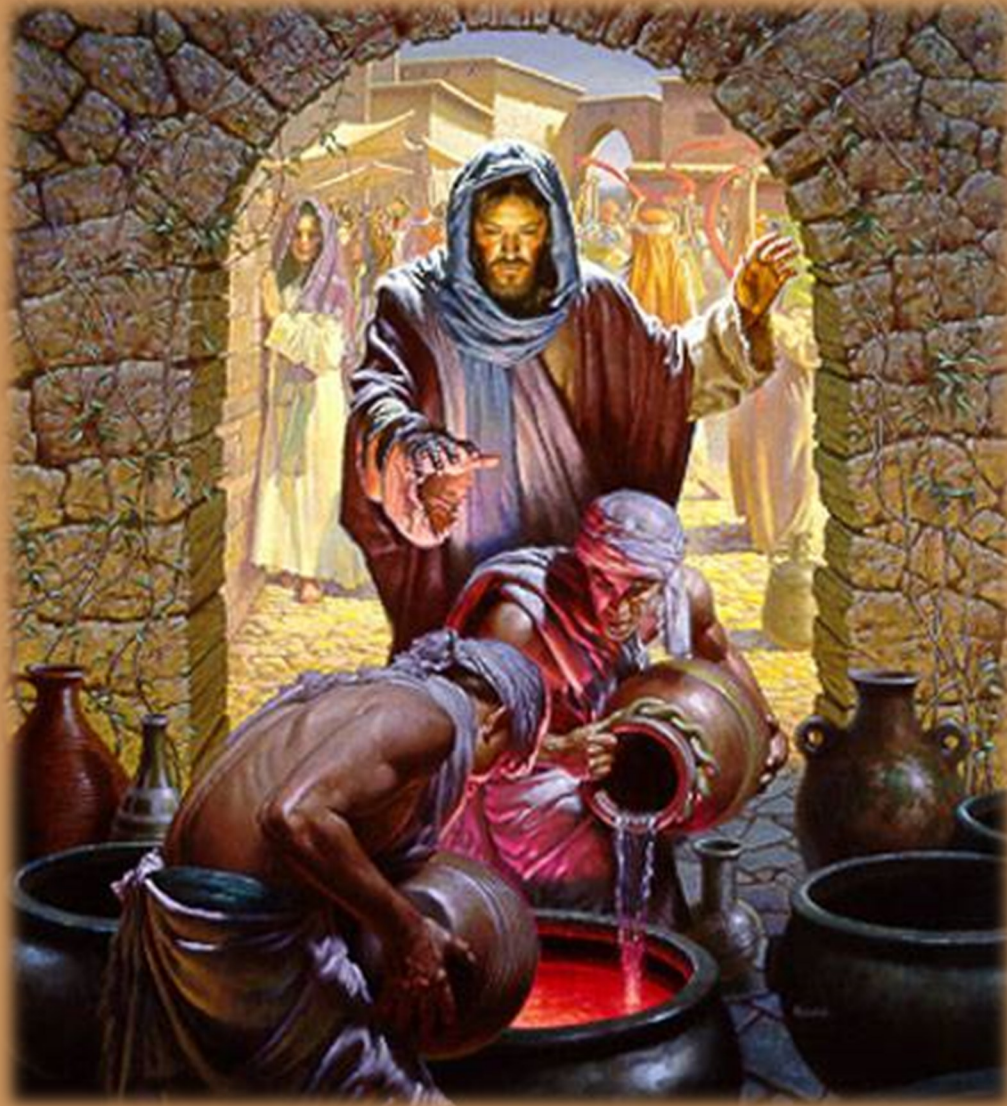


# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JANUARY 16, 2022



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#### **Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:**

**Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM**

**\* Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

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#### **Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:**

**Saturday at 5:15PM; Sunday at 10:30AM**

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# Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

## Partners in Faith & Mission



January 16, 2022  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

### Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 [2nd Sunday]  
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-23/Mk 2:18-22 [St. Anthony]  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-28/Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1-10/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-1313/Mk 3:7-12 [Sts. Fabian & Sebastian]  
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-6, 11/Mk 3:13-19 [St. Agnes]  
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-7/Mk 3:20-21  
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/1Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 [3rd Sun.]

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

**Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation** programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

**Confirmation** preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

**Sacrament of Holy Orders:** God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

**Leave A Legacy:** Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

*Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity  
Partners in Faith & Mission*

**"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY**

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

**"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY**

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606 or Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

**PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)**

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

**"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY**

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

**THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"**

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

**PROLIFE COMMUNITY**

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

**"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY**

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

**ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check:  New Registration  Change of Address  Change of Telephone Number

Change of E-mail  Moving out of Parish  Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.  
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

*A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome*

# Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 17th - Private Intention  
 Tues., Jan. 18th - Joan Jaskiewicz (Shirley Widomski & Family)  
 Wed., Jan. 19th - Evelyn Komorek & Schneid Miller (St. Stan's Lunch Bunch)  
 Thurs., Jan. 20th - Eileen Ropelewski (Joan Urbaniak)  
 Fri., Jan. 21st - Phyllis Kuklinski (Stanley & Jeff Lesnieski)  
 Sat., Jan. 22nd, 4:00PM - Carol Kurpiewski (Tom & Family)  
 Sun., Jan. 23rd, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in honor of **HEALTH CARE WORKERS CARING FOR COVID PATIENTS**, as gifted by Janet & Jim Piotrowski.



## IT TAKES ALL KINDS

If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness." Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint. But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom. Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all. Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word? Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## MARRIAGE MOMENT

Martin Luther King talked a lot about racial equality. What about equality in Marriage? Are both of you equally good at cooking, mechanical things, sewing, small talk? Probably not. Even though your spouse may have a natural talent for a particular task, try trading chores for a day, just for fun.

### January 17th: Martin Luther King Day

On April 17, 1960, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., appeared on NBC's *Meet the Press*. There, King famously said, "I think it is one of the tragedies of our nation, one of the shameful tragedies, that eleven o'clock on Sunday morning is one of the most segregated hours, if not the most segregated hour, in Christian America... Any church that stands against integration... is standing against the Spirit and the teachings of Jesus Christ, and it fails to be a true witness."

Paul describes in Ephesians 3: "This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs *together* with Israel, members *together* of one body, and sharers *together* in the promise in Christ Jesus." Together... together... together Jews *and* Gentiles, Black *and* White, Asian *and* Arab, rich *and* poor—if we are believers in Christ, we have been given everything in common. By the gift of his grace, we are all now united in our service to the gospel. In God's family, we have the same inheritance. We're members of the same Body. We all mutually and equally share in God's promises and blessings.

Revealing that mystery was at the heart of Paul's apostolic calling. He was a Jew, but God sent him across racial lines. This was dangerous and difficult work; breaking down ethnic barriers always is. Preaching a Jewish Messiah in Gentile lands often put Paul's life at risk. But he wasn't any safer when he returned to his home culture. Paul most likely wrote his letter to the church at Ephesus while imprisoned in Rome, and it wasn't lost on him how he got there. It shouldn't be lost on us either. Paul was arrested after the religious establishment in Jerusalem accused him of bringing a Greek. Later, when the Jewish leaders brought even more charges against him, Paul appealed to Caesar, the Gentile king. While awaiting trial in Rome, Paul wrote his letter to the Ephesian church to encourage believers there. He wanted them to be confident that God had blessed them *together* with the same blessings He'd given to *all* Christians.

What gave Paul the faith to speak with boldness across racial and ethnic barriers? Simply this: Paul knew that putting Jews and Gentiles *together* was in accordance with God's multifaceted wisdom and eternal purposes in Christ Jesus. He knew that *everyone* who puts their faith in Jesus has confident access to the Father. He knew that the ground is level and truly equal at the foot of the cross.

If baseball really wanted to get exciting, they'd let a celebrity throw the LAST pitch. Bases loaded, here's Danny DeVito.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (JANUARY 9, 2022)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$116,368.00
Amount Received	\$3,604.00	\$80,217.00
Net over/under	(\$552.00)	(\$36,151.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 47; 9:00AM = 55  
 Envelopes: 71/168



# Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in **THANKSGIVING FOR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF JACK & SANDY KEMPISTY.**



1/17 – Irene Krol  
1/19 – John Kaminski

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 17th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)  
Tues., Jan. 18th - Mary Frances Zupanic (Friends)  
Wed., Jan. 19th - Special Intention  
Thurs., Jan. 20th - John Figurski (Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Blaszczewski)  
Fri., Jan. 21st - Loretta Lipinski (Mary Beth Lombardi)  
Sat., Jan. 22nd, 5:15PM - 50th Anniversary of Jack & Sandy Kempisty  
Sun., Jan. 23rd, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

Today's Gospel reading from John recounts the familiar story of the wedding feast at Cana when Jesus launched His public ministry by performing His first miracle at his mother's request. In the midst of the feast, the Blessed Mother noticed that the wine had run out and pointed out the problem to Jesus. Then, she gave the servants instructions that are equally applicable to us modern-day stewards, saying, "Do whatever He tells you." Jesus gives the servants a simple and seemingly mundane task, telling them to fill some stone jars with water. They did what He told them to do. And Jesus used their obedience in the accomplishment of that simple task to perform His first miracle, turning the water into the choicest wine. Our Lord didn't have to include those servants in order to perform this miracle — He chose to. And today, 2,000 plus years later, He still chooses to include us in the performance of His miracles through our cooperation with Him in using the gifts and talents He has given us. What a privilege! Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother: let's examine our lives this week to see if we really are "doing whatever He tells us," cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish. Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother. Let us examine our lives this week to see if we really are doing whatever He tells us and cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish.

## USHERS' MEETING

The Ushers' Society will be meeting on Tuesday, January 25th, at 7:00PM, in the Social Center Conference Room. All are welcome to attend.

## VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

We are in need of a volunteer to assist in coordinating the parish's Prayerline. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 814.456.0671

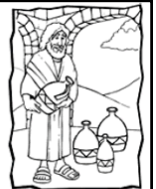
## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

## Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." John 2:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 2:1-11 (NIV).



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## WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JANUARY 9, 2022

Regular Offering: \$2,271.00 (26/131)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$75,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$62,061.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,271.00	\$67,761.00
Net (over/under):	(\$94.00)	\$5,700.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 32; 10:30AM = 53

*"... and his disciples began to believe in him."*

- John 2:11

## News for Our Partnership

### **BACK TO THE CLASSROOM**

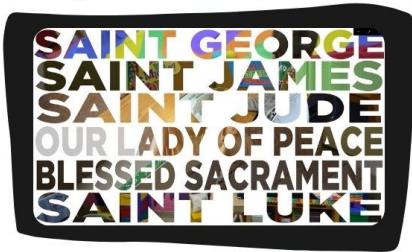
After an enjoyable Christmas, and after a week long delay to the start of the semester due to a resurgence of Covid cases on campus and in Erie County, Fr. Jason will be returning to his classroom at Gannon University starting this week. He will be teaching his usual schedule on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and, therefore, will not be in the office on those afternoons.

### **Watch & Share Erie Catholic School**

#### **System's New Video**

We are SO excited to share Erie Catholic's new video

- View at <https://bit.ly/ECSSvideo>
- Watch our video, share with your family and friends #FaithInOurFuture
- A random winner will be selected during Catholic Schools Week and win a school swag item from Milagaro School Uniforms & Goods



### **New Year Extravaganza BINGO All CASH prizes!!!**

**\* Instants \* 50/50 Game**

- Sunday, January 23, 2022
- Polish Falcons Club, 431 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
- 1:00pm, Doors Open at Noon
- \$25 Admission (1pk), \$5 each add'l pk.
- Kitchen Food Available
- Holiday Auction
- Door Prizes
- Call 814-456-5300 to reserve your seat!

Walk Ins Welcome

**All proceeds benefit Holy Trinity PCEP program  
FUTURE DATES: March 13th & May 1**

"Say Yes! to the 7th Annual 138 Women's Conference. The conference will be held from 8:30-12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This years conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) for more information and to register.

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### **THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS**

1/17) Dave Slubowski; 1/18) Pearl Wisniewski; 1/19) Bill Dyakon & Fr. Jason Glover; 1/20) Ed Korytowski; 1/21) Darlene Vlahos & Dorothy Mielnik; 1/22) Kathy Wisniewski; 1/23) Heidi Jankowski & Gina Lintelman

### **PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

1/17) Fr. Larry Richards; 1/18) Fr. Stephen Collins; 1/19) Fr. Stephen Schreiber; 1/20) Fr. Jerry Simmons; 1/21) Fr. Mark O'Hern; 1/22) Msgr. Tom McSweeney; 1/23) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak

Sunday, Jan 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

"To each individual... the Spirit is given for some benefit."

You are gifted, any way you slice it We're all good at something. But not all of us consider our talents and skills as assets given to the Body of Christ. Say you can sew, make people laugh, fix an engine, bake a great pie, or balance a mean checkbook. Of what use are these things to the church, you might ask. Discernment of gifts is something Saint Paul took very seriously in the early community. In our faith sharing, we might ask each other how "mighty deeds" or knowledge or healing might be translated into modern needs the church has. Don't underestimate the healing value of a great pie!

Monday, Jan 17, 2022

1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

"But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day."

Help the dream awaken One of the many things Martin Luther King, Jr. taught Americans was that faith could—and should!—be a driving force for positive social change. He also showed that people of all faiths could put aside differences and do this work together. A Baptist minister, King met with Pope John XXIII and many other faith leaders who later together publicly lamented his death. Keep King's spirit of faith-based social action and interfaith cooperation alive—gather with Catholics and other people of God to discuss, learn, pray, plan, and act on a peaceful journey toward healing all forms of inequality.

Tuesday, Jan 18, 2022

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

"That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Shop with a conscience Today we note Mary Kenney O'Sullivan, who died on this day in 1943. A Catholic mother of three, she poured her considerable talents into organizing working-class women to demand the right to vote and expect justice in their workplaces. She fought for social justice even as the concept of Catholic social teaching was still being refined and formed into what it is today. O'Sullivan understood and lived out social teaching concepts of solidarity, the dignity of the human person, and the dignity of work. Can your shopping choices, voting patterns, and prayers help uplift workers who are currently mistreated?

Wednesday, Jan 19, 2022

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6

"Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"

God loves an underdog We all tend to cheer for the underdog. We find it inspiring when the person or team least expected to win triumphs. David's victory over Goliath appeals to us for this reason. But there's more to the story. When we have an unsurmountable task before us, it is wise to let God take control. After all, God is all powerful. History is full of saints who did the unexpected because they trusted that God would supplement their weaknesses. As Saint Catherine of Siena advises: "Start being brave about everything . . . Don't look at your weakness, but realize that in Christ crucified you can do everything." Today pray for God's will to be revealed to you and trust that he will give you the strength you need.

Thursday, Jan 20, 2022

MEMORIAL OF SEBASTIAN, MARTYR

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

"He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him."

Listen to the peoples' laments The anguish of physical pain can be a fact of life. In medieval times many artists were fascinated by the martyrdom of Saint Sebastian and created gruesome images of it. For practicing Christianity in the third century, Sebastian was ordered to be executed by arrows. He survived this ordeal, only to later be beaten to death for his faith. Father Robin Ryan, C.P., a Passionist priest, says when he encounters people suffering in any form, he avoids explanations as so much about God and suffering is a mystery. He tries to allow those in pain to lament and share their emotion with God, often using the psalms as a starting point as they "help us to recognize that we belong to a tradition and a community of faith; we are not alone in this experience." Draw solace from the lament tradition the next time you find yourself or others in pain.

Friday, Jan 21, 2022

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR

1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19

"You have treated me generously, while I have done you harm."

I stand with Agnes The stories of martyrs can make us feel a bit uneasy. They edify us, but they also can—and should—horrify us. Why? Because in every story, we encounter human violence, perhaps even a reflection of the violence we ourselves have suffered, committed, or ignored. While we laud fourth-century martyr Agnes of Rome for her sacred commitment to chastity, we must not overlook the fact that she was martyred for resisting a forced, unwanted relationship and inhumane treatment as mere property. Agnes' story is particularly relevant today because women continue to face the very real threat of personal as well as systemic violence. Will you stand with Agnes against gender violence in all its forms?

Saturday, Jan 22, 2022

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21

"Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved."

Cradle-to-grave Catholics To embrace a consistent ethic of life is to not only oppose abortion but also to support and defend the dignity and right to life in all conditions and under all circumstances. The term "the Seamless Garment" was coined by the Catholic activist Eileen Egan to characterize this position, later popularized by the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. He said: "Those who defend the right to life of the weakest among us must be equally visible in support of the quality of life of the powerless among us: the old and the young, the hungry and the homeless, the undocumented immigrant and the unemployed worker." Learn more about the Seamless Garment ethic and take a stand today for life in all its forms!