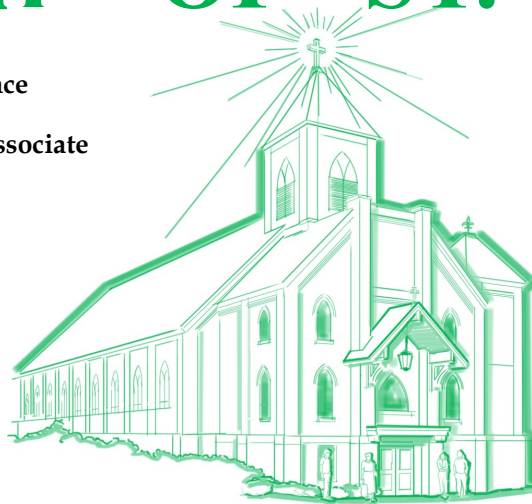


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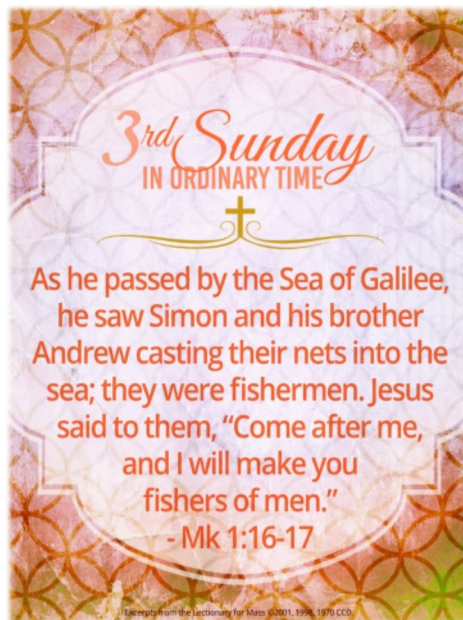
January 24, 2021

A PRAYER FOR PUTTING ON A FACE MASK

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In Your name and in that love, I pray. Amen.



PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY WEEKEND

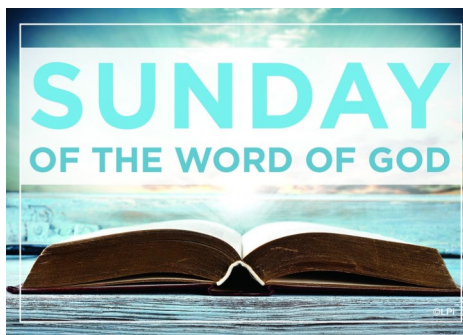
February 13th & 14th, 2021

Advocacy Issue: Funding for NOURISH NEW YORK initiative

The COVID-19 pandemic has focused a spotlight on two vulnerable groups in New York State: farmers and our neighbors who are food insecure – many are newly hungry due to job losses caused by the pandemic.

NOURISH NEW YORK is a New York State initiative that provides a lifeline for food insecure families and for farmers who have been struggling with changes brought on by COVID-19. The initiative provides funding to Food Banks to purchase New York State-produced farm products. This accomplishes two goals: it offers market support to farmers, the fishing community, and food processors who have been impacted by the economic effects of the pandemic, while getting high-quality food to individuals and families in communities across the state through the regional Food Banks and local food pantries.

The Diocesan Public Policy Committee invites us to join in helping both on Diocesan Public Policy Advocacy Weekend (February 13th & 14th) by calling on state leaders to allocate \$50 million to continue the NOURISH NEW YORK initiative during state fiscal year 2021-2022.



The Sunday of the Word of God in the Catholic Church takes place on the third Sunday in Ordinary Time, during January. Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, issued motu proprio, *Aperuit illis*, published on 30 September 2019, establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God".





Monday, January 25, 2021

Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

7:30 a.m. *Erminia Properzi* by Daughter

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops

7:30 a.m. *For the Macaluso Family* by Laura

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder

7:30 a.m. *Antonio LaNotte* by Nino & Teresa Spano

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. *Eda Morabito* by Children & Grandchildren

Friday, January 29, 2021

Weekday

7:30 a.m. *All Souls in Purgatory*

Saturday, January 30, 2021

Weekday

4:30 p.m. *Joseph Schepis* by Children

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. *For the People of the Parish*

10:00 a.m. *Biagio D'Agostino* by Wife, Irma & Children

Thank You for your Support!!

Blessings to all who donated through the mail, on line and dropping off at the Parish Office. St. Jerome is grateful for your continued support.

On Line Donations April to December 2020	
April	\$9,201.00
May	\$5,645.00
June	\$5,345.00
Total 2nd Quarter	\$20,191.00
July	\$6,377.50
August	\$5,137.00
September	\$4,102.50
Total 3rd Quarter	\$15,617.50
October	\$5,047.50
November	\$4,552.50
December	\$9,227.50
Total 4th Quarter	\$18,877.00
Total Online Donations 2020	\$54,636.00



Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus invited boys and girls ages 5 through 14 to take part in their annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. The contest was conducted locally, with winning entries advancing through district/regional and state competitions to the international level.

The goal is to help young people come to a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, and bring others to remember Christ during Christmas through their artwork.

Below are this year's winners in each age group:

Age 5-7 Division:

- 1st Place – Cecelia Horvath
- 2nd Place – Diego Ontiveros
- 3rd Place (tie) – Liam Montanaro
- 3rd Place (tie) – Sophia Schofield

Age 8-10 Division:

- 1st Place – Claire Pontzer
- 2nd Place – Noah Lazenby
- 3rd Place (tie) – Anika Nguyen
- 3rd Place (tie) – Faustina Belemjian

Age 11-14 Division:

- 1st Place – Charlotte Becker
- 2nd Place – Jake Rademacher
- 3rd Place (tie) – Richard Sconfietti
- 3rd Place (tie) – Matthew Witkoski

Each winner received a gift card, along with an award certificate.

Please Pray for Those in the Military:



Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

- 1st Lt. Alex V. Alfieri
- PVT. Kyle Anderson
- Brandon Beauchamp USAF
- USMA Matthew Blejwas
- Specialist Aaron Brochu
- Airman Rachel Brock
- BM3 Mary Carr USN
- Captain Craig Carlisle
- Chief Master Sgt. Matt Clancy
- Sgt. Robert DeMaria US Army
- 1st LT Matthew J. Dunn USMC
- AO2 Timothy Fennell USN
- Captain Brian Findlay
- Lt. Kurt Findlay
- Sgt. Daniel Frate
- CW5 Thomas Grove
- Cpl. Kevin Harte
- LT. Bart Hicklin USN
- CPT. Jeffrey Huddle US Army
- Sgt. Ryan Jackson
- HM1 Christian R. Kissel USN
- Ryan LaFountain
- PVT. Jack Leonardo US Army
- HM3 Marcella Levato USN
- Bryan McAuliff USN
- PVT. Brett McCarthy US Army
- HM3 John Ross McCarthy USN
- Staff Sgt. Nathaniel McAvoy
- CPT. Richard R. McPhee
- CPT. Shannon McPhee
- Sgt. Joseph Merritt Jr.
- PVT. Megan Rossi USMC
- Airman Alesa Whelehan
- Sgt. Christopher Whelehan

Let Us Pray



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish in the hospital, the sick at home, and those in nursing homes.

In your Christian charity, you are asked to pray for those who have died, especially **Viola DeMare, Joan Davis, Laura Fioravanti and Walter Cavatassi**. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.

Good News!

January 24, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

We have all heard stories about the extraordinary fish that got away. We might even have such a story of our own. Two of today's readings are fish stories, but with a slight twist. They are also "call narratives." Last week we reflected on the call to listen and to follow; this week it is a call to go out to bring God's mercy to others. This is a call to "catch" others, as one might catch fish—a metaphor that would have delighted fisher people.

In the beginning of the Jonah story, the prophet did not catch fish; one caught him. Later, the word he preached was very successful, his own spitefulness notwithstanding. The Ninevites were the sworn enemies of the Israelites, and Jonah did not want them to repent, but to be punished by God. Nevertheless, God's mercy was stronger than Jonah's spite. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to set down their fishing nets and to launch into a life of catching people with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus' invitation.

As Pope Francis declared, we are all missionary disciples. Are we eager to respond, as were Jesus' disciples? Or do we think we should attend only to those whom we judge to be deserving? If so, have we forgotten that no one deserves God's mercy? It is a free gift to all.

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

January 24, 2021

Mark 1:15 quotes Jesus as saying, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." Since the Gospels hadn't been written yet, what was he referring to?

These days when we say the word gospel, we tend to be talking about one of the four written Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But the word gospel wasn't originally tied to any particular written form of communication. In fact, the Greek word we translate to gospel—evangelion—simply means "good news."

When Jesus says, "Repent and believe in the gospel," he is basically saying, "Repent and believe in the good news." For Jesus, the nature of that good news is clear: Jesus is announcing the coming of God's kingdom, the initiation of the fullness of God's reign on earth. Jesus preaches this good news in word and action and makes it real through his life, death, and resurrection.

After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, many of his followers were inspired by the Holy Spirit to go into the world and continue Christ's gospel proclamation. The apostles and disciples did this by word of mouth at first, but within a few decades they decided to commit the message of Christ's good news to writing, giving us the Gospel books we know today.

-Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR

CMA Update

Goal: \$80,090.00
Pledged to date: \$59,647.00
Number of Donors: 166
Accomplished 74.47% of our goal.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.,
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00

HOLY DAYS

Please consult Bulletin

DAILY MASSES

Mon.-Fri. - 7:30 a.m.
Consult bulletin for changes

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Call Rectory Office 586-3231

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Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
(or by appointment)

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome you to worship regularly with us and to join our Parish Community formally, offering your time, talents, and financial support. Newcomers are wholeheartedly received into membership by simply registering at the office at their convenience.



Collection for January 17, 2020	
Total Collection Sunday	\$15,543.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$13,473.00
Sunday Loose	\$806.00
Utilities	\$221.00
Postage	\$67.00
Catholic Courier	\$80.00
Christmas	\$715.00
Easter Flowers	\$30.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$72.00
Candle Money	\$79.00
Total Attendance	238