

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Jan 31 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wed Feb 3 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, Feb. 1

8:30 a.m.
†Justin Dodson (*Kathy Yingling*)

Tuesday, Feb. 2 Presentation of the Lord

8:30 a.m.
†Patricia Shellenberger (*Family*)

Wednesday, Feb. 3 St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

8:30 a.m.
†Donna Jean Beigle (*Mary Engelman*)

Thursday, Feb. 4

8:30 a.m.
†William Luther (*Joanne Straw & Jane Kiser*)

Friday, Feb. 5 St. Agatha

8:30 a.m.
†Rosemary McConnell (*Holy Trinity Catholic School Board*)

Saturday, Feb. 6 St. Paul Miki & Companions

4:00p.m.
†Mary Prorok (*Marie Prorok*)

Sunday, Feb. 7 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People
10:30 a.m. †Frank & Dorothy Skupien (*Family*)

PASTOR'S CORNER

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“We too are called to welcome Jesus who comes to meet us. To encounter him: the God of life is to be encountered every day of our lives; not now and then, but every day. To follow Jesus in not a decision taken once and for all, it is a daily choice.” - Pope Francis, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2019.

The Presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior—the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the “light of the nations” and the “glory of Israel,” but also “a sign that is spoken against.” The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ’s perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation God has “prepared in the presence of all peoples” (CCC, no.529).

Catholic Schools Week January 31- February 6



It's Catholic Schools Week! We're grateful for all of our wonderful teachers and students who contribute so much to the life of our parish.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-JAN. 23-24, 2021

Regular	\$4809.25	Christmas Club	\$ 13.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 3.00		
		Total	\$4825.25

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

Stezzano is a town in the province of Bergamo, Italy. On July 12, 1586, two young girls of the town, Bartolomea Bucanelli, 10 and Dorotea Battistoni, 11, walked by a small church dating from the 13th century, built on the spot of an alleged apparition of the Virgin Mary to a woman in prayer. The church door was closed but the girls saw "the silhouette of a woman" through the window. The figure was wearing a black dress with a white veil that came down to her shoulders. She appeared to be reading a little book that she held in her hands.

Many people have subsequently claimed to have seen a "beautiful woman" in prayer at different times. In the early summer 1586, one of the church's frescoes depicting the Madonna and Child began to exude water to the point of flooding the floor.

The investigation led by the bishop contended to the extraordinary nature of these facts, and a Marian shrine was inaugurated at the church in 1600.

Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day is Thursday, February 11. We welcome our fellow parishes to join us for Mass at 6:00 p.m. and to join us in celebrating and honoring the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Bernadette, which first took place on February 11, 1858.

END OF YEAR STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

May God's blessing be upon all those who have so generously supported our parish family throughout 2020. Those individuals or families who for tax purposes would like to have a statement of your contributions for 2020 are asked to call the Rectory. We would be most happy to provide that information for you.

Church History Zoom Class

Church History: The story of diversity, multiple developments, and pluralism. In this 8-week Zoom online class, Deacon Don Gibboney gives an overview of Church history focusing upon Christianity in Europe from apostolic times to the present. Classes are Wednesdays from 6:00-8:30 PM beginning February 24th. Registration fee is \$45. to register please contact the Office of Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Joseph of Leonessa

DATES: 1556-1612

FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 4

Born in Leonessa, Italy, Eufrazio took the name Joseph at 18 when he became a Capuchin Franciscan. His forte was preaching and in 1587 he went as a missionary to Constantinople (Istanbul, Turkey) to minister to Christian galley slaves. After recovering from the plague, he was arrested for preaching to Muslims. He was sentenced to death but he survived being hanged from a gibbet with a hook through one hand and one foot. He was banished and returned to Leonessa. He lived austere for another 20 years, sometimes preaching as many as 10 times a day, until he died of cancer. He was beatified in 1737 and canonized in 1746.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 31, 2021: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

(Mark 1: 21-28)

Today's gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.

NEW COURSE OPPORTUNITY!

The History of the Catholic Church in the United States will be offered online as a Zoom course by Deacon Michael Russo. This 8-week course will be held Tuesdays from 6:30-9:00 p.m. beginning February 9th.

This new course covers the Catholic Church's development in the United States from the early discoveries of North America, European Colonization, through the founding of the Spanish Missions up to the beginning of the Second Vatican Council. The purpose of the course is to trace the origins of the various traditions of Colonial Catholicism and discuss their influence on the growth of the Catholic Church in the United States. Particular attention will be given to the challenges that affected both the internal and external changes in American Catholicism, such as the influence of immigrants who immigrated to the United States in the early nineteenth century, the development of diocese in the United States, and the growth of religious Orders and Catholic institutions. The course will discuss the evolution of patriotism, the impact of World War II, economic movements, government policies, and the Catholic Church's involvement in the Industrial Revolution. The course will end with the pre-Vatican II period.

The registration fee for this class is \$45. If you are interested in being a part of the "pilot" course, please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000.

All are welcome!

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!

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 makings, 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

Zoom Christian Prayer and Spirituality Class

Adult Religious Education nurtures the lifelong development of the whole person-body, mind, heart, and spirit. Deacon Michael Russo will be teaching the 8 week course **Christian Prayer and Spirituality via Zoom** beginning Tuesday, March 2nd from 6:30-8:30 p.m. In this course participants will explore both traditional and contemporary expressions of Christian prayer and spirituality. The cost of this course which includes registration and material fee is \$55.

Registration forms are available online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or by calling Marybeth at (814) 361-2000. **Deadline for class registration is February 22nd.** All are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we willingly give God authority over our lives and trust in His provision, He will take care of us no matter what. Are you not filled with a sense of wonder whenever Jesus speaks to you? As Christian stewards, it is our job to imitate Christ and follow his commands out of gratitude for all that he has given us.

We are more willing to live by God's commands when we are motivated by love and gratitude. May your astonishment cause Jesus' fame to spread wherever you go. May you serve with deep conviction as a disciple of Jesus Christ with your actions.

(2020, January 31, *Stewardship Bulletin Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Evans, Georgia)

CRS - Lead the Way

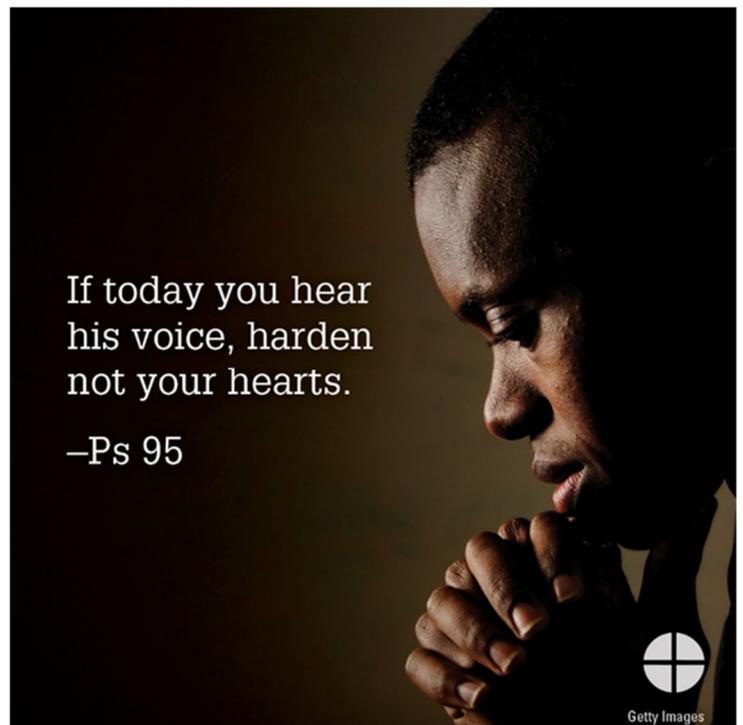
An initiative of [Catholic Relief Services](http://www.catholicreliefservices.org) (CRS) with support from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that calls on Catholics to defend the life and dignity of people living in poverty throughout the world.

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for January 31- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!



If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

-Ps 95