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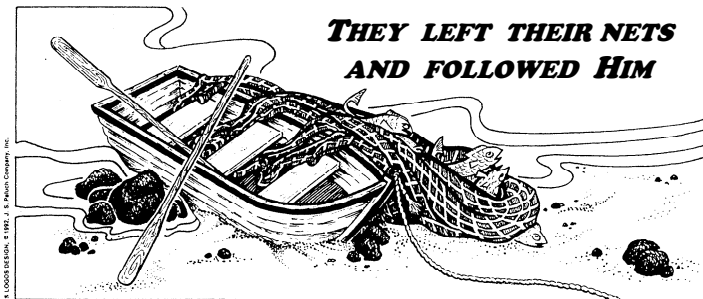
ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24, 2021

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2021

**ABIDE IN MY
LOVE...YOU
SHALL BEAR
MUCH FRUIT.**

JOHN 15:1-17



**THEY LEFT THEIR NETS
AND FOLLOWED HIM**

Kirby; Aidan Kokakis; Alfred Kramer; Ron Kramer; Patricia & Ed Krekorian; Julia Kurthy; Kate Labuda; Pat Lawler; Verdanna Lawrence; Micah Lechner; Rick Lewis; Robert Linzer; John Longo; Mr. Lynn; William Maher; John Maloney; Diana Martinez; Eileen Mary-Rose; Fr. Jeff Maurer; Tracy Motley; Rev. Flor McCarthy; Tandy McClung; Rosemary McCormick; Eddie & Patricia (Ryan) McKay; Maree McKinney; Terry Mills; Mickey Mirra; Dawn Montforte; Liz Moore; Kenneth Moore; Robert Morris; Brian Mortenson; Jennifer Motillo; Eileen Murphy; Sr. Mary Murray, OP; Sharon Nelson; Margaret Nichols; Carol Niedermeyer; Carole O'Neill; Richard Ortiz; Piper Paddock; Patricia Parish; Meredith Parks; Bobby Patchuoli; Florence Penzo; Susan & Janet Peters; Eileen & John Pinski; Larry Polsky; Gerry Ragusa; Regina Rahilly; Carolyn Ramsay; Thomas Reinholz; John Rivera; Linda Roosa; Vivian Rutherford; Ed Ryan; Marie Sabastiano; Susan Sheridan; Blanche Shimer; Fran Spielhagen; Loretta Spordone; Joan Spring-walt; Stephen Suida; Robert Sweeney; Aimee Swift; William Tappan; Gloria Taylor; Therese Van DeBogart; Louis Vega; Laura Verros; Christian Vidale; Rita Volpe; Mary Wardell; Joel & Joan Welsh; William Wetzel; Linda Williams; John Williamson; Evelyn Young.

Weekend Masses, THIRD SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 23:

5:00 PM Dorothy Shannon

Sunday, January 24:

9:00 AM Danny Thomas (from 12/24/20)

11:00 AM Joseph M. Francis Tierney III

Mon., Jan. 25 - Feast of Conversion of St. Paul

8:00 Edna O'Connor

Tues., Jan. 26 - Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

8:00 Jeannie & Harold Jones

Wednesday, January 27

8:00 Helen Beio

Thurs. Jan. 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest/Scholar

8:00 Gerard T. Fox

Friday, January 29

8:00 Mary Ann Peichowicz

No Mass celebrated Saturday morning

Weekend Masses, FOURTH SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 30:

5:00 PM Regina Poelman

Sunday, January 31

9:00 AM For the People

11:00 AM Charles Degnan

Please pray for all our deceased parishioners, benefactors, relatives and friends., especially: Fr. Fredrick Becker; Mark Hairie.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially: Miskit Airth; Brian Amrhein; Anita Auer; Robert Banks; the Berchtold Family; Sue Berry; Sharon Bierman; Ed Boyle; Michele Brow; Doris Buesing; Frank Caramico; Albert Caravello; Adeline Carbone; Tucker Carr; James Carney; Lottie Carney; Ronald Carr; Thomas Cashman; Chris Cellini; Nicholas Cetera; Adelina Rose Ciarelli; Nickolas Civitano; Rocky Collins; Mikie Congemi; Carl Consolo; Donna Consolo; Paula Cornine; Thomas Coughlin; Anna Courneya; William Cronic; Sue Currier; Irene Czerwinski; Donna Dalton; Jeannine Davis; Reilly Davis; Rosemarie Delia; Joan DeLizza; Carol Diamond; Christine Dobbs; Nancy Donohue; Fr. Jack Duffell; Thomas Dunn; Connie Durante; Jerry Earl; Larry Eisen; Josephine Emanuele; Buddy Fahey; Nellie Fahy; Rev. John Fanning; Roger Fiat; Shawn Finneran; Jennifer Florio; Joe Franklin; Jake Gabriel; Lawrence Gallott; Jim & Pat Gatens; Kevin Garvey; Peggy Gawley; Matthew Germann; Tyler Germann; Amy Giuseffi; John Giustiniani; Sue Giza; Dillon Gleason; Erik Godfrey; Alex Goodman; Jenna Graham; Robert Green; Karen Hackett; Jack Haley; Josh Harrison; Jill Hey; Steven Higgins; Theresa Higgins; Ola Hillar; Denis Holohan; James Holden; Charles & Marylou Hopper; Maggie Horne; Brenda Jansons; Conchita Javier; Cliff Jessup; Beatrice Johnson; Carolyn Johnson; Colin Johnston; Msgr. Patrick Keenan; Jim Kinsella; Fred & Margaret Kinsella; Russell Kinsella; Patricia

"150 CLUB" WINNERS

The current edition of the "150 Club" drew to a climax on the weekend of January 17, without our usual delicious chili luncheon provided by Kate Labuda. The winners of the final drawings were # 197, Fred Dallin, and # 45, Eileen Carney, \$ 50 each; # 25, Ed Hart, \$ 100; and the Grand Prize of \$ 250 to # 122, Shawn Suski. A new Club begins in early March. Letters inviting members to "re-up" are in the mail.

JANUARY 24, 2021: ECUMENICAL SUNDAY

Today is Ecumenical Sunday, a time when we celebrate what God is doing through the many ecumenical agencies -- local, regional, national and international -- that make up the modern ecumenical movement. The problem with "Sundays" or "Weeks" is that they offer us the temptation to relegate our interest and concern to a brief, pious nod. If the portrait of Jesus in St. John's Gospel means anything at all to us, we Church leaders should take seriously His repeated invitations and prayers for unity among those who follow Him. That appeal for unity was critical during His own earthly lifetime; it was critical in the last decade of the First Century when John wrote his Gospel; it remains critical today. The rupture of community and fraternity among Catholics, between Catholics and Orthodox, and among those with and without Apostolic Succession is a scandal to the world at large. We somehow expect people to pay attention to us, even though we are a jumble of competing voices. We do not speak with the One Voice of Christ. In the twenty years following the Second Vatican Council, Catholic and Lutheran authorities and Catholic and Episcopalian leaders made significant headway in reconciling the doctrines that had divided us. Then, despite the good example of Saint Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis I, the forward movement seems to have come to a sputtering halt. Without pretending that there are no significant hurdles, our leadership must keep chipping away at the roadblocks. It has never been clearer that a fractured society needs the witness and consolation of a clear, unified message of Christ's redeeming love.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, January 24
Sunday with Christian Unity Octave
 Religious Education classes, Grades K, 1, 2, 3

Thursday, January 28, 7 PM
 Parish Council meeting

Sunday, January 31
 Religious Education classes, Grades K, 4 & 5,6.

COLLECTION REPORT: JANUARY 16 & 17

MASS	ATTENDANCE	COLLECTION
Mail-in donations		\$ 730.00
5 PM	44	\$ 707.00
9 AM	53	\$ 597.00
11 AM	43	\$ 558.00
Totals	140	\$ 2,592.00

The weather for last weekend, as predicted by the forecasters, was on the mild end of winter temps. Still, attendance was about the worst its been since Mass resumed in June. Although the Offertory Collection continues to be robust, thanks to weekly mail-ins from absent parishioners, the spiritual health of our community does suffer from the under-standable, yet regrettable, lack of attendance. We should pray both that the pandemic subsides and that worshipers return to the center of all parish life, the Sunday Eucharist.

EXPENDITURES THRU JANUARY 17

Altar expense	\$ 450.00
Orange & Rockland (3 meters)	\$ 597.65
Answering service	\$ 161.92
Ice & snow treatment	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 1,309.57

OUR PANTRY IS OPEN AGAIN

Following upon completion of the renovation of our church basement, the Pantry once again is open to the public, weekdays from approximately 10 AM to 1:30 PM on Saturdays, from 10 to 3. Through the kindness of the local Boy Scout troop and generous donations from parishioners, the pantry is well-stocked. Plans are being made for a remote pick-up day, probably the Saturday of Presidents's weekend (if the weatherman cooperates).

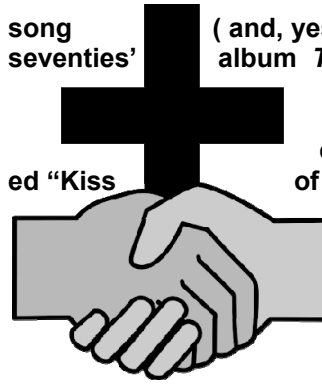
"SHAKE A HAND, SHAKE A HAND"

*Just leave it to me / Don't ever be ashamed,
 Just give me a chance / I'll take care of ev'rything,
 Your troubles I'll share / Let me know and I'll be there
 I'll stay close to you / Anyplace and anywhere.
 Shake a hand, shake a hand / Shake a hand if you can.*

These lyrics are from an obscure Elvis Presley

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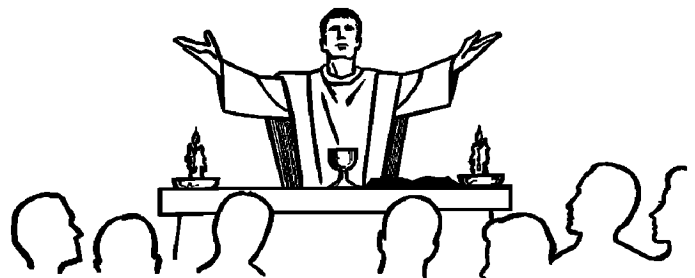
ed "Kiss



(and, yes, there are some !!) from the album *Today*. They emphasize the importance of touch. When the Mass Liturgy was revised in the late 60s, the so-call- ed "Kiss of Peace" -- an embrace or hug, modified in America to a mere handshake -- was restored to the *Rite of Communion* and was placed in its pre- sent position just before the "*Lamb of God.*" It once had been

the province of the clergy only, a sign of their unity within the bond of Eucharist. Extended to the laity, it has become one of the most popular moments at Mass, one in which *everyone* can participate. But now, with the restrictions caused by Covid-19, hands touching hands is ill-advised. The priest no longer says, "Let us offer one another the Sign of Peace." But people still can be seen in the pews elbow bump- ing, waving and otherwise greeting one another.

The question is: *May you ?* Technically, no. The gesture is supposed to begin at the altar with the cele- brant. As he and his ministers greet, the people separ- ately greet. Unless the priest can greet his deacon and other ministers, the laity should not be exchanging a greeting with one another. Nor is the priest supposed to wander through the congregation shaking hands. But there are no liturgical police ready to drag you out in hand-cuffs if you don't conform to the *rubrics*. As our feelings of alienation deepen over the course of the pandemic, signs of human interaction become all the more meaningful. So, though the cele- brant will not direct you to do so, if you feel like a thoroughly un- liturgical fist or elbow bump, have at it!! I'll pretend not to no- tice and it's not likely that God will mind.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY

The weather and the social distancing have combined to make parish meetings a challenge. The Council does not have a crowded agenda at the mo- ment. Nevertheless, we should try to meet as sched- uled. The Council meets usually at 7 PM on the last Thursday of each month, except when otherwise de- cided by the group. Parishioners always are wel- come to observe a meeting: it's your council.

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