

# "You are the *Light* of the **WORLD**"

February 5, 2023

## *St. Rose of Lima Church*



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Matthew 5:14

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PASTOR'S CORNER

**Paul Miki And Companions** – On February 6<sup>th</sup> the Church honors the 26 Martyrs of Nagasaki Japan who were martyred on crosses on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1597. Paul Miki was a Japanese born convert to Catholicism from Buddhism who was arrested for spreading the Christian faith. He continued to evangelize from his cross saying:

*"The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason that I die. I believe that I am telling the truth before I die. After Christ's example, I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain."*

Paul and his fellow martyrs were canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1862. Along with these martyrs at least 4,000 Catholics were martyred between 1500 and 1699 and another 37,000 Catholics lost their lives in a peasant revolt which tried to end the persecutions. These courageous Japanese men and women show us that the gospel is worth spreading, even in the face of persecutions and death. They lived out the eighth beatitude: "Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." That witness continues in the countless numbers of Christians who undergo persecution throughout the world, even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, who continue to practice and preach the faith.

**Saint Scholastica** - On February 10<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates Saint Scholastica the sister of St. Benedict of Nursia. They lived in first half of the 6<sup>th</sup> century AD. Benedict is known as the father of monasticism (monks) in the Western Church, as he founded a number of monasteries and wrote the Rule of St. Benedict for monks. Scholastica also founded a monastery for nuns and served as the abbess, leader, of that monastery until her death in 543. Once a year Scholastica and Benedict would meet in a house outside of Benedict's monastery. On their last meeting, 3 days before her death, Scholastica is supposed to have prayed for a storm to keep her brother from leaving. A storm rolled into the area, and he had to stay in conversation with Scholastica until the next morning, which allowed Scholastica to enjoy one last visit with her brother. She died 3 days after that meeting. St. Scholastica is a model for female religious and she is the patron saint of Cloistered nuns.

**Our Stewardship Of Service** - In his first epistle, St. Peter writes: *As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.* Just as our Stewardship of Prayer invites us to a more fruitful use of our time, so with Our Stewardship of Service. To be a steward of service means that we gratefully name and nurture our gifts. We then offer them to our Church and to the world. With this in mind, we are called to reflect upon our personal calendars and consider how we can best use our time and our gifts. Our Church offers unique opportunities to serve within our parishes as well as promoting opportunities locally, nationally and globally. We believe that through our service, our Church can bring the love of Jesus to the world and to continue his work on earth.

**Stewardship In Today's Gospel** - *"Shine your light before everyone, so that they can see your good works and praise your Father who is in heaven"* (Mt 5:16). The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Generosity is a byproduct of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God works through them and do not put themselves above the people God has called them to help.

### February Prayer Intention of Pope Francis For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



**COFFEE AND SWEETS SUNDAY:** All are invited to join us in the School Library on Sunday, February 12th, after both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses. Please join us for fellowship. Sponsored by our Social Committee.



**GUARDIAN WEEK OF GIVING:** Holy Trinity Catholic School has been celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 29-February 4, 2023. Consider donating to our capital campaign, Guardian Week of Giving, by scanning the QR code to make a charitable contribution. Your generosity will aid Holy Trinity Catholic School, and our ability to provide students with a quality Catholic education of the highest academic excellence.



**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, February 5 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Wed. February 8- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary**



**Monday, February 6 - Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

8:30 a.m.

†Ronald Wojcik (*Ralph & Suzi Miller*)

**Tuesday, February 7**

8:30 a.m.

†Tab Scarfone (*Family*)

**Wednesday, February 8**

8:30 a.m.

†Paul Sheets (*Bill & Fritz Beard*)

**Thursday, February 9**

8:30 a.m.

†Richard Engelman (*Mary Engelman*)

**Friday, February 10 - Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

8:30 a.m.

†Gene Bettwy (*Vi & Family*)

**Saturday, February 11 - Vigil of The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m.

†Lucia Orsena McLaughlin (*Nasralla Family*)

**Sunday, February 12 - The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mass for the People

10:30 a.m.

†Nick & Augusta Orsena (*Orsena Family*)

**St. Rose Liturgy Schedule**

*Weekends*

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

*Weekdays* Monday through Friday 8:30 AM

*Holy Day Vigil* 7:00 PM

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*Adoration* Thursday after 8:30 AM Mass to 10:00 AM

*Confessions* Saturday at Noon or by appointment

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

January 22, 2022

Regular	\$5,847.90	Loose	\$378.00
Children's	\$57.00	Vigil Candle	\$35.00
Parish Life	\$5.00	Christmas Club	\$15.00
Starter Set	.\$20.00	Christmas	\$2700.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$30.00	Retirement Fund	\$50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$5.00	Catholic Charities	\$5.00
Coin	\$12.50	Total	\$6,730.40

**2022 Catholic Ministries Drive**

January 1st, 2022 to December 31st, 2022

Goal \$42,716

Gifts/Pledges \$26,757

\$15,959 under goal

**Renew! Repair! Rejoice!**

Payments/Donations \$67,371.94

Pledge Payments committed but not received \$44,456

Total Payments/Pledges/Donations \$112,827.94

**CANDLES:**

Carol Worry Healing requested by *The Turcovski Family*

**SAVING "SOLES":** So far, the Boy Scouts of Troop 49 have collected 800 pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes, that means we are about 1/3 of our way to our goal of 2,500 pairs of shoes! We will be collecting until the end of February. The shoes not only help support the Scouts, but they will be reused and given a second life by those in need in Ghana, Haiti and Cambodia through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN! Please drop shoes off in the drop boxes in the back of Church. It is helpful if you can tie the shoelaces together and/or put them in their own plastic bags. Any shoes in good condition are acceptable from flip flops to spikes to dress shoes and anything in between!



*Religious Education News*

February 5 - 9:15 - 10:15 AM - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Session 3 - All Confirmation

Candidates, BG & Public School

Saturday, February 11 - 9:00 - 11:00 AM - 5th Grade Retreat ALL STUDENTS

February 19 - 9:15 - 10:15 AM - Parent Meeting First Eucharist - Social Hall

Contact Yvonne Gibson for more information - 814-330-2518 - ygibson@dioceseaj.org

**Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"**

Some people tell you that you cannot pray to the Virgin Mary; no matter how blessed she is, because she died, and that the dead cannot do anything. Notice the contradiction: In this life, everyone agrees that we can pray for one another, but after this life is over, we can't do that anymore!

Have you not read that on Mount Tabor the transfigured Jesus talked with Moses and Elijah? And have you not read in the Gospel that Jesus said to the Good Thief: "This very night you will be with me in paradise?"

So it was possible for Moses, Elijah and the Good Thief, but not for Mary who is "full of grace"? The one that all generation must proclaim blessed should not be in God's heaven, only the Good Thief should be. And in the book of Revelation, shouldn't she be in the group of those who follow the Lamb wherever he goes?

**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:** Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our family. Parents shine their guiding light, not in front but behind them, inviting their children to follow their "good deeds." *Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.*

**St. Rose of Lima Prayer List**

It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the sick. If you know of someone in the parish who is ill or has passed away and in need of prayers, please call the office (814-944-8509) or email Becky Reed at [breed@dioceseaj.org](mailto:breed@dioceseaj.org) to add their name to the prayer list.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:

- Erma Anthony • Steve Anthony**
- Matilda Capouellez • Farr Family**
- Frank and Rosemarie Fochler • Ed Garlena**
- Garman Family • Michael and Marlene Heilman**
- Housum Family • Donna Ivory**
- Kelly Mullegan Kline • Patricia Kraft**
- Carmie Maniglia • Don and Angel Mast**
- Mike Murphy • Rose Nasralla**
- Mike Nazaruk & Family • Marie Prorok**
- Joe & Jean Raugh • Joe and Carole Reilly**
- Julia Scarfone • Ann Schreiber • Mareo Washer**
- Deacon Jim Woomeer • Carole Zonfrilli**

**HOME WITH THE LORD:** *Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:*

**Larry Burk**

*May he rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.*

**Readings for the Week of February 5, 2023**

**Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

**Monday Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35c; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday** Gn 1:20 □ □ 2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday** Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30

**Friday Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday** Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

**ASH WEDNESDAY FISH DINNER:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

February 22, 2023 - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Serving at School Cafeteria on 8th Avenue.

\$12.00 - BAKED OR FRIED FISH

Tickets sold in advance at the Parish Office, 806 11th Street. Take outs available.

**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. The presenter will be Melissa Marinaro, 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 beginning at 6:00 PM (738 Sunshine Avenue). 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 adult students. A great way to create something beautiful and traditional for Easter, please call the Central City parish office (814-754-5224) by February 14th.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEXT WEEK**

**Saturday, February 11 4:00 PM**

Joseph Maschue *Lector*

Ross Talarigo *Lector*

Theresa Knob *Eucharistic Minister*

**Sunday, February 12 8:00 AM**

Shawn Wesner *Lector*

Linda Wolf *Lector*

William Beard, Sr. *Eucharistic Minister*

**Sunday, February 12 10:30 AM**

Casey Kephart *Lector*

Laverne Previte *Lector*

Terrance Heiss *Eucharistic Minister*

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** *Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God. (Joel 2:12-13)*

Join us from February 26th through March 26th as we explore several Lenten topics: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving; the Sacrament of Reconciliation; and the Paschal Mystery. We meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 in the St. Johns school cafeteria. Call Mary Petrak, 814 502-6076.

**SPEAKER JASON EVERT IN STATE COLLEGE:**

Have you ever wondered about the difference between love and lust, and how to find true love in a world that only seems to offer the counterfeit? Then don't miss PURIFIED! These questions will be answered on Feb. 5th from 6-8pm (people will begin being seated at 5:15pm) in the church by world renown chastity speaker: Jason Evert at Our Lady of Victory Church in State College, PA. Get straight answers to tough questions about God's plan for human love. Don't wait! Tickets are selling fast! General Admission is \$20/ticket. This price is well worth the talk and free resources all attendees will receive. Tickets are available online: [chastity.com/purified](http://chastity.com/purified)

**ARE YOU, A FRIEND, OR FAMILY MEMBER GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?** Grief is a long and lonely journey. Please consider joining us for Sharing the Journey, an ongoing bereavement support group that will meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 21 from 6:00 to 7:30 at the St. John's Parish Center. These informal gatherings are intended to provide the opportunity to share, or to listen to others who have experienced loss, and to open our hearts to Jesus. There is no need to pre-register. You are welcome to come as often as you would like. For more information contact Mary Petrak, (814) 502-6076

**St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for February 5: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

**Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by seeking out and offering assistance to someone in their time of need.**

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!

**Our Conference's next meeting is on February 8, 2023 at 6 pm at St Rose of Lima Church. Please contact Dan Weaver at [dweaver@Breezeline.net](mailto:dweaver@Breezeline.net) for more information.**

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA SVDP CONFERENCE CARE PACKAGE PROGRAM 2023:** With the assistance of the parishioners from St Rose of Lima, St John the Evangelist and St Patrick, the St Rose SVDP Conference will once again be running its Care Package program for our seniors, the homeless in our community, new or expectant moms, and single parents. Our Conference helps make the lives a little bit easier for these groups of individuals and families by supplying Care Packages for their use. These packages contain items that each group would find useful, such as toiletries, blankets, gloves, hats, jig saw puzzles, scented candles, healthy snacks, diapers, baby wipes, parenting books, coffee mugs, bath bombs, activity books, etc. Each donor is also asked to include items to help boost the mental health of the recipient, such as a handwritten note of encouragement, a rosary, prayer card, gift card, etc. Also, new this year, our SVDP Conference is asking that you include in your package(s) a prayer card that our Conference will be supplying. The cards will be attached to the flyers that list suggested items for each group. The collection period will run from January 21<sup>st</sup> through March 11<sup>th</sup>. The care packages will be delivered to these needy individuals and families with the help of Family Services and WIC. The members of the St Rose SVDP Conference would like to take this time to thank all those who help make programs like this one possible and the lives of the needy a bit easier. God Bless You All!