



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✕ FEBRUARY 12TH 2017



ALTAR SERVING

Requirements: Must be Catholic, have been Baptized and have received First Holy Communion. Must be a registered parishioner of St. Charles Borromeo Church and have parent's consent. If interested in learning to become an altar server, see Fr. Matthew or call the rectory.

LECTORS

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Name. Lists lectors for various dates in February.

ATTENTION: LECTORS AND MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST... DURING THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP IN COVERING YOUR MINISTRY. SEVERAL LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. WE ASK THAT YOU CALL JANET AT 564-3370 OR CHECK WHEN YOU ATTEND MASS - TO SEE IF YOUR SERVICES ARE NEEDED. THANK YOU.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Name. Lists extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist for various dates in February.

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ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION -

February 4th & 5th

Attendance 331 (266 Adults - 65 Children)
Collection: \$3406.00
Initial Envelope: \$15.00
Christmas: \$50.00



Take time during the week to read or listen to the readings for the upcoming Sunday. The readings are available online (in print and audio) at www.usccb.org/bible.

SATURDAY, February 11th
8:30 A.M. + Mary Bonnett
Req. by Patricia & Mario Milano
4:30 P.M. +Paula Loughran
Req. by her Mother and Family
SUNDAY, February 12th
8:00 A.M. People of the Parish
10:30 A.M. + Mary Apuzzo
Req. by M/M Lombardi
MONDAY, February 13th
8:00 A.M. + Josephine Caracciolo
Req. by Montrose Family
TUESDAY, February 14th
8:00 A.M. + Maxine Cuciti
Req. by her Husband
WEDNESDAY, February 15th
8:00 A.M. + Wayne LaTulippe
Req. by Len & Bev Tantillo
THURSDAY, February 16th
8:00 A.M. + George Gary Gulbrandsen
Req. by Anne Byrne
FRIDAY, February 17th
8:00 A.M. + Mary Bonnett
Req. by Carmela & Dave Barger
SATURDAY, February 18th
8:30 A.M. + Natalie & John Spada
Req. by Charles Jeannette Spada
4:30 P.M. + Patrick Nugent
Req. by his Wife and Family
SUNDAY, February 19th
8:00 A.M. + Patrick Nugent
Req. by the Nugent and Puntar Families
10:30 A.M. People of the Parish
IF YOU HAVE ARRANGED FOR A MASS TO BE SAID, WE REMIND YOU THAT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS- PLEASE SEE THE USHERS BEFORE MASS BEGINS. THANK YOU.



PLEASE PRAY FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dora Carolan, Betty Cambalik, MaryAnn Herzog, Peggy Napolitano, Kim Rossner,, Verna Dando, Anthony Lassiter, Stewart Glenn, Gloria Sorrentino, Sally Fricker, Frank Alonzo, Richard Continanzi. Mary Verdi, Rich Carlson, Andrew Avellino, Hunter Caswell, Annette Palmer

If you know of someone in need of prayer - please let us know by calling the rectory.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF ELAINE M. CARTER.

MEMORIALS

Anne Byrne has given this week's Bread & Wine in memory of George Gary Gulbrandsen. Arrangements for Memorials can be made in the rectory office. You may call or stop in.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”

**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

“What we utter is God’s wisdom: a mysterious hidden wisdom. God planned it before all ages for our glory. Yet God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit... Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I tell you unless your holiness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees you shall not enter the kingdom of God.’”

The ‘professional’ religious people of Jesus’ time knew the bible, practiced in detail the requirements of their faith, and most were holy people. They knew the word, lived the word and incorporated it into the daily living.

Fast forward: How does the wisdom of God play out in my life? I know many things from the bible. I can speak about the four gospel writers and enjoy the life of the primitive church as I find it in the Acts of the Apostles. Some passages especially from the letters of Saint Paul, as the hymn of charity or the fruits of the Holy Spirit in Corinthians and Galatians move me.

The wisdom found in the scriptures is to direct my life and focus on just one thing, that is my holiness. Knowledge in the head must move down a few inches and become the life giving pump for my heart. Holiness too is a gift of God for me to seek, discover and accept. We call Jesus ‘the holy one of God’ and we are to be as well.

Liturgy and Life

IT ALL COMES BACK TO THE EUCHARIST

Living the Christian life is not easy. “What material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our spiritual life. Communion with the flesh of the risen Christ . . . preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism. This growth in Christian life needs the nourishment of Eucharistic Communion, the bread for our pilgrimage” (CCC, no. 1392).

And so, each Sunday, we return to the Eucharistic table, bringing all our efforts of the previous week, the good and the bad, the successes and the failures, the joys and the sorrows. We gather with our brothers and sisters in the Lord and, together with our priest, we join these efforts to the perfect sacrifice of Christ, asking that God will receive what we offer back to him in humble thanksgiving. The Catechism explains it as follows:

The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all men. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ’s sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering. (CCC, no. 1368)

Then, strengthened by Holy Communion, we are once again sent forth into the world to glorify the Lord in our lives.



KNIGHTS CORNER:



Our area hospitals are in critical need of life-saving blood. Our Knights will conduct a Blood Drive here at St. Charles Hall on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 9 am till 3pm. Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibules. Remember that one-pint of your donated blood can save up to 10 lives!!!!

We always welcome new members; if you would like information, please contact Ray at 564-7867 or Bill at 883-0138.

ST. CHARLES FOUR SEASON CLUB

Fourth week’s Winner: Joe Sabo

This season’s Four Season Club has very few participants. Therefore, unless we have additional entries, we will not be receiving a profit.

There are entry forms in the vestibules. We ask if you would like to be part of this club, please return your entry form today. Cost \$15.00 for the season.



Looking for YOU!

Come join St. Charles Palm Fundraising Team.

Come help make this fundraiser a success and have FUN and FELLOWSHIP Too!

No prior experience necessary.

Contact Donna Vertullo at 883-5823 for more information.



New this year... Floral/Palm Monument Saddles. More information in next week's bulletin.

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LENDING LIBRARY

Time to curl up with a good book. St. Charles → Library has a large selection for you. You'll find them in the front vestibule. Browse through the shelves for books on the Mass, The Holy Eucharist, the Saints and more. READ, RETURN OR PASS IT ON.

FUN NIGHT AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

St. Joseph's Church in New Paltz is hosting a FUN NIGHT on February 24, 2017. There will be Games of Chance, dancing and concession food. Music by Louis Lapaitra from 7 to 9 PM. Entrance fee is \$10. per person. Each person will receive \$200. worth of play money to use at the Games of Chance. Grand prizes at the end of the night. For reservations call Adolf Jonietz 649-5498 email: ahjpls@yahoo.com or Mary Ann Casamento 255-1040 email: omacasa45@gmail.com



Next weekend we celebrate President's Day. While President's Day has become another word for "three day weekend", we would be wise to take a moment and consider its meaning. Originally, the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were the focal point of Presidents Day, but now the holiday is designated as time to celebrate all Presidents.

DID YOU KNOW?

Throughout history in the United States of America we have had many Christian Presidents. Here are quotes from George Washington and Abraham Lincoln that reminds us about the foundation upon which this country was built.

Abraham Lincoln - First Inaugural Address

Lincoln's speech addressed the national crisis of the southern secession from the union. Lincoln had hoped to resolve the conflict peacefully without a civil war. During the address, Lincoln stated "Intelligence, patriotism, Christianity, and a firm reliance on Him who has never yet forsaken this favored land are still competent to adjust in the best way all our present difficulty."

George Washington quote:

"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."

"The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven itself has ordained."



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT JOHN A. COLEMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...

Open House, Thursday February 23rd 9am-2pm

Please join us for an Open House during the school day. Come and see the classes in session. Take a tour and meet the Principal and a Guidance Counselor.

Cosmos and Canvas, Friday February 24th 6:30pm

Come to our 2nd Annual "Sip and Paint" Party. Enjoy a cosmo and delicious appetizers. The picture we will be painting and all of the details are on our website.

Lenten Fish Fry, Friday March 3rd, 5pm

Save the Date for a delicious Lenten dinner, all you can eat! Details to follow soon.