

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*February 5, 2023*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### February 5, Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Janet Tomlinson (David & Kathryn Baronner)  
10:00AM+Maurice & Jane McNulty (Rita & Gerry Kibler)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish is at 11:30 A.M.**

### February 6, Monday: Saint Paul Miki, and Companions, Martyrs

12:00AM Elverda Holtz Thanksgiving, 100th Birthday

### February 7, Tuesday: Weekday

12:00PM+ Helen Zurilla (Family)

### February 8, Wednesday: Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

12:00PM+ Peter Rossi (The Rougeux Family)

### February 9, Thursday: Weekday

12:00PM+ Kay Cross (Friend)

### February 10, Friday: Saint Scholastica, Virgin

12:00PM Special Intention (Tom Byrne)

### February 11, Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; BVM

12:00PM+ All of God's People (Altoona Catholic Daughter's)

### Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+ Leonardo & Lucille Eckenrode, Birthday (Eckenrode Family)

### February 12, Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+John Kasun Jr (The Vogel Family)  
10:00AM+John & Lillian Drass (Jo Ann Poplin)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

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### Contribution Reports

For Income Tax purposes, may be obtained by calling Paula at the Parish Office: 944-4603.

### Church Cleaning

The cleaning crew will be meeting Wednesday, February 8th at 9:00 AM. Additional help is needed please. They normally meet on the second Wednesday of the month. If there is a funeral, they will meet on Thursday.

## Readings for the week of February 5, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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

**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

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

**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

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

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

**Next Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 3

### Confirmation Sacramental Prep

February 12th, Grade 10, Final Confirmation Session, 2:30-4:30, Religious Ed Center. Please bring any make up assignments.



### St. Josephine Bakhita | February 8

The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.

She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later.

St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and housekeeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Sunday, January 29, 2023 \$ 7,999.67**

**Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.**

### Church Budget Envelope and Mailing Company

Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been solved. However, the "catchup" would jeopardize long term delivery.

In order to get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of your February envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume first Sunday in March.

If you do not have an envelope for Sunday's, put in a regular envelope and please write your name on the envelope.



### Bus Trip to Padre Pio Shrine

The Mount Carmel Church Altar & Rosary Society is sponsoring a Bus Trip to Padre Pio Shrine in Barto, PA, on Saturday, May 20, 2023. The bus will depart from Mount Carmel Parking lot at 7:00AM. We will have lunch, on your own, in Allentown and Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Carl at the Shrine. You will have time to visit the Shrine. We will depart from the Shrine at 4:30PM. There will be a dinner stop, on your own, on the way home. The cost of the trip is \$55.00. To make reservations, please call the Parish Office (814)942-8501

### Knights of Columbus Mid Winter Concert

Knights of Columbus Council #551 will host a Winter Concert Winter Blues Concert featuring the Mannish Boys on Saturday, February 18th at 1508- 12th Avenue, Altoona. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. with music from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. The tickets are \$25.00 per person includes food, beverages and music. The Mannish Boys is a five-piece, blues-based rock band with locally reunited members John McKelvey, Mark Panek, Mark Ruston, and Steve and Kevin Mitchell. Advance sales only. No walk-ins. Call 814-942-6262 or 814-280-7661.

## Stewardship Reflections

Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a "must do" for the Christian steward. Note, too, that the instructions from the prophet Isaiah require action; to share, to shelter, to cloth, and to hang in there with your family members, even the demanding ones.

The Gospel passage from Matthew sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale. Light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. This is the stewardship way of life. The more we give ourselves away, the more we will find ourselves, and "light shall rise" for us in the form of more of His grace in our lives and more of His joy and His peace in our hearts. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2023/1/2)

### Class on Southern Italian Folk Customs

All Saints Parish in Boswell (Somerset County) will offer a one session class on Southern Italian folk customs on Monday, February 6th at 7:00 PM in their parish hall at 325- Quemahoning Street, Boswell, Pa. The presenter will be Melissa Marinaro, curator of the Italian American Program at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh. The presentation will cover topics such as crafts, food, and agricultural practices and will showcase many objects from the history center that speak to the customs and traditions of southern Italians in Western Pennsylvania. The class is free but those interested are asked to please register by calling the parish office at 814-629-5551. All are welcome.

### Pysanky Egg Decorating

Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will be offering a class on pysanky egg decorating on Monday, February 27th in the parish activity center in Central City (738- Sunshine Avenue) beginning at 6:30 PM. Using, the traditional process of wax-resist dyeing, participants will each make an egg of their own. The class is free but is limited to twenty-five adults student. A great way to create something beautiful and traditional for Easter, please call the Central City parish office (814-754-5224) by February 14th.





**February 5, 2023**

I recently decided to learn to cook. As I sit at the feet of various YouTube cooking masters, I notice how much of cooking is adding ingredients that don't provide any more nourishment, like herbs and other seasonings. But man! They make all the difference because they make the meal delightful to eat and share.

Jesus calls his disciples "salt of the world." No one eats just salt. So, Christians are not meant to replace or do away with the world. They are meant to be agents of preservation and glorification. Notice how often these days the Church seeks to preserve what is threatened: the goodness of marital and family love, the desires of young people for greatness, the value of honest work, healthy economics, and altruistic political engagement, the dignity of the poor and vulnerable. Over and over, we say to a world who wants to throw things out, "It's worth saving! We'll preserve it! We'll show you it's wonderful." If we can't engage the world like that, Jesus says we are the ones who get thrown out, because salt alone is worthless.

Jesus only asks us to do for others what he does for us. He is the "salt" of everything in our lives. Is there something in your life starting to rot a bit? Something tasting bland and boring? Let Jesus salt it and see if you like it better. Father John Muir ©LPi



According to the final report of the 2022 Catholic Ministries Drive, cathedral parish received \$50,551 in gifts, which was \$7,483 over our \$42,898 goal. Thank you very much to all who supported the drive with their financial support and prayer.



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10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS  
on radio WFBG 1290 AM  
2023**

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The Blair County Garden Club is hosting a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Wednesday, March 8. The bus leaves Lowe's at 8:30 A.M. (park along the highway side of the lot.) You will leave from the Flower Show at 6:00 P.M. with an approximate return time of 10:30 P.M. There will be no dinner stops either way. If bringing food, no chocolate or orange cracker snacks. Drinks must have a sealed lid. The cost of \$100 includes the bus trip, show ticket, and tip for driver. Make checks payable to: Blair Garden Club. Contact Emma Kowalski at 814-932-0375 or 814-942-0202 or at Emma Kowalski, 1722 32nd Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601

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**ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA 16601-3315  
CHURCH OFFICE: 814-944-4603**

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:**

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

**INFANT BAPTISM:**

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

**CONFIRMATION:**

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.

Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

**ANointing OF THE SICK:**

Upon Request and Communal celebration

**MARRIAGE:**

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

**DEVOTIONS:**

Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:**

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.

Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.

Sunday Evening 6:15 PM- 8:15 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)  
8:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
5:00 PM

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop**

**Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator**

**Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary**

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Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

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Web: [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org) - 814-944-4014

Weekday: 12:00 Noon

Saturday: 12:00 Noon

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