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Masses for the Week

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 24, 2021

Sat. Jan. 23rd	<i>St. Vincent & St. Marianne Cope</i>
4:00 PM	Patricia Flanagan
Sun. Jan. 24th	<i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Germaine Reid (Marie Grass)
Mon. Jan. 25th	<i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>
9:00 AM	Patricia Coleman (Bill & Linda Bittner)
Tues. Jan. 26th	<i>Ss. Timothy & Titus</i>
9:00AM	Catherine Buehler
Wed. Jan. 27th	St. Angela Merici
9:00 AM	Mick Frederick
Thurs. Jan. 28th	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>
9:00 AM	Matthew Mousley
Fri. Jan. 29th	
9:00 AM	Patricia Flanagan
Sat. Jan. 30th	
4:00 PM	Pat Coleman (Parish Council)
Sun. Jan. 31st	<i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	James O'Hare (Geri Preyer)

ST. JOSEPH IS A TITHING PARISH

God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity, our people returned to God the following:

Sunday Offerings:	\$3,725.00
Repairs & Maint.	\$ 898.00
Last Year:	\$2,899.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah set out for Nineveh as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people believed him and repented from their evil ways. God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become "fishers of men." They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question

Daily Reading

Monday

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday

2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

From your pastor,

Let us begin to be a people of faith more focused upon the need to pray for and to promote vocations: to the priesthood, and to the consecrated life of service to the Church. Here is one of our church's number great needs, from it's fulfillment will come all other graces we need to live the gospel and to convert the world. You might object or question my statement, later on we can do that, but for now let us all agree we need to pray for vocations to lives lived in full service to the Church.

Please cut out and save 'A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS' put it in your prayer books and close to your Prayer Corner. We will be including it in a number of bulletins to save and put in your car or your purse to pull out and to say whenever you have special prayer time on the go. God will call them if we in trusting prayer ask, as Jesus promised "Ask, Seek, Knock.. and it will be given to you." Please be a prayer- warrior, to pray for this great need in the Church.

I am also asking for at least 40 prayerful souls to pray every day this prayer for our seminarians, our deacons and our priests. I have prepared three prayer cards for those who are willing to pick them up and take home to pray daily for those who seek to serve. Please sign your name if you are willing to make this daily commitment. Some times we will forget to pray, but all I ask is that you will sincerely try to pray daily for this need.

Fr. John D. Hoke

*LIVES
of
Service,
LIVES
of
Joy...*

A Prayer for Vocations

Loving and Generous Father, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You.

Help us to grow in the love and service of our Church and give us the grace and courage of Your Holy Spirit to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Bless the Church of Harrisburg by raising up dedicated and generous servants from our parishes, schools, families, and friends who will serve Your people as priests, deacons, and consecrated women and men.

Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY:

Jack Wasilewski	Vickie Youman
Joan Bittler	Kurt Livingston
Evelyn Young	Dr. Mike Weisner
Tresha Sudol	George Sudol
Rita Patynski	Rita Prentiss
Anna Lee Fagnano	Abram Koons
Connie Buehler	Charlotte Farrell
Jackie Rando	Marie Lindner
Harriet Moore	Vicki Howell
Donald Reigel	Ed Zerrenner
Dolores Caicco	Sister Laura
William Cameron	Ed Arndt
Mindy Lamprinos	Joseph Masseria

Margaret Koons request we pray for the 11 on her personal prayer list.

PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the worldwide Church on Sunday, February 2, 2021 and observed in our parishes on the weekend of February 6-7, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.



DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

Please mark March 20, 2021 on your calendar for the *Annual Diocese of Harrisburg (Virtual) Men's Conference*.

All registered participants may view the conference at our Parish Center Multi-Purpose room. A free Lunch will be provided. The cost for conference is \$10.00 per person. You may register on-line or Church Office. If you register on-line and plan on attending live viewing at Parish Center, please let the office know so the appropriate amount food can be prepared. Thank you!

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 7

By our baptism, we are called to share our faith with our family and friends, with neighbors, indeed, with the whole world.

We are invited to make a special commitment as missionaries. We are invited to join in the worldwide mission of Jesus by joining the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, reaching out to the people of the world in more than 1,100 mission dioceses.

In making this commitment, we pledge to...

PRAY daily for the missionary work of the Church, offering our personal crosses for missionaries and those they serve.

OFFER REGULAR FINANCIAL HELP in support of those who bring the "Good News" of Jesus to our brothers and Sisters in the missions.

Please say "Yes" to the special missionary call.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, February 17th –Ash Wednesday
Sunday, February 21st-First Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 14th Daylight Savings Time
Sunday, March 28th-Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 1st –Holy Thursday
Friday, April 2nd – Good Friday
Saturday, April 3rd –Holy Saturday
Sunday, April 4th –Easter

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grade First Penance-TBA
3rd & 4th Grade Penance-3/14/21
5th & 6th Grade Penance 3/7/21
7th & 8th Graden Penance-2/28/21
April 4th No CCD- Happy Easter

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, St. Joseph Church announces an adoption program for young and old alike.

The members of St. Joseph Parish will have the opportunity next weekend to “spiritually” adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4000 babies lose their lives in abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to “adopt”.

You may “adopt” a child individually or as a family by signing up during the weekend of January 24th. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the humanity he or she deserves. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great.

Each month for nine months participants will receive reports from the Legislation/Respect Life Commission of the HDCCW on the development of the adopted baby in the womb.

There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please “spiritually adopt” one and share the love of life that God has given to you.

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a contribution statement for 2020, please place your request in a **SELF ADDRESSED – STAMPED- BUSINESS SIZE NVELOPE IN THE COLLECTION BASKET**. Deadline for request will be January 29th. Offerings for 2020 must be processed in our computer system BEFORE we can honor statement requests. *You must request your statement as addressed above.* Thank you.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

For your convenience, mass intention envelope requests have been placed in the back of the church or you may call the church office. If you take an envelope, please fill out and place in offertory basket. A staff member will be in touch with you regarding your request. Thank you for helping cut back on foot traffic in the church office during this time.

LOCAL AUTHOR-FR. MODESTUS

There is an author among us. His name is Fr. Modestus. He has written a very engaging book based on grace and his experiences as a hospital chaplain. It is an emotional journey for the author and for the reader. The indestructibility of God's infinite grace, hope, and love during periods of suffering are the cornerstones of his book, The title of the book is Grace In Horror. There are copies available in the St. Pius X parish office and after Masses. The cost of the book is \$20.00 for the paperback and \$31.00 for the hard cover. The book is also available on Amazon. Congratulations, Fr. Modestus! We are anticipating your next book. Look for his interview with The Daily Item.

Catholic Schools Week National Observance

January 31-February 6.

