

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 10, 2019**



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019

5:30 P.M. Ann Nolan
Patricia McEntee Walther
Angela Katz

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Teresa & Victor Croley
Ted Sagan

10:00 A.M. Rita Murray

12:00 P.M. Frank Caropreso
Jennie Montgoris

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Cindy Nausid
Intentions of Olivia Moschella

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019

8:00 A.M. Edward Garruto

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019

8:00 A.M. Ilona Mellor

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019

8:00 A.M. Rose Stenger

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019

5:30 P.M. Ann Nolan
Frank O'Donnell – 1st Anniversary
John & Carmela Fusco
Robyn Buffalino

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
William A. Cori – Birthday Remembrance

10:00 A.M. Ron Moebius

Ann Nolan
12:00 P.M. Rudolfo Rienzo

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Barry Bach Estella Soto
Ava Rae Nebbia Matthew Polifonte William Pannone
Gary Ragusa Alex Haines Evelyn Means
George Link Michael Soojian Valentina Manuele
Susan Nichols-Boggio Kevin Kerrigan Ryder Sasso
Mike Tidaback Robert Moreno Larry Ferry
Frances De Maria Dorothea King Jerome Foray
Manuel Esguerra Frank Michaelson Norberto Marin
Cenelia Soto Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Jessica Skorubski
Florence Grim Anton Grim George Macagnone
Alex Coronel Alice Roslund Kathleen Kiley
Sister Annette

DECEASED: Genevieve Puso

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday, February 3, 2019 – \$5,252.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

Come after me

and I will make you fishers of men. Mt 4.19"

The phrase "fishers of men" was spoken by Jesus when He was calling two of His disciples, Simon Peter and Andrew, to follow Him.

The idea behind fishing is to know the fish you are looking for and attract it so you can make the catch. To catch a fish we must know what equipment to use, the habitat and depth of the water we are fishing in, as well as the kind of bait the fish will go after. After we understand everything we need for real fishing, then how do we relate that to being fishers of men?

Jesus asks us to make disciples of all nations. Just as we need equipment to be fishermen, we need equipment to be fishers of men.

Knowing the lost condition of the people around us will help us to understand that, no matter how good we are at fishing, we will never "catch" the fish on our own. No reasoned argument will convert the soul of a darkened mind, because "the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Corinthians 4:4). But God can and frequently does penetrate the darkness with the glorious gospel, and He uses us to do it. He knows which "fish" are His; therefore, we are to seek His wisdom and His guidance on all our fishing expeditions. Prayer is essential.

Lastly we must offer the only effective net—the gospel of Jesus Christ. The gospel message has the power to change lives, shine light into darkness, and deliver evil men from hell. There is power in no other message and no other "net" can catch the fish of God.

This was Jesus' message to Peter and Andrew—follow Me, learn of Me, know and understand My mission and My message. Only then will you be able to be fishers of men.

**"Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be
catching men." Lk 5.10**

Today, Jesus calls his disciples to follow Him. This will require change in their lives. Peter was married. They had a fulltime job as fisherman and the others had other trades.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
YOUNG ADULTS WHO RECEIVED
CONFIRMATION ON JANUARY 24, 2018**

Today, Jesus is calling you to follow Him. If you have any thoughts of becoming a priest or religious brother or sister, start praying daily asking God if this is your vocation. We are all called to be followers of Jesus, disciples. You have a choice to make; God's grace is waiting to be given to you every day.

Today, Jesus may be asking you to give some things up to follow Him, but they are nothing compared to the joy and peace you will receive by giving your heart to Jesus. There will be sorrow and sacrifice, too. Love requires sacrifice and unselfishness. It requires swallowing one's pride. Jesus does not care where you are at in your spiritual life, today He is calling you to follow Him. "Be not afraid!"



**PARISH HAPPENINGS
FEBRUARY & MARCH**

February 9/10 and 16/17 - Lenten Mission Sign-up
February 16 Faith Renewal Holy Hour – 4:30 PM
March 23 - St. Joseph's Table - Church Hall
after 5:30 PM Mass

**Thank you to all who are participated in our
Calendar Raffle!**

Congratulations to the following winners:

Date	Prize	Ticket Number	Winner
2/3/19	\$50.00	468	Linda Albanese
2/4/19	\$25.00	267	Gerry Manzi
2/5/19	\$25.00	287	Sonia Torres
2/6/19	\$25.00	642	John Lamiera
2/7/19	\$25.00	399	Grace Montanye
2/8/19	\$25.00	682	Renee Masterson Carr
2/9/19	\$25.00	370	Cody Wilson

KIDNEY NEEDED

Fran Ferraro is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results. So, in your conversations, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.

THE PROMISE OF GOD

God doesn't promise an easy life;
He promised that He would be
Walking with us on the road to Heaven,
Keeping us company.
Invite Him in to the warmth of your heart,
To reign on the throne, therein.
There's no greater way to happiness...
Now is the day to begin!

Margaret Peterson

**WHAT WERE THE LAST WORDS
OF STEVE JOBS?":**

In November 2015, a rumor began circulating on social media that when Apple co-founder Steve Jobs passed away at age 56 in 2011, he delivered a speech or left behind a deathbed essay about the meaning of life.

One of the earliest iterations of this rumor we've found was published on gkindshivani.wordpress.com under the title "DID YOU KNOW WHAT WERE THE LAST WORDS OF STEVE JOBS?":

"I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. In others' eyes, my life is an epitome of success.

However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, wealth is only a fact of life that I am accustomed to.

At this moment, lying on the sick bed and recalling my whole life, I realize that all the recognition and wealth that I took so much pride in, have paled and become meaningless in the face of impending death.

In the darkness, I look at the green lights from the life supporting machines and hear the humming mechanical sounds, I can feel the breath of god of death drawing closer ...

Now I know, when we have accumulated sufficient wealth to last our lifetime, we should pursue other matters that are unrelated to wealth ...

Should be something that is more important:

Perhaps relationships, perhaps art, perhaps a dream from younger days

Non-stop pursuing of wealth will only turn a person into a twisted being, just like me.

God gave us the senses to let us feel the love in everyone's heart, not the illusions brought about by wealth.

The wealth I have won in my life I cannot bring with me. What I can bring is only the memories precipitated by love.

That's the true riches which will follow you, accompany you, giving you strength and light to go on.

Love can travel a thousand miles. Life has no limit. Go where you want to go. Reach the height you want to reach. It is all in your heart and in your hands.

What is the most expensive bed in the world?

Sick bed ...

You can employ someone to drive the car for you, make money for you but you cannot have someone to bear the sickness for you.

Material things lost can be found. But there is one thing that can never be found when it is lost — Life.

When a person goes into the operating room, he will realize that there is one book that he has yet to finish reading — Book of Healthy Life.

Whichever stage in life we are at right now, with time, we will face the day when the curtain comes down.

Treasure Love for your family, love for your spouse, love for your friends.

Treat yourself well. Cherish others.”

Steve Jobs' sister, the novelist Mona Simpson, recounted the Apple co-founders final moments in a eulogy that was published by the *New York Times* at the time of his death in October 2011. In the eulogy, Simpson recalled Steve Jobs' final words and his final hours:

He seemed to be climbing.

But with that will, that work ethic, that strength, there was also sweet Steve's capacity for wonderment, the artist's belief in the ideal, the still more beautiful later.

Steve's final words, hours earlier, were monosyllables, repeated three times.

Before embarking, he'd looked at his sister Patty, then for a long time at his children, then at his life's partner, Laurene, and then over their shoulders past them.

Steve's final words were:

OH WOW.OH WOW. OH WOW.

FAITH RENEWAL HOLY HOUR

Join us on Feb. 16th for our monthly Faith Renewal Holy Hour filled with adoration, contemporary music, meditation and prayer at 4:30 PM followed by our Faith Renewal Mass at 5:30PM. Let us all come together and enter the mystery of our Lord's presence in the Eucharist and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Our Faith Renewal Mass is for those who prefer an upbeat, more lively worship experience. We would like you to become involved with our Faith Renewal Team and help us come up with new and wonderful fellowship events. We are looking for talented musicians, either vocally or an instrument, who would like to share their talents. To get involved with this ministry, please email us at stfrancisfaithrenewal@gmail.com or follow us on facebook @St.FrancisFaithRenewal. Help us grow our new ministry!

ST. JOSEPH TABLE – SATURDAY 3/23/19

It's here again, St. Francis' 4th annual St. Joseph Table. We need your help to make it a success as great as we had the last 3 years. The food auction will take place after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, 3/23.

Food items must be brought to the church basement between 2PM and 5PM on Saturday, 3/23. Food items must be securely wrapped with clear cellophane for viewing. All items must be labeled.

Suggested items: Homemade breads, cakes, pies, cookies, and your favorite prepared foods. We will accept donations and flower arrangements to honor St. Joseph on the Table if you cannot cook or attend this wonderful event.

Coffee will be provided. Sandwiches and bags of homemade cookies will be available for sale for you to enjoy while waiting for the auction.

We will sell raffle tickets for wonderful prizes.

Keeping with the theme of the Table, the proceeds will benefit needy families of our Parish and 25% will go towards the continued upkeep of the Church's needs.

Please call Giovanna at 973-907-2680 if you have questions.

We need ALL of you to participate with cooking, baking, AND by attending this wonderful event and joining in the fun.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Pat Demarest & Hatima Omolon

LECTORS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019

5:30 P.M. Martha Bisaccio & Givonna Vollaro

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019

7:30 A.M. Barbara Garruto

10:00 A.M. Annie Rivera & Sue Kummer

12 NOON Debbie Ackerly & Linda O'Connell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019

5:30 P.M. Lynn Magnini & Karen Cisco

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Sandy Weigand

10:00 A.M. Tom & Olympia Luciani

12 NOON Brenda McWeeny & Fred Ackerly

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019

5:30 P.M. Peter Sutula & Kevin Bruenjes

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019

7:30 A.M. Danielle Reid & Collin O'Keefe

10:00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Mackenzie King

12 NOON David Ackerly

LENTEN MISSION: 2019

I know our church has just taken down our Christmas decorations; however, Ash Wednesday is March 6th. This means it is time for us to organize our Lenten Mission groups for 2019.

What is Lenten Mission? Groups gather in parishioners' homes to reflect on scripture during the six weeks of Lent. We have been doing this for 12 years; last year 44 of our parishioners were involved. The groups are fluid; each year there are new faces.

This year we will use another book from the "Six Weeks with the Bible" series from the Loyola Press entitled *Psalms: an Invitation to Prayer*. "The Psalms are a sacred song book that reveals a remarkably intimate relationship between the ancient Israelite worshiper and God himself...The Psalms also have something to say to us when we are in every different mood and every different situation in life... whatever our mood or situation, there is a psalm that speaks to it." (Dr. John S. Bergama)

During the six weeks of Lent, we will focus on selected Psalms. Our book will give us some background on the psalm, but our primary focus will be on how the psalm relates to our own relationship with the Lord. What happens is that, as we explore the scripture together, our understanding and love of the Lord deepens and our bond with one another strengthens. It is a win-win.

You may sign-up the weekends of Feb. 9-10 and 16-17. Sign-up slips will be in the bulletin those weekends and in the narthex. The box for the sign-up slips will also be in the narthex and at the side door. Or you may call the rectory to sign up. The book costs \$9.00 and may be picked up at the rectory or at the first session of your Lenten Mission group. (If you cannot afford the book—no problem. Just sign-up and come.) We will let you know when the books come in. We have groups that meet at different days of the week and at different times. We will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Lenten Mission Sign-up Slips: PSALMS

Name: _____

Phone # _____ E-mail address: _____

Preference: Tues. 10am _____, Wed. 7:30pm _____, Sun. 7:00pm _____

If none of these work for you, please indicate what would and we will do our best to accommodate you: Day and time _____