

# 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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### FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart:

Today's Gospel (Mk 1: 29-39) narrates what St. Mark wishes to portray as a typical day in the life of Jesus. The setting was the town of Capernaum, the place Jesus had chosen to live after having been rejected by the people of his home town of Nazareth. That day Jesus came in contact with a great many people—people whose lives had been disrupted by illness and suffering, people who were in the grip of evil and darkness. And whether that meeting with Jesus was a private one—as it was for the mother-in-law of Peter—or whether it was part of a crowded and noisy gathering—as it was for the people of Capernaum who came in the evening hours—in each case it proved to be a time of healing, a time of hope, and a time of renewed life. The fevers departed and the demons were banished. People were enabled to get on with their lives, to discover new possibilities, and to believe that there was hope for the future because there was a God who cared for and loved them, revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

And as usually happens in small towns, it was impossible to keep things secret. Before long, all of Peter's neighbors were spreading the word about what happened to his mother-in-law; and, within a short time, all were crowding around his door to seek a favor from his now famous guest, Jesus. In the end the people of Capernaum were so impressed by Jesus that they didn't want him to leave their town. Yet he told them something important: God's healing is not to be limited to one place or to one time, since His love and mercy are infinite. "Let us go on to the nearby villages," he said to the apostles, "that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

All of us are no doubt looking—even beyond the Covid pandemic—for some kind of healing in our own lives: to be delivered from some bodily condition that limits our physical movement, causes us constant pain, or drains our savings with expensive and sometimes ineffective medical procedures and medications; to be freed from some emotional illness or broken relationship which saddens us or fills us with anger, sometimes against our own family member or friends; or to be delivered from some spiritual illness that is preventing us from praying as we ought. It is our belief that Jesus as the divine physician can bring healing to our whole person: to the physical, the emotional, and the spiritual.

It has been more and more recognized in recent days that healing is holistic because sickness and infirmity affect both our bodies and our spirits. If we turn

to the story of the paralytic, also from Capernaum, whose friends demolished the roof of Peter's house so they could lower him into Jesus' presence, we remember the surprising first words of Jesus on viewing the paralyzed man. He did not say what all probably expected: Get up and walk. Rather he said: Your sins are forgiven. Provoking the scribes and Pharisees who were present to exclaim: the man has blasphemed! Who can forgive sins but God alone? But Jesus stood by his words since he believed that sin, the alienation of a person from God was the ultimate cause of all human weakness and infirmity.

We will be acknowledging this insight of Jesus in just a few short weeks as we once again receive the ashes on our foreheads in beginning the season of Lent. When the priest makes the sign of the cross upon us, we will hear the words: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Repent of sin, repent of wrong-doing, repent of your self-centeredness, and believe in the Word of God which takes visible form in the person of Jesus. He will help you to change, he will help you to take on a new spirit, to be a person who is more honest, more responsible, more forgiving, and to be healed of whatever is burdening you so that you can have a fuller, richer, more meaningful life in Him.

*Fr. John Gruben, OAR*

*Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR*

*Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR*

### *ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:*

O come, let us worship.

And bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

#### **Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.**

Praise the Lord, for he is good;

Sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him.

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel he gathers.

#### **Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.**

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit.

The Lord sustains the lowly;

The wicked he casts to the ground.

## BLOOD DRIVE

**PRESIDENT'S DAY  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021**

**2:30PM TO 7PM  
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.

**ALL COVID 19 PROTOCOLS AND PRECAUTIONS  
WILL BE TAKEN TO SECURE YOUR SAFETY.  
BLOOD IS DESPERATELY NEEDED AT THIS TIME.  
PLEASE HELP SAVE A LIFE.**



### **CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021**

Your donations help the entire Archdiocese in so many ways. It is only through your generosity that the Archdiocese is able to help so many, here in our own area and the entire Archdiocese of New York. Even the smallest amount helps. Please consider donating. As always, we graciously thank all our parishioners for their continued generosity.

**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time - \$12,625.  
Last Year's Collection - \$12,345.**

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, February 7**

**Monday, February 8**

**Tuesday, February 9**

**Wednesday, February 10**

RCIA in the Rectory 7pm

**Thursday, February 11**

**Friday, February 12**

Prayer Shawl Mtg. in the gym at 1pm

**Saturday, February 13**

**12:00pm –Holy Rosary**

**FOR PEACE**

*Mary, Queen of Peace, save us all, who have so much trust in you, from wars, hatred, and oppression. Make us all learn to live in peace, and educate ourselves for peace, do what is demanded by justice and respect the rights of every person, so that peace may be firmly established. Amen.*

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**AND LENTEN OBSERVANCES**

**ASH WEDNESDAY – February 17  
PRAYER SERVICES AS FOLLOWS**

**9:00am- Only Mass of the Day**

**Prayer Services with Ashes:  
12:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm**

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**LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION  
March 23 at 7:00PM**

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS  
March 29<sup>th</sup> / 4pm to 8pm**

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
FRIDAYS at 7:00pm  
February 19<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> AT 5:30PM**

### **SPECIAL 13TH EDITION OF NEW YORK ENCOUNTER BROADCAST LIVE AT THE ENCOUNTER WEBSITE**

I heartily invite you and your parishioners to join us for the 13th Edition of New York Encounter. This 3-day annual cultural event will take place February 12-14. Because of the pandemic, it will be broadcast live from New York City, in collaboration with the Sheen Center, and made available on the New York Encounter website ([www.newyorkencounter.org](http://www.newyorkencounter.org)).

The 2021 special edition titled "When Reality Hits," will be a reflection on the events of 2020 in order to move forward without wasting the sorrows we have suffered and the lessons we have learned.



### 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](http://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 Sisters of Life: 866.575.0075 or e-mail: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org). For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877.586.4621 or e-mail: [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.org)

**CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE  
GOOD COUNSEL HOMES**

For Pregnancy emergencies call  
Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331  
[www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org)



*Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:* Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Andrea Schnabel Blaesi, Michael Brady, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Mirella Cosentino, The Cosentino Family, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Joseph Gilson, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Charles Lynch, D. Pat Lynch, Kathy Masserano, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Mary Lou Oldfield Napolitano, Barbara Neilson, Michael Noonan, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Gerry Roemer, Daryl Pack, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing. (Recollect Friars of Union City New Jersey).

**FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS  
OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES**

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

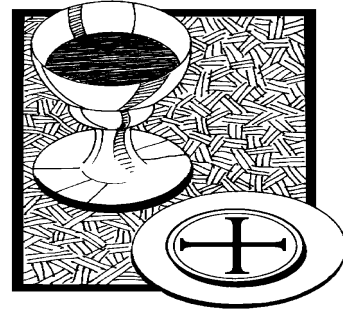
**ALTAR MEMORIALS  
FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

**ALTAR WINES, BREADS, CANDLES, AND  
SACTUARY LAMP  
IN MEMORY OF**

**ANTHONY AMALFITANO**



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones: **Fr. Kevin O'Reilly.**



**SCHEDULE OF MASSES  
9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)  
SUNDAYS  
8:30AM, 11:30AM, 1:00PM AND 5:30PM  
10:00AM – (SPANISH)**

**LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:  
[WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG](http://WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG)**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 VIGIL MASS**

5:30pm – Josephine Califano

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – Romualdo Cagliano

11:30am – Albert & Carmela LaBruna

1:00pm – Nigel Pim

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

9:00am – Mairead Boyce / Luckose Muricken

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

9:00am – Special Intention Kenneth Frank

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

9:00am – Timothy O'Keefe /

Mariamamma Cherian Nalpthamkalam

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

9:00am – Dr. Leo Greco

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

9:00am – Tony Jacobini

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

12:00pm – Holy Rosary

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** Evelyn Rourke /

Elaine & Charles Jock

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

8:30am – Geraldine Kane / Rosemarie Manthey

10:00am – Spanish

11:30am – Thomas Witt

1:00pm – Anna Gambino

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

**BOOSTER CLUB**

**WEEK 21 – CECILIA SOVAK**