

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 19, 2020

LIVING GOD'S WORD

When at Mass, we call on Jesus several times as the Lamb of God-at the beginning in the Gloria and twice in preparation for Communion. Pray for our world this day to recognize Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 20, 2020

Monday, Jan. 20, St. Fabian
NO MASS
Tuesday, Jan. 21, St. Agnes
8:15AM Ed Forgas by Friends
Wednesday, Jan. 22
10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs
Thursday, Jan. 23, St. Vincent
NO MASS
Friday, Jan. 24, St. Francis de Sales
8:15AM Marie Schuelein
Saturday, Jan. 25, Conversion of St. Paul
5PM Jim & Fran Schmerbauch by Glenn & Mary Long
Sunday, Jan. 26
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JAN. 19 THRU JAN. 26

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	NO MASS – NO SCHOOL NO K OF C LUNCHEON
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 5-8)
Wednesday	10:30AM Com. Service at Three Springs 6PM Parish Council Meeting at Rectory
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (K-2 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal – NO BUS 4:30PM K of C Fish Fry
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Blah! We have moved into Ordinary Time. Where's the adventure? Big moments like Christmas, weddings, and vacations *mark* our lives. The baptism of Jesus was a big moment. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is still talking about it. Ordinary Time is the time for remembering. Then we put memory into action. Isaiah remembers how God formed him in the womb and called him to a life of prophetic service; therefore, he calls the Israelites back, to be a holy nation. The psalmist remembers how God drew him out of a pit of destruction and put a new song in his mouth. Therefore, he wants to follow: "To do your will is my delight." So how do we work our way through Ordinary Time? We remember. Then we act. Every day is a remembering, followed by the noble adventure of following Jesus. Thus it is the everyday moments that *make* our lives. Day-to-day personal holiness-the faithfulness, kindness, and honesty of everyday life-that is what history is made of.

TITHE WEEK OF JAN. 12, 2020

Mary Help of Christians: \$7,157.00
\$848.00 Improvement; \$105.00 Donations; \$42.00 Child;
\$6.00 Votives

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,359.40

Fiscal Year Week: 28

YTD Actual Giving: \$178,063.00

YTD Budget Need: \$196,000.00

YTD Budget Difference: (\$17,937.00)

YTD Weekly: (\$640.61)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Much of life is ordinary, but God has graced us with the ability to recall the extraordinary moments of blessing, and to act on them to fill all of life with holiness.

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Jan. 25 & 26: 5PM, Nate Maes, Ethan Colvis; 9AM, Gene Bicket, Logan McDonald, Jack Heffernan

IN ALL THE DIOCESES of the United States, Jan. 22nd will be observed as a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of human persons committed through acts of abortion.

K OF C FISH FRY Friday, Jan. 24, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit St. Mary's School. On Jan. 31 the fish fry will be for the Lions Club.

CHESTER SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 6-11AM at St. John's Parish Hall. Cost for adults is \$6; children 5-10 is \$3.

AUCTION DONATIONS: Donation slips are available at the back of church. We are waiting to hear what fantastic items will be donated to this year's Gala Dinner Auction. Donation slips need to be turned in by Sunday, Feb. 2. You may drop these slips in the collection basket.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Please continue to sell your Auction raffle tickets and return them to the collection basket.

TO RESERVE A SEAT for Saturday, March 7, call Ron Korando (615-2509). The price for an Auction seat is still just \$35.

MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL Weekend is Feb. 1 & 2. Please stay "connected" through a subscription to *The Messenger*. Payments can be made in the Messenger envelope or online at www.bellevillemessenger.org. The cost for the print or electronic edition is \$25 each. Or subscribe to both for only \$30.

IN ISAIAH 49:5 "Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as His servant from the womb," ... This weekend we pray for and remember the precious lives of 62,500,000 babies who have been lost to abortion since the passage of Roe v Wade. If we take a moment of silence for each baby lost to abortion, using a minute as a moment...we would be silent for 119 years! The silence would be deafening. Earlier this month, Pope Francis spoke on the primacy of women as sources of life. "Yet they are continually offended, beaten, raped, coaxed into prostitution and to kill the life that occurs in their womb. Any violence inflicted on women is a profanation of God, born of woman...our level of humanity can be judged on how we treat a woman's body...the most noble flesh in the world and the admiration of creation." Tell anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy to visit revealmosaic.com for many FREE services...for medical care, parenting classes, and job training. Pray for dignity of life at all its stages.

WHAT BAPTISM MAKES OF US: We begin Ordinary Times this liturgical year full of baptismal reminders. Jesus ranks ahead of John the Baptist and all of us. But though greater, he, in his good Spirit, remains with all of us. In Baptism, we are God's servants, ordained to show God's glory (and not our own), and be about God's saving plan. And like St. Paul and the Corinthians, we are called to be holy. How will I cherish Baptism today and rest in Christ loving me? How will I manifest God's glory in some simple word or work? How will I be holier today than I was yesterday?