



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.* But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’” —Mt 5:33-34a, 37

Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020. . . . \$3,529.00

Offertory for weekend February 8/9/2020 \$2,805.00
 Deficit/Surplus weekend February 8/9/2020 -\$ 723.85
 Budget from July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020. \$183,500.00
 Deficit/Surplus to-Date February 8/9/2020 -\$11,417.92
 Thank you for your support!

St. Joseph “Prayer Chain”
 If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 787-7593.

“Care & Concern”
 Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note? If so, please call 787-4151.

“Food Bank”
 Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian Food Bank! Your food donations totaled 95 lbs this past delivery. Thank you!

- February Events**
- No Faith Formation Classes K-10 February 16
 - Rosary at Noon February 22
 - Liturgy Meeting February 11
 - Church Office will be closed Monday, February 17**
 - Faith Formation Classes K-10 resume. February 23
 - CSA Commitment Weekend February 22/23
 - Ash Wednesday February 26**
 - Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners Begin February 26**
 - 1st of the Friday Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners . February 28
 - Parish Council Meeting 10:00 a.m. February 29
 - Adult Faith Formation Classes for February TBA

2020 February Baptismal Class Schedule
 Sacred Heart, St. Marys 10:00 a.m. February 15
 St. Mark, Emporium 6:30 p.m. February 27

Our Lenten Fish/Shrimp dinners will begin next week on Ash Wednesday from Noon to 6:30 p.m. This is our big fundraiser of the year. We are very grateful that it is a great success thanks to your support and that you continue to enjoy our delicious dinners throughout Lent. A detailed flyer is included in the bulletin as a reminder for you to post. See you there!

The **2020 Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners** are in need of volunteer workers (especially for clean-up after each dinner). Please call Kelly Lovenduski at 787-5743 to help with our Parish activity.

Servites of Mary the Blessed Mother
 On February 17th, we celebrate the **Feast Day of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servites**. These seven men who had once been prominent businessmen of Florence, Italy were gathered in prayer when the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to them and exhorted them to retire from their jobs and devote themselves entirely to Her service. The men went to Monte Sevario near Florence and founded a new religious order called **The Servants of Mary**. This Order was dedicated to prayer, meditation, preaching and promoting devotion to our Blessed Mother.



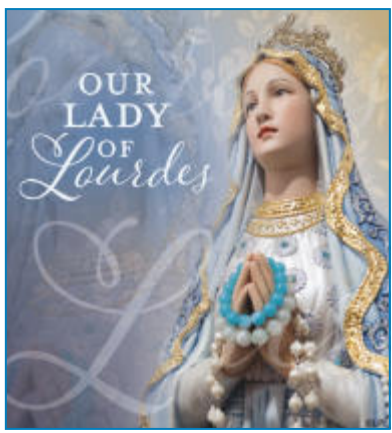
The Miracle of Our Lady of Lourdes

On February 11 each year the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This miraculous event of Our Lady of Lourdes began on February 11, 1858 in the town of Lourdes, France. That day a young lady appeared to a young girl, Bernadette Soubirous. The young lady appeared outside a cave at the edge of the town. Bernadette described the Lady as wearing a white robe with a yellow rose on each of her feet. The lady asked Bernadette to come every day to the cave for the next fifteen days. Bernadette did as the lady had requested. During that time, a spring of water started spraying up from the ground. Our Lady told Bernadette to tell the parish priest to build a chapel near where the spring of water had miraculously started flowing. The lady also told Bernadette that She was the Immaculate Conception. Bernadette reported this to the church officials. That, in itself is kind of a miracle since Bernadette had only a limited knowledge of prayers and no formal training in theology or in titles attributed to Mary, our Blessed Mother. It actually just happened to be the fact that four years before this appearance of Our Lady to Bernadette, the Holy Father, Pope Pius IX declared the dogma (teaching) of the Immaculate Conception of Mary as being an infallible teaching in the Church and all of the faithful are to accept it as authentic, true teaching without error. *There is no way Bernadette would have known this fact. Amazing!*

Eventually, through this humble little girl, Our Blessed Mother by the grace of Her Son Jesus our Lord, began to renew the faith of millions of people who would come to the chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes. Today, Our Lady of Lourdes is a very popular site for prayer and healing. There are sixty-four confirmed miraculous cures on record thus far.

My friends,
 Jesus does have some kind of healing for each of us—we just need to ask Him for it. Ask today, right now when you are finished reading this message. Receive whatever Blessing He has for you.

God Bless,
 Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, February 17, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Bruno and Ermella Gavazzi Deceased Family Members	Walter and Christine Gavazzi	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Wilfred and Alberta Hoffman	The Family	Weekday	Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 No Mass			Weekday	Jas 1:19-27 Mk 8:22-26
Thursday, February 20, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Virginia Benevich	Family	Weekday	Jas 2:1-9 Mk 8:27-33
Friday, February 21, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Rose Guido	Mary Jo Yebernetsky	Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Jas 2:14-24, 26 Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday, February 22, 2020			The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle	1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19
Saturday, February 22, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Edith Giazsoni	Ruth Cameroni	Vigil of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	See below
Sunday, February 23, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m; **Sunday:** 9:15 a.m; **Holy Days:** 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m; **Daily:** Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m, No Mass Wednesday

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

Eucharist – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

Confirmation – High School youth who are entering the 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Priesthood/Permanent Diaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Diaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

Matrimony – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick – Is celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available anytime upon request.

Reconciliation – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m, or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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