

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

600

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

SUN 2/7 Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/

Mk 1:29-39

MON 2/8 Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk

6:53-56

TUE 2/9 Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

WED 2/10 Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

THR 2/11 Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

FRI **2/12** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

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

SUN 2/14 Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk

1:40-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.



Masses For The Week

Monday - 2/8 - St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine

9:00 a.m. - Rose Hayden (Dan & Susie)

Tuesday - 2/9

9:00 a.m. - Charlene Sirgo (Stanley & Jay Kutz)

Wednesday - 2/10 - St. Scholastica (No School Mass)

9:00 a.m. - Dennis Conway (Priscilla Beck)

Thursday - 2/11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

No Mass

Friday - 2/12

9:00 a.m. - Tim Vesy (Priscilla Beck)

Saturday - 2/13

4:30 p.m. - Lois & Vincent Drouhard (Les & Aurora Waltz)

Sunday - 2/14 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. - People of Our Parish

10:30 a.m. - Robert Maloney (Mary Lee Maloney)

Inclement Weather: - In case of school closing on Wednesday, Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. If Mass is cancelled it will be posted on Facebook.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> – is prayerfully lit for Lillian Fichter & Paul Malek, with love from Dianna Malek.

With Communal Penance being cancelled this year, each of the parishes in our region are offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation at different dates and times. Below are times that St. Barbara will be offering confessions, and we will publish times for other parishes as we receive them.

St. Barbara

Saturdays from 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Thursdays during Lent (with the exception of Holy Thursday) from 5:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m.

In Memoriam: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Vince and Lois Drouhard of our parish who passed away recently. Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and may they rest in peace.

BLESSING OF THROATS

On the memorial of St. Blasé, February 3rd, the custom of blessing throats is taken from Blasé's healing of a young boy who had a fish bone stuck in his throat. For this reason, his intercession is invoked for illnesses of the throat, and it

is customary for throats to be blessed on his memorial using crossed candles.

A General Blessing due to the Pandemic will be given the weekend of February 6 & 7.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

SATURDAY - 4:30 p.m. - SUNDAY - 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. HOLYDAY VIGIL - 7:00 p.m. - HOLYDAY - 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. WEEKDAY - Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, 8:20 a.m. (School Mass)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY - 3:30 p.m.

January 30 - 31, 2021

Weekly Budget	\$ 12,621.00
Needy	\$ 510.00
Reg. Collection Mail-in On Line Total	\$ 3,347.00 \$ 2,682.20 <u>\$ 1,960.00</u> \$ 7,989.20
Deficit	(\$ 4,631.80)

Mass Attendance

205 - 4:30 -75; 8:00 - 39; 10:30 - 91

Lectors - Saturday/Sunday

4:30 p.m. - 2/13 - S. Hall

8:00 a.m. - 2/14 - V. Lorenz

10:30 a.m. - 2/14 - J. Turkal

Sacristans - Saturday/Sunday

4:30 p.m. - **2/13** - S. Ziegelhofer

8:00 a.m. - 2/14 - J. Wyman

10:30 a.m. - 2/14 - P. Martin

Ash Wednesday - February 17th Masses will be at 9 am and 7pm

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7pm

Welcome: Please welcome new parishioners, Mr. & Mrs. Adam Reedy and family! We are so happy to have you as part of our parish community!

HOLY DUSTERS St. Barbara Parish is looking for people to join our Monday morning team of Holy Dusters! You may not know this, but the Holy Dusters are a group of volunteers who help keep the church looking nice and clean! If you are willing and able to help us, please call the rectory office at (330) 833-6898 and ask to speak with Jennifer. Your prayerful consideration is appreciated!

Vocations: - World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

"Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!" Could God be calling you to spread His Word and His love as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Scott Kopp at (330) 744-8451 or email skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

200 Club Winners

Winners for the January 31, 2021 drawing are:

- 1 Marcy Gordon (Ticket# 161) \$100.00
- 2 Ray Halter (Ticket# 58) \$100.00

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Dear Parishioners

The most important thing anyone can do for Lent is to "return to the Lord with your whole heart" (Joel 2:12). That is the root meaning of repent; to turn around. Catholics have traditionally expressed sorrow for sin and the desire to live as genuine disciples of Christ through the three traditional Lenten disciplines of fasting, almsgiving and prayer, which helps to turn us toward Christ as the true source of happiness. These are forms of self-denial; we deny the tendency in us to seek happiness in physical pleasures, in economic security, or in power. Just as Jesus was tempted in the desert, we must face our temptation to put pleasure, property and power ahead of our relationship to God.

The Lenten disciplines prepare us to receive the grace of Easter. By virtue of Christ's victory over death, our relationship to pleasure, property and power is no longer a matter of following our own selfish inclinations, but of gratefully receiving all that the Lord has given to us.

Fasting and abstinence practiced as the Church instructs is a good beginning. A bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things, fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart's intent to depend more completely on God. The interior free desire to deepen our relationship to God is the essence of a Lenten fast.

Almsgiving readjusts our priorities while it expresses both our love of neighbor and our trust in God. A free gift to those in need confirms on Providence while concretely helping those in need. Just as we fast without starving ourselves, we give alms without jeopardizing our security or that of our family. The point is to give from the heart.

Prayer is a recognition that we need help to turn back to God. From daily Mass to the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Adoration, the Church encourages a wealth of prayerful practices. A very simple way to pray is to sit quietly for a moment before taking up one of the Gospels and slowly reading a passage that you like. Simply sit with the passage for a bit, savoring the Word and allowing it to touch you, read it again slowly and then respond to God.

Have a great week. Fr. Brian



Ash Wednesday February 17, 2021

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments of the Vatican have asked all parishes to take special precautions this year when distributing ashes on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, because of the

pandemic, this includes the sprinkling of ashes on the top of people's heads rather than making the sign of the cross on the forehead.

Also the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return" will be proclaimed only once, before the ashes are sprinkled.

Mass for Ash Wednesday will take place at 9:00AM, and 7:00PM Masses. Ashes and a prayer service will be provided for those who have a loved one at home they would like to take Ashes to.



NOTICE

Due to the rising number of cases of COVID-19, and in an effort to keep our staff and parishioners safe, the parish office will be closed to visitors. The staff will still be available to answer phone calls and assist with any questions. If you need to drop something off for a staff member, please do so in the locked mailbox next to the front door. We apologize for the inconvenience, but safety must be our priority during these uncertain times.

Office Hours:

 Monday
 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

 Tuesday
 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

 Wednesday
 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

 Thursday
 CLOSED

Friday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

St. Barbara School has an open position for a PT custodian for afternoons. This position would include:

General cleaning: Vacuuming, mopping, sweeping, dusting of floors, hallways, bathrooms etc. Able to use a floor scrubber Perform regular sanitation of classrooms/ equipment following COVID guidelines.

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Interested parties should call the school office at: 330-833-9510

St. Barbara's Tuesday Bible Study Group has been sending notes of cheer to our shut ins for many years. Previously, Alma Martin created these notes and now Mary Sirgo and Rita Allen are making the cards we mail. If you know of someone who is home bound or in a nursing home who would benefit from a quarterly note, please submit name and address to Tess Simonetti (330-832-0597) or Sue Studer (330-833-5227). 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

RIGHT TO LIFE OF STARK COUNTY: Canton Forty Days for Life will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17th and end on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021. We will pray for an end to abortion on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 2663 Cleveland Avenue NW, Canton. We will pray from 8 am-6pm seven days a week. If you would like to participate by praying for one hour or have any questions, please contact Linda at 330-705-8814 or fortydayscanton@gmail.com. You may also go to www.40daysforlife.com.. You may like to make this a family time of prayer with your husband, wife, and children. We also ask that you encourage your friends, church youth group or your church to become involved. Planned Parenthood in Canton provides abortion referrals. There were 501 Stark County preborn children aborted in 2019 and many of these came from Planned Parenthood referrals. Please prayerfully consider helping us to fill our calendar during Canton 40 Days for Life.

A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers: O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion. Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen

SAINT BARBARA CHURCH FEBRUARY 6 - 7, 2021

Annual White Mass for all Health Professionals Including Mental Health Workers

The Annual White Mass – recognizing and celebrating the work and ministry of those in the health professions – will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Columba located at 154 W. Wood St. in Youngstown. Bishop David J. Bonnar will preside. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, participants need to RSVP by emailing dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or calling (330) 744-8451 ext. 272 to ensure that there is sufficient space with social distancing. Also, the White Mass will be livestreamed through the Diocese of Youngstown's website: go to www.doy.org and look for "Cathedral Livestreaming: on the "Media" dropdown menu.

Catholic Exponent

In the first reading from the Book of Job today, we hear Job lamenting the loss of his happy life as he had known it for years. His days "have come to an end without hope," he poignantly exclaims, "I shall not see happiness again."

During the past year's pandemic we have all known people who felt that way – or have felt that way – or have felt that way ourselves.

Yet, the responsorial psalm offers the hope of a God who "heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds," and who "sustains the lowly." The reading from the Gospel of Mark depicts how Jesus goes out actively to the people to offer healing.

We experience Jesus' healing presence through the Church today. Yet COVID-19 has impeded many from going to Mass regularly. Even those of us who can make it to Mass feel a degree of separation with fewer people present.

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Stewardship

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." – MARK 1:35, 38

Prayer Chain - We are redoing our prayer chain list and would like to know if there is anyone interested in becoming a new member. I have found there are lots of benefits to being on the prayer chain - it keeps you close to God. You get to know and make good friends as you call those on the list. It is wonderful to know that you are able to help someone without leaving the comfort of your home. Just think – there are no meetings to attend!

"Prayer of supplication is an expression of a heart that trusts in God and realizes that of itself it can do nothing. The life of God's faithful people is marked by constant supplication born of faith filled love and great confidence. Let us not downplay the prayer of petition, which so often calms our hearts and helps us to persevere in hope. Prayer of intercession is an act of trust in God and, at the same time, an expression of love for our neighbor."

If you are willing to join us in prayer, please call Sue Ziegelhofer at (330) 832-1992. I will be making up a new list and will add you to it. We have a day time prayer list and a night time prayer list for those of you who work during the day, or prefer to be called in the evening.

Catholic Charities: Many of the people who come to Catholic Charities for assistance are families with children or older adults on fixed incomes asking for help – help to keep their homes warm during the cold winter months. Catholic Charities' Warm Hearts for Warm Homes campaign (formerly Keep the Kids Warm) provides tangible assistance and peace of mind to individuals and families in need of utility assistance. Please visit www.ccdoy.org to learn more and to make a gift online. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Last weekend, the Diocese of Youngstown sponsored the **Church Overseas Combined Collection** for ministries to needy people. Thank you for your participation in this important collection. If you did not have the opportunity to respond last week, there is still time to contribute to this combined collection.

Bingo: We are always looking for volunteers to help out at Bingo, which is currently the ONLY fundraiser we can have for the school and the parish. If you are able to volunteer, your help would be greatly appreciated! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! Areas to help could be anything from working the kitchen (taking money and serving food/coffee) to walking around selling instant tickets to players during the game and breaks (\$1.00 per ticket, you take the money and hand them the tickets). If you are able to help, please call either Jennifer at the parish office at (330) 833-6898 or Lisa at the schools office (330) 833-9510. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



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LET US COOK YOUR FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER!

(Lenten Fish Fry)

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(Please check pickup time) \Box 5:00 - 5:15 \Box 5:15 - 5:30 \Box 5:30 - 5:45 \Box 5:45 - 6:00		
 (1) - 2 piece Fried fish dinner, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, roll & butter - \$11.00 (2) - Shrimp dinner, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, roll & butter - \$11.00 (3) - Macaroni and cheese dinner, coleslaw, roll & butter - \$10.00 (Pre-order only - Orders Must be Placed by Noon on February 18, 2021) 		
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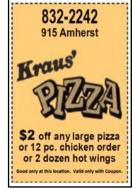
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