**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**February 5, 2023**

**MSSS CATEGORIES**

February 5, Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM+Janet Tomlinson (David & Kathryn Baronneer) 10:00AM+Maurice & Ann Prograta (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: Saint Scholastica, Virgin; BVM 12:00PM+ Leonardo & Lucille Eckenrode, Birthday February 12, Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM+ John Kasun Jr (The Vogel Family) 10:00AM+ John & Lilian Drass (Jo Ann Poplin) 5:00PM Pro Popolo! For the People Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish is at 11:30 A.M. **Confirmation Sacramental Prep** February 12th, Grade 10, Final Confirmation Session, 2:30-4:30, Religious Ed Center. Please bring any make up assignments.

**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/Mk 3:13-16
- **Monday:** Gm 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12 and 35/ Mk 6:53-56
- **Tuesday:** Gm 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
- **Wednesday:** Gm 2:4b-19, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29c-30/Mk 7:14-23
- **Thursday:** Gm 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
- **Friday:** Gm 3:1-9/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
- **Saturday:** Gm 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

**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 both physical and psychological traumas 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 there 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.

**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

**Leveling Reflection**

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 message 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 Marinario, 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.

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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! It’s worth saving!” 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

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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.

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

Religious Education Program:
September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.

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.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES:
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

COMMUNAL Penance Services:
Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.

STATION OF THE CROSS:
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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

Thank you very much to all who supported the drive with their financial support and prayer.

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.