
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Jan 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wed Jan 19 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, Jan. 18

8:30 a.m.

Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

Tuesday, Jan. 19

8:30 a.m.

†Janine Beck (*Mary Engelman*)

Wednesday, Jan. 20 St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

8:30 a.m.

†Dorothy Andrews (*Lisa, Alex, Joshua, Ryan & Courtney Seltzer*)

Thursday, Jan. 21 St. Agnes

8:30 a.m.

†William Luther (*Randy & Jeanie Koury*)

Friday, Jan. 22

8:30 a.m.

†Rosemary McConnell (*Holy Trinity Catholic School Board*)

Saturday, Jan. 23 St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope

4:00p.m.

†Anne Hummel (*Carol Perry*)

Sunday, Jan. 24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People

10:30 a.m. †Frank Basciani (*Steve & Marty Stefanon*)

PASTOR'S CORNER

The end of the Christmas season was marked by the Baptism of the Lord, January 10th this year, and we have now moved in the season of Ordinary Time. Despite its name, there is nothing inherently “ordinary” about this season of the year. The term ordinary is just used because the weeks are numbered in an ordinal way—the Third Week in Ordinary Time, the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time, and so on. Liturgical calendars were not always structured this way. In the earliest days of the Church, every Sunday was treated as an Easter Sunday—there was no distinction in the season for Christmas, Lent, and Easter. While we no longer treat every Sunday as Easter Sunday, “Sunday is the pre-eminent day for the liturgical assembly” (CCC, no. 1167). In addition to participating in the Eucharistic liturgy, in Ordinary Time, Sundays remain days that should be set aside for prayer, reflection, rest, and time with family.

PRAYERS FOR LIFE

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

On January 22, the Church recognizes the **Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children**. As individuals, we are called observe the day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or almsgiving.

Join with thousands of Catholics across the country to pray for life this Friday.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-JAN. 9-10, 2021

Regular	\$7065.00	Christmas	\$ 225.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 53.00	Christmas Club	\$ 39.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 146.00	Religious Ret.	\$ 10.00
		Total	\$7538.00

Deacon Jim’s “A Moment with Our Lady”

On July 13, 1917, Sister Lucia received three secrets. The third was officially published on May 13, 2000, accompanied by this commentary that interprets it:

“To save souls” has emerged as the key word of the first and second parts of the “secret,” and the key word of this third part is the threefold cry: “Penance, Penance, Penance!”

I would like finally to mention another key expression of the “secret” which has become justly famous: “my Immaculate Heart will triumph.” What does that mean? The Heart open to God, purified by contemplation of God, is stronger than guns and weapons of every kind. The fiat of Mary, the word of her heart, has changed the history of the world, because it brought the Savior into the world.

The Evil One has power in this world because our freedom continually lets itself be led away from God. But since God himself took a human heart the freedom to choose evil no longer has the last word. From that time forth, the word that prevails is this: “In the world you will have tribulation but take heart; I have overcome the world” (Jn 16-33). The message from Fatima invites us to trust in this promise.

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 17, 2021 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

(John 1: 35-42)

Jesus’ question in today’s gospel is still valid today: “What are you looking for?” What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Lego, Mary Kimmel, and Marie Malsatzki. May God give comfort to their family.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Sebastian
Feast Day – January 20
Died c. 288



According to the many legends surrounding Sebastian, he was born in Gaul and raised in Milan. Though a Christian, he joined the imperial army at Rome about 283. He made converts of officials and jailers, effected cures and urged Christian prisoners to stay strong in their faith. He was named captain of the praetorian guards, but the emperor, upon finding out that he was a Christian, ordered his execution. Shot with arrows and left for dead, Sebastian survived and was nursed back to life. Later, he denounced the emperor for his cruelty to Christians, and the emperor had him beaten to death. A favorite subject of Renaissance artists, Sebastian is the patron saint of archers, soldiers and athletes.

St. Benedict Church Bible Study Continues on Saturday Morning (9:30-11:30 a.m.)

The St. Benedict Church weekly Bible Study continues on Zoom. The new study is titled.

“Understanding the Word of God Written in the Words of Man.” This will be an in-depth look at the Bible through the lens of Salvation History as God reveals himself and his plan to us. Please contact Deacon Michael if you would like to join the group.

Your email address will be needed to send the Zoom link to you. Zoom is easy to use on your computer or mobile device and detailed instructions and assistance will be provided.

Don't worry if you have missed a session or are unable to join us on Saturday mornings. Each Bible Study class will be recorded and offered on **YouTube** not only for our diocese but to anyone who would like to hear the study, including our Christian brothers and sisters in other parts of the world. Handouts can be downloaded from the St. Benedict Church website (stbenedictchurch.org)

All are welcome!

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Gavrielle Dawson Sunderland daughter of M/M Cameron Sunderland who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

CANDLE

Gabriel Bouch by Susan Trout

NOW HIRING

St. John the Baptist Retreat Center is looking for someone to fill a very important position as housekeeper. Anyone interested in this position is asked to please call the St. John the Baptist friary at 814-733-2210 and leave a message.

ST. LEONARD'S HOME

Worried about a loved one? St. Leonard's Personal Care Home in Hollidaysburg provides medication management, personal hygiene assistance, socialization, meals, housekeeping and a 24 hour staff in a home-like environment. We serve men and women 62+ for whom it is no longer safe to live alone. To tour our beautiful Victorian mansion or for more information, call Sr. Cynthia Meyer at 695-9581 during weekday business hours. We are a Catholic facility but accept all eligible applicants, and will assist with financial aid applications where applicable.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Pinnacle Palliative Care, a Catholic palliative and hospice care company, is looking for volunteers for the following:

**Patient Sitters
Bereavement
Clerical Assistance
Public Relations
Crafters**

(sewing, knitting, card making, etc.)

Pinnacle volunteers will be oriented in our training program to ensure you have the proper skills for patients and their families.

For more information, please contact Sarah Marchi at Pinnacle Palliative Care at 814-201-2532.

“It is to those who have the most need of us that we ought to show our love more especially”

-Saint Francis de Sales

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What is a St. Vincent de Paul Conference?

- The SVdP Society is a lay Catholic organization that responds to the needy throughout the world. At St. Rose of Lima, we have a conference that helps people who call our parish when they have a desperate need, as well as those in need within our community through the SVdP Needs Office.
- Conferences provide financial assistance to people in the form of food, rent, utilities, furniture, and other necessities.
- Conferences respond to other needs in the community, such as food pantries and assistance to elderly and the disabled, as well as prison ministry.

What does our St. Vincent de Paul Conferences do?

- **Virtual Home Visits** - When the church receives phone calls from people in need of help with rent, utilities, food assistance, and other needs, Conference members make personal contact with them, usually making phone calls to their home.
- **Food Donations/Food Drives** - Food is collected in an area in the vestibule on the far right of the doors leading into the Church. The Conference distributes this food to the needy in the community throughout the year.
- **Caring for Others** – Volunteers provide transportation, odd jobs, companionship, other assistance to the elderly, handicapped and homebound in our parish area.
- **Clothing/Household goods collections** –Our Conference also collects clothing for the needy throughout the year. You can drop off gently used items at the same location as we do for food collection. These clothes items are then delivered to the SVdP store in Altoona, who then give away or sell clothing, as needed, including winter coats.
- **SVdP Store Volunteers** - members of our Conference volunteer their time to work at the SvdP store in Altoona to support the store in all that it does for our community.
- **Twinning**– We contribute financially to other St. Vincent de Paul Conferences when they have a client with a large need.

Where do we get our funds from?

- **Poor Box collections (located by the food donation area in the vestibule)** - Money collected goes to our SVdP Conference to help the needy who call for assistance.
- **January's SVdP Conference Annual Appeal** -- through your generous donations the Conference collects a large portion of the monies it uses from the second collection during the masses on the last weekend of January.
- **SVdP Store** –when our Conference runs out of funds, we request funds from the SVdP Needs Office (if available) to help us continue in our good works. Proceeds from the SVdP Store funds the Needs Office.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Imagine Jesus asking you, “What are you looking for?” We might respond with answers like a better job, more kids, retirement, or any number of things that we think will make our lives better. The things we seek may be righteous, but as disciples of Christ, we should first and foremost seek the Kingdom of God. The story of Jesus’ first disciples concludes with Andrew intentionally sharing the gift of meeting the Lord and did not hoard it to himself. Instead he sought his brother and proclaimed what he had experienced, which serves as a reminder to us.

Our calling is to be missionary disciples-to seek the Lord and share what we have found. Our faith is a gift! The first role of a steward of the Good News is to share it with others. Let us begin Ordinary Time in the Year of Grace 2021 with this in mind. May we respond as Samuel did, “Here am I Lord; I come to do Your will!”

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