

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JANUARY 20, 2019

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

It does seem that somewhere along the path of life, the wine runs out for each of us. We get bored with jobs, or relationships, or maybe just the same four old walls. We can lament the loss of old wine, or we can open a new bottle, and carry on God's work perhaps in a new way.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 21, 2019

Monday, Jan. 21, St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr  
NO MASS –Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Tuesday, Jan. 22  
8:15AM Cleo Gross by Bill & Linda Smith  
Wednesday, Jan. 23  
10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs  
Thursday, Jan. 24, St. Francis de Sales  
NO MASS  
Friday, Jan. 25, Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle  
8:15AM Barb Derickson by Kent & Brenda Krieger  
Saturday, Jan. 26, Sts. Timothy and Titus  
5PM Dorothy Niermann by Craig & Susan Yallaly  
Sunday, Jan. 27  
9AM For the Parish

#### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JAN. 20 THRU JAN. 27

Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM
Monday	NO MASS NO SCHOOL NO K OF C LUNCHEON
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 5-8)
Wednesday	10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grade 3 & 4 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal – NO BUS 7PM SMS Purse Bingo
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** Each of us has different gifts, given by the same Spirit. What are your gifts? Some gifts bring us great joy. Others are a challenge to accept. Today's Gospel reveals Jesus' gift for miraculous deeds, like changing water into wine. He shares this gift quietly, in response to a need, although he wondered if it was time to share it. Mary was confident he would respond. That is also an important gift to name. Jerusalem offers the gift of being home to the Israelites after a time of exile. Do we miss our gifts because we are too focused on those of others? Someone once said, "Comparison is a thief of joy." Jealousy often robs us of delighting in the gifts God gives each of us. Name the gifts God has given you. Unsure what they are? Ask people you trust. Create a litany of thanksgiving to God for these gifts. If tempted to jealousy, add those people and their gifts to your litany. Thank God by sharing your gifts, because "the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (1 Corinthians 12:7).

#### TITHE WEEK OF JANUARY 13, 2019

Mary Help of Christians \$2,785.00  
\$96.00 Improvement Fund; \$35.00 Cemetery;  
\$10.00 Sr. Anne; \$64.90 Child Env.  
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00  
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,785.90  
Fiscal Year Week: 29  
YTD Actual Giving: \$196,791.00  
YTD Budget Need: \$203,000.00  
YTD Budget Difference: (\$6,209.00)  
YTD Weekly: (\$214.11)

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for Jan. 26 & 27: 5PM, Gage Hopkins, Nate Maes; 9AM, Elseah Congiaro, Jared Landeros, Brock Vasquez

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Lord, free me to use my gifts for the good of others, so that all people might delight in you.

**CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** will host the regular mobile market on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 10AM in the Cohen Complex. Please call Bob Koenegstein at 826-5264 to volunteer with distribution. The Pantry is in need of Baby Wipes, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Catsup, Mustard, Salt, Pepper, and Kleenex.

**K OF C FISH FRY** Friday, Jan. 25, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit the K of C Club. On Feb. 1 the fish fry will be for the Alzheimer's Association.

**DESIGNER PURSE BINGO** will be held in SMS Gym on Friday, Jan. 25, at 7PM. Doors open at 6PM. \$25 per 10 games of Bingo. A Designer Purse will be awarded for each 10 games. Bring your own drinks and food. RSVP to the school office (826-3120), email dpowell43011@gmail.com or contact St. Mary's PTO on Facebook.

**CALL RON KORANDO** (618-615-2509) to reserve a seat at the Gala Dinner Auction which will be on Saturday, March 2. Cost is \$35 per person.

**DON'T FORGET** Auction Donation Sheets need to be turned in by Friday, Feb. 1.

**INTO THE WOODS** is the musical presented by Gibault on Thursday, Jan. 31, through Saturday, Feb. 2, at 7PM in the auditorium. On Sunday, Feb. 3, the performance will be at 2PM.

**SUPERBOWL CHICKEN WING SALE:** St. Mary's PTO will have four types (Plain, Buffalo, BBQ, and Sweet & Spicy) of wings available to pick up at the K of C Hall on Sunday, Feb. 3, between 10AM-Noon. Cost is \$16 for 15 wings. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, Jan. 30. Please call the office (826-3120) or contact any student to place an order.

**DUELING PIANOS** will be held on Friday, Feb. 8, at the VFW Hall from 7-9PM. Doors open at 5:30PM. Cost is \$25 each or 2 tickets for \$40. Bring your own snacks. All drinks must be purchased at the bar. This is a fund raising event for St. Mary's School. To purchase tickets, contact the school office (826-3120) or Crystal (618-615-3274).

**DAY OF PRAYER** for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: This Tuesday, Jan. 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/january-22](http://www.usccb.org/january-22).

**THE BEGINNING OF HIS SIGNS:** Empty vessels + Lots of water + Jesus' action = Plenty good wine. His first of many signs takes place at Cana. Goodness always results when Jesus acts among us; loving us as a groom (Jesus) loves the bride (us). And St. Paul lists other good signs, other spiritual gifts shared with us. These varied baptismal charisms (no one has them all) are gifts of the same Holy Spirit and Christ and God. Can I count at least one way God is active in my life each day this week? If someone asks me to do something (as Mary does today), even if I think I am not ready (as Jesus says at Cana), will I do it? What will I do? I will surely see someone in need this week. How will I act?