen Burns, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, Jo-Anne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Manny DeBonis, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Barry Markow, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sergent, Caesar Siedlecki, Edith Siedlecki, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Wayne Vandermark, Jesse Wells, Rosemarie Whalen.



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY:

Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Michael Pelicci, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

PARISH FINANCES

1/30/2022

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,926.25

Thank you for your generosity & support



Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations. Thank you!!

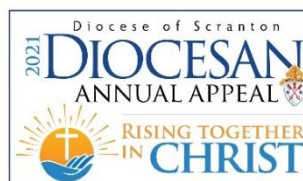
SUPPORT RETIRED CLERGY & SEMINARIANS



"The work we do in prayer and support of one another is the work of discipleship and evangelization. Like our Lord shared in the parable of the sower who went out to sow, seeds are planted and we may not see the results, we may not see the fruit of the work and the support that we give and we offer, but they do bear fruit with the help of the Lord."

— Rev. Gregory A. Reichlen
Assistant Vocation Director
Pastor, Church of Saint John, East Stroudsburg
Native of Susquehanna County

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2021 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 2/3/2022 is 100%.



Sunday, February 6th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta and Albert Paolucci

Sunday, February 13th – 9:00AM

Isaiah Torres

Sunday, February 20th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, February 27th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta and Albert Paolucci

Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.

PARISH EVENTS

February 5th and 6th – Collection for the “Church in Latin America”

MASS OF THANKSGIVING **AND** *Sending Forth*



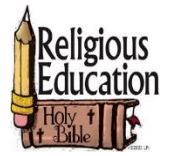
FOR
BISHOP-ELECT
JEFFREY J. WALSH

Tuesday, February 15, 2022
at 12:10 p.m.
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

On December 21, 2021, Pope Francis appointed the Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan.

As Bishop-elect Walsh prepares for his Episcopal Ordination and Installation as Bishop of Gaylord on March 4, 2022, parishioners and friends of the Bishop-elect are invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving and Sending Forth in gratitude for his ministry of service to the People of God in the Church of Scranton. The Mass will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 12:10 p.m. in Saint Peter's Cathedral. It will also be televised live on Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Classes are being held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass will remain at 9:00 AM. As per Bishop Bambera, **masks are required to be worn by all vaccinated and unvaccinated children and adults.** If you would like to register your child, registration forms will be available at the rectory of the church. You may register for classes at any time.

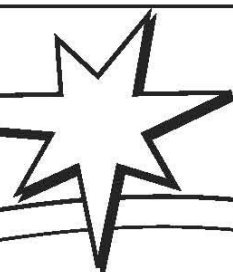
February 6th – Regular Classes –short teachers' meeting in parish center after class
February 13th – Regular Classes
February 20th – Regular Classes-
Grades 3-6 Reconciliation



Are you looking for some ideas for nurturing marriage?

Join us in celebrating National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 13), **February 7 through 14, 2022.** This year's theme is "*Called to the Joy of Love*". For ideas to celebrate in your parish or in your marriage, call Jen Housel at 570-207-2213 x 1104 or visit: <https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/national-marriage-week>

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

February 2022

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Thoughtful Moments

Through the eyes of a child

In teaching our children about the Catholic faith, we have the chance to learn again for ourselves. Let a child's wonder about the mysteries of God's love awaken your own sense of excitement. In connecting with your children, you may find you are reconnecting with the child in yourself.



Telling is not tattling

Sometimes children encounter or witness situations they can't handle. For example, they may see that a friend is overwhelmed and in danger but has no one to help. Youngsters may be afraid that seeking help for the friend is "tattling." Remind children periodically that as a parent, you are on the same team. Telling isn't the same as tattling. Everyone needs help sometimes.

"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence" (2 Peter 1:3).



The five Rs of raising Catholic children

There is no one formula for raising devout Catholic children into faithful Catholic adults, but we can utilize a strategy that has helped many parents and families. These five Rs can help you shape your parenting strategy.

Receive the sacraments frequently. Sacraments are direct encounters with Christ and we need them to keep our souls alive. Baptize babies as soon as possible after birth. Make an immovable monthly date for family Confession. Bring children to Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation.

Raise children in the Faith. If they don't attend Catholic school, enroll them in your parish religious education program. Support their formation from

kindergarten all the way through high school graduation. Put sports and clubs second.

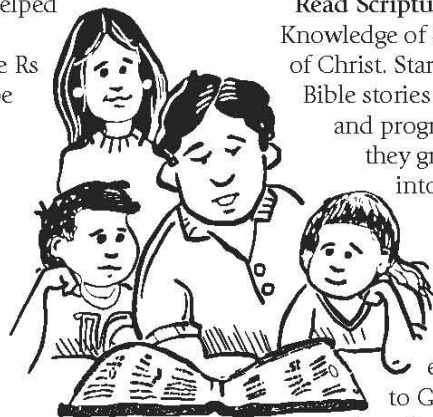
Read Scripture as a family.

Knowledge of Scripture is knowledge of Christ. Start with simple toddler Bible stories when they are small, and progress to the real Bible as they grow. Incorporate these into evening story time.

Remember to pray - often - together.

Model daily prayer for children and encourage them to talk to God regularly. Teach them basic Catholic prayers and devotions. Pray in the morning, the evening, at meals (even in public), when there's trouble and when there is joy.

Remain steadfast. Don't let anything or anyone lure your family from God's friendship. Rely on His grace and trust Him.

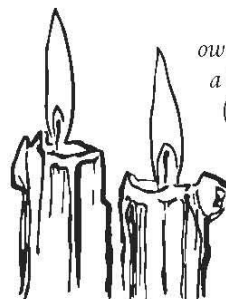


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics have candles blessed on February 2?

In the liturgical calendar, February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple, when Jesus was dedicated to God. At that time, Simeon greeted Mary, took the infant Savior in his arms and praised God, "Mine

own eyes have seen your salvation... a light to reveal you to the nations" (Luke 2:30-32). For this reason, priests traditionally bless candles - a liturgical symbol of Christ - and give them to the people. Thus, the feast is called, Candlemas Day.



Give your children lots of gifts

If you could give your child any gift in the world, what would it be? The truth is that you know that what the world can offer won't make him or her happy. Instead, pray frequently and fervently for gifts that will. Consider making petitions for these gifts part of your prayers for your children:

Wisdom. Ask that your child be inspired to avoid poor choices and have the wisdom to lead Gospel-centered lives.

Courage. Fortify him to stand for justice and speak out against bigotry, unfairness, and cruelty.

Strength. Pray that as she grows she will withstand

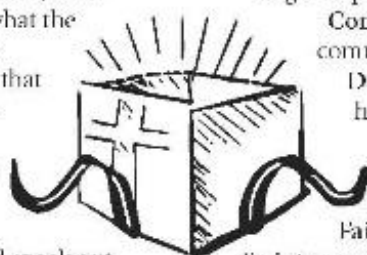
negative peer pressure.

Compassion. Help him follow Jesus' commandment to love one another.

Discernment. Give children the skills to select healthy friendships.

Independence. Ask that children care less about what other people think of them and be more interested in pleasing God.

Faith. Faith in God, the teachings of Christ, Scripture, and the teachings of the Church are the foundation for a healthy life and eternal salvation. These gifts will make children happy forever.



Scripture LESSON

Luke 6:39-45, What's in your heart?

In this Gospel passage, Jesus compared our deeds to the fruits on the trees. If the tree is good, it will produce good fruit, just as if a person is good, his words and actions are likely to be good. It would be less likely for a bad person to regularly do many virtuous deeds.

Jesus extends the "good trees, good fruit" parable to our speech. Just as you can measure the health of a tree by its fruit, you can check the condition of your heart by the quality of your words. This is because our "heart" –



our deepest center – is the origin of our actions, including our words. Whether we are at peace or angry affects what we do.

What can a parent do? Teach children that words do matter and that how they talk can affect others for good or bad.

Words are the easiest way we can imitate Jesus. If our words are uplifting, kind, truthful and try to bring peace to others, then that is a good sign we are heading in the right direction.

Parent TALK

As children, we never missed Mass. That's why I was shocked when my brother recently declared that he doesn't take his children to Mass. "It's



enough that I bring them to religious education class every week," he said. "We're too busy for Mass, too."

Why would anyone teach children a religion but prevent them from practicing it? In class children learn about a Catholic's serious obligation to attend Mass and the wonderful graces we get from the Eucharist. At home, they learn that soccer practice or birthday parties come before Mass. Sports before Jesus? How confusing!

I gave my brother a copy of *Follow the Way of Love*, a message to families from the U.S. bishops. It's about how God's love is experienced in a family and how it is supported by the whole Church. Hopefully it will help him see being Catholic as a gift and not a burden.

Feasts & Celebrations

Feb. 2 – St. Catherine of Ricci (1590). St. Catherine was born to a prominent banker. Against her father's wishes, she joined the Dominicans when she was twelve. She is known for her visions of the Lord's Passion, which she experienced every Friday.

Feb. 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858). A heavenly lady appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor, sickly girl from a French village. A miraculous spring with healing waters emerged from a nearby cave. The beautiful lady revealed herself as the "Immaculate Conception"

– the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Feb. 19 – St. Barbatus (c. 682). From Benevento, Italy, St. Barbatus tried to convert his town from paganism. In a last-ditch effort, he described what they would suffer when Emperor Constant II besieged the city. The whole city converted promptly, and he was elected bishop soon after.

Feb. 22 – St. Peter's Chair. Marking St. Peter's establishment of the Holy See, on this festival we thank God for His Church and pray for its holy preservation.



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