

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**February 19, 2023**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM +Peggy Joyce (Family)  
10:00AM +Rita Beck (Tim & Anne Marie Longwill)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish is at 11:30 A.M.**

### February 20, Monday: Weekday

12:00A.M. +Edgar A. Johnston, Birth. (Mother)

### February 21, Tuesday

12:00PM +Pete & Special Intention Sally Colledge  
(Children)

### February 22, Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM +Libby Ann Allen (Linda Lambert)  
12:00 PM +Peter Rossi (Tom & Beth Moore)  
5:30 PM +Special Intention (Anonymous)

### February 23, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM +William V. Bettwy, Anniv.(Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)

### February 24, Friday after Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM +Charles Yanchik, Birth. (Family)

### February 25, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM +Ronald Solnosky (wife, Nancy)

### Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM +Michael Dionis, Anniv. (Mom & Dad)

### February 26, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Terry Joyce (Family)  
10:00 AM +Mark & Matt Burns (Dave & Maureen Hanecamp)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church is at 11:30 AM.**



### Contribution Reports

Contribution reports for income tax purposes may be obtained by calling Paula at the Parish Office: 944-4603.

## Readings for the week of February 19, 2023

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

Monday:Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday:Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday:Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/



Our parish's Parish Council will be meeting this Tuesday, February 21, at 6:30 P.M.



### Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed during Masses at the Cathedral on Ash Wednesday, February 22, at 8:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M. (Bishop Mark is celebrant), and 5:30 P.M. There will be a Liturgy of the Word prayer service at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 3:00 P.M. during which ashes will be distributed.



Our parish's Annual Lenten Fish Fry Lunch will begin on Ash Wednesday and continue on the Fridays of Lent, except Good Friday. The drive-thru lunches will be available from 11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. The cost is \$10.00 for a large fish sandwich, mac & cheese, and cole slaw. For ten or more lunch purchases, delivery is available but you need to call ahead at 814-944-4603.

Take out and cash only.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**Sunday, February 12, 2023 \$ 8,201.72**  
**Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.**

### Church Budget Envelope and Mailing Company

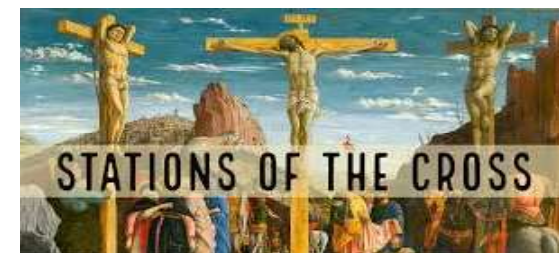
Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been solved. However, the "catchup" would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

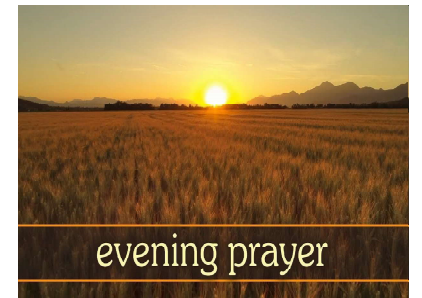
If you do not have an envelope for Sunday's, put in a regular envelope and please write your name on the envelope.



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all on those days. Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain. Fasting refers to one full meal, with two small meals, no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th are obligated to fast. In addition to these obligations, additional forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.



**Stations of the Cross will be prayed during Lent on Fridays at 5:30 P.M.**



You are encouraged to pray sung evening prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on the Sundays of Lent at 6:30 P.M. Vespers will be concluded with Benediction.



Almsgiving is an essential part of the Lenten season. Our use of Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl provides a convenient way to assist those who are in need. They are available at the church entrances. Be sure to take one.



**Little Black Book** Lenten meditation booklets are available at our entrances this weekend. The daily meditations are designed to take only about 6 minutes.



**The Collection on Ash Wednesday is donated to the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica.**

Our contributions help build clinics, construct homes, support children in orphanages, and supports priests and religious ministering to the faithful. Please be generous.



The Hardness of Holiness

Want to know the words I find hardest to say? “Lord, give me the strength.”

The world tells us to push ourselves outside of our comfort zone if we’re training for a marathon or applying for a job — but if we’re talking about God, everything is supposed to be easy. If it comes “naturally” or without struggle it’s supposed to be right. *Only God is perfect*, the world tells us. *What’s the use of trying so hard?*

I’m really good at finding excuses for myself, especially when it comes to holiness. Holiness, often (not always, but often), is about choosing the hard, but right, thing. The invitation to holiness is whispered in the hardest moments of my day when I am the most hopelessly human. After the kids’ bedtime, when I really just want to watch *Dateline* and eat too much ice cream instead of saying the Rosary. When I’ve committed to helping someone, but it suddenly becomes incredibly inconvenient. When I see a social media post that’s just begging for a snarky reply. When the conversation becomes gossip and I’m dying to make myself feel superior to someone.

The reason it’s so difficult for me to mutter these five simple words is because I know that if I say them and I mean them, they form a prayer that God will always answer in the affirmative. He will give me the strength I ask for, and then I will have no excuse.

It’s not unlike my kids claiming they’re too tired to clean up the playroom. If they would just ask me for help, it would all be so doable. But where would that leave them? With a job to do, that’s where. *“Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.”* — *Leviticus 19:2* (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI



**From Monday to Friday from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. you are asked not to park in the spaces reserved for Catholic Charities. Those spaces are needed for staff and clients.**

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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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**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.

**ANOIDING 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

Weekday: 12:00 Noon  
Saturday: 12:00 Noon

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

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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