

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

From the Priests' Desks:

"You are the salt of the earth . . . You are the light of the world." We know that Jesus very often used common objects from everyday life and experience to teach his disciples some basic truths about the way they should live their lives if they were going to be his followers. In today's Gospel (Mt. 5: 13-16) Jesus says that the disciples should be like salt, the most common spice and preservative in the ancient world, as it still is today; and that they should be like light, which all things need to live and grow and find their way around in this world, in spite of the welcome help of Thomas Edison! It's kind of ironic, then, that many of us today are on a salt-free diet, or at least are encouraged to limit our intake of salt for the sake of our health. The same, of course, is true of light, as all of us can testify from painful experiences we've had at the beach or by the lake, from staying out in the sun for too long and getting burned. We now know that along with a beautiful tan, we can also suffer from premature wrinkles and dangerous skin diseases from being overexposed to the good old sun.

So, what's going on with the salt and the light? The key, of course, with all the parables and similes of Jesus is to remember that we shouldn't always take them literally. After all, Jesus also said: "If your hand is a source of sin for you: cut it off; and if your eye is a source of sin for you ...!" Whoa! Not so fast! Like all good storytellers and teachers (we won't include politicians!), Jesus could exaggerate to make a point. The Kingdom of God is LIKE ... a farmer sowing seed, or like yeast added to dough, or a great banquet to which all are invited, or a shepherd tending his sheep, or a father welcoming back his prodigal son/daughter ... all of these things are meant to challenge us to prayerful and reflective thought and action, as do the Beatitudes, which immediately precede our Gospel for today and form the introduction for the Sermon on the Mount: Blessed are the poor, the merciful, the persecuted, the peacemakers, etc.

The important thing to remember here is that Jesus is looking for a change of attitude and a change of behavior, echoed in what he said in the Gospel just two weeks ago, and which became a principal part of his message: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel! (Mk. 1:15)" If, then, we have faith in the Good News, if we trust in the God of mercy and justice, and if we are patient and generous and forgiving toward others, then the light of our good example will shine, and salt of our prayer will give flavor not only to our own lives but also to the lives of those who are searching for the deeper

truth and meaning and happiness that they have been missing.

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

**BLOOD DRIVE
PRESIDENT'S DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020
2PM TO 8PM**

**WALK-INS WELCOME
(SACRED HEART SCHOOL GYMNASIUM)**

Please help save a life by donating. The New York Blood Center along with Sacred Heart ask for your help.

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild invites all the ladies of the parish both young and old to their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, February 20TH at 7:30pm in the school cafeteria.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Catholic schools provide children with a solid foundation both academically and spiritually. At Sacred Heart School we strive to educate the whole child. We offer advanced classes in math, science and literature while fostering a climate of respect, kindness and generosity of spirit. Tours can be arranged by calling 845-357-1684.

PETER'S PENCE

This Weekend's second collection is for Peter's Pence. It is an opportunity for the Church around the world to stand in solidarity with those who suffer and are marginalized. Your generosity helps Pope Francis ease their suffering and show them the tender love of God.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020 STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you have called your church to be a community of faith, hope, and charity. Perfect in us, O God, these virtues, so that our hearts may belong completely to you and our words and deeds may serve to continue your work of salvation. Increase our faith, that we may bear witness to the Gospel in a world so burdened by pain and anxiety. Strengthen our hope, that we may trust your infinite love that will bring healing to a broken humanity and to a suffering Church. And deepen our charity, that we may serve you and our neighbor with greater devotion. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 9

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the Gym

Monday, February 10

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm

Rel Ed. Grade 7 – 7:00pm

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm in the Rectory

Novena – Novena

Tuesday, February 11

Rel. Ed. Grades 3 – 5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Choir Practice – 7:00pm

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, February 12

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Children's Choir Practice – 5:00pm

CYO – 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8:00pm cafeteria

RCIA – 7:00pm

Thursday, February 13

CYO – 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Friday, February 14

Prayer Shawl Mtg. – 1:00pm in the Rectory

CYO – 5:30pm to 9:00pm – Gym

Saturday, February 15

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Rel Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am to 11:00am

Sunday, February 16

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the Gym

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

4th Sunday Ordinary Time - \$13,510.

Last Year's Collection- \$14,002.

SACRED HEART PARISH

25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 17, 2020

On May 17, 2020 our parish will honor all those celebrating these milestone anniversaries at the 10:00am Mass followed by a reception. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year, please contact the Rectory Office and let us know. 845-357-0035. We will need the date and place of your wedding in a Catholic Church.

COLD AND FLU SEASON

In this season of colds and flu, please remember that you may give and receive the sign of peace with a simple wave of the hand or nod of the head. No insult is intended if anyone does not want to shake hands.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENTEN OBSERVANCES

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26

Masses with Ashes: 7:00am

9:00am

12:10pm

7:30pm

Prayer Service with Ashes: 4:00pm

LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION

March 2 at 7:30PM

RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS

April 6th / 3pm to 9pm

LENTEN MASSES

FRIDAYS AT 7:00PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS at 7:30pm

February 28, March 6th 13th, 20th, 27th

April 3rd, 10th

April 3rd First Friday (Holy Hour 6:00pm to 7:00pm)



"IT IS A POVERTY
TO DECIDE THAT
A CHILD MUST
DIE SO THAT YOU
MAY LIVE AS YOU
WISH."
- BLESSED MOTHER TERESA

SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming
choices for women: Here in the
Archdiocese of New York, there

are many resources that provide women facing unplanned pregnancies with alternatives to abortion. If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: www.visitationcenterus.org or call (877)777-1277.

"Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sister of Life: 866.575.0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877.586.4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call
Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331

www.goodcounselhomes.org

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 15 de febrero 2020 a la 1pm. Contactar en la oficina 357- 0035.



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Gail Curtin, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Rich McDowell, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamain, John McLoughlin, Jason Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Frank Salveggi, Janet Schwartz, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.



FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country in the armed forces especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

**ALTAR MEMORIALS
FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

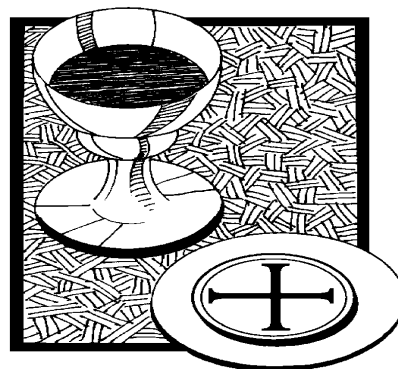
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of

THE TOWERS AND SCHNABEL FAMILIES



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:

Especially: **Barbara Mortillaro, Loretta Heller**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Elaine & Charles Jock

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Special Intentions Suffern Police

10:00am – Special Intention Kenneth Frank

11:30am – Albert & Carmela LaBruna

1:00pm – Nicole Santa Maria

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00am – Pat Anthony Dalia

9:00am – Caterina Dominijanni

7:15pm – Novena

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00am – Daniel & Catherine Greeley

9:00am – Dr. Leo Greco

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00am – Carmela Cogliano

9:00am – Ann Cummings

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00am – Special Intention of Doris Towers

9:00am – Evelyn Rourke

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00am – Kitty Ruddy

9:00am – Lester Bernstein

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00am – Mariamma Cherian

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Vincent Whelan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Eileen T. Foster

10:00am – Vincent Crotty

11:30am – Thomas Witt

1:00pm – Peggy McGrath

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society