

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 9, 2025

Mass Intentions

February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Derek Behe (Mom, Dad and Eric)

10:00AM+Etta Pastore, Birthday (Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

February 10, Monday, Saint Scholastica, Virgin

12:00PM+Madeline Seidel, Ann. (Weaver Family)

February 11, Tuesday, Our Lady of Lourdes

12:00PM+Carol Taylor, Anniversary (Family)

February 12, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Donnie Rabine (William & Judith Colello)

February 13, Thursday, Weekday

12:00PM+Dennis P. Donley (Debra Thuheimer)

February 14, Friday, Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

12:00PM+Alan Bell Family (Mr. & Mrs. David Hanekamp)

February 15, Saturday, Weekday

12:00PM+Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Sandy Cuomo (Bob Crusciel)

February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Pro Popolo/For the People

10:00AM+James Cole (Jane Kiser)

5:00PM+ Mary Irene McGreal (Family)

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

Church Cleaning

We will be cleaning the church on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 9:00AM. If there is a funeral we will meet on Thursday same time.



Stewardship Reflections

Our readings today remind us of the great privilege we have in calling ourselves children and disciples of the Most High God. While we can approach Him with the confidence of a child before his father, we must also remember the deep reverence and awe that we owe to Him.

When we truly embrace a stewardship way of life, putting our talents, time and treasure at the service of the Most High God, we will be astonished at what God will do. Our lives may take a direction beyond our wildest imaginings.

But just as Jesus reassured Simon in our Gospel today, "Be not afraid," He assures us too. We need not fear a stewardship way of life. Rather, we should embrace the adventure it presents us and prepare to be astonished by what our awesome God will do. "Here I am Lord, send me!"

Basket Bingo

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 28, 2025**, for our basket bingo at Father Kelley Hall. We are in need of medium and large basket does not have to be Longaberger Baskets. It is never too early to drop off donations for the baskets at the Parish Office.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

All meetings/sessions will be held in the Cathedral basement from 6:30-8:00PM. A parent must accompany your child to the meetings. Please contact Chris Laraia if you are unable to attend a meeting so that make up work can be assigned.

PARENTS / STUDENT SESSIONS:

March 11, 2025

April 8, 2025

First Communion will be celebrated at the 10:00AM Mass May 4, 2025. If you have any questions please call Chris Laraia, 814-312-7317 or email me at claraia@dioceseaj.org

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, February 2, 2025, \$ 9,865.80

Thank you for your monetary and personal contributions to the life of our parish.



Liturgical Ministers Schedules

The schedule and assignment of liturgical ministers will to be done by our parish office.

The schedule for Lent and Holy Week will be prepared during the week of February 17th. If you have requests, preferences, or are not going to be available, please notify the office by February 17th. Thank you.

Liturgical Ministers Recruitment

Our parish, like most parishes, is in need of more liturgical ministers. LITURGICAL MINISTER VOLUNTEER cards will be available at our entrances during the month of February. Prayerfully and seriously consider volunteering as a Greeter, Usher, Server, Reader, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Funeral Server, or part of a Team to Serve when the Bishop celebrates Mass. Training will take place during Lent.



Today, we celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time and National Marriage Week. The observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 9) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. The theme for 2025 is "**Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!**"

As the Church participates in National Marriage Week and the Jubilee of Hope, the importance of humility in the covenant of marriage is worth a bit of timely reflection. Of all the virtues that complement marital love, humility strengthens the marriage bond at its core. Humility encourages selfless generosity between spouses and makes a couple's marital love more resilient.

When spouses humbly offer love to each other, the daily familial bumps and bruises that happen heal more quickly. With each gesture of humility, whether in word or action, the pursuit of lasting love becomes more than just a fanciful idea; it finds a home where it is lived and felt. When spouses are humble before each other, love grows.

May Jesus, who was present at the wedding feast of Cana, be a source of hope, renewal, and lasting love for all married couples. -© U.S.C.C.B.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eucharistic Revival Spring Priest Presentations

The last of the Eucharistic Revival Year presentations will be on Saturday, March 29th, at St. Francis University, JFK Center in Loretto. From 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. You may register online at dioceseaj.org/spring, priest, presentations or by mail. Forms are available at our entrances. The speakers are : Father Jozef Kovacik, Father George Jakopac, and Father Brian Saylor.

Men's Conference; Strength in Christ!

Sunday, March 30, from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. The day includes lunch, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, a panel discussion, and Sunday Mass. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. Paper registration forms are also available at our entrances. The deadline to register is March 21st.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 serves all 11 parishes and beyond. New members are always welcomed! On Monday, February 10, 2025, please come and join us for our monthly meeting in the St. Rose of Lima community room at 5:30p.m. (social) followed by business meeting at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Regent Donna Hoover at donna@gmail.com or 814-632-3509.



Empowered by the Holy Spirit Series

Holy Spirit Ministry will be hosting the "Empowered by the Spirit Series" on 4 consecutive Tuesdays beginning March 18th, at St. Michael Activity Center & Church, Holidaysburg. The prayer experience begins at 7PM and includes dynamic speakers, testimonies, praise & worship, small group discussions and more! Refreshments and fellowship will begin in the Activity Center at 6:30PM. The purpose of the series is to explore and equip the faithful for evangelization through the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is no charge, but registration is required: holy-spiritministry20@gmail.com or calling 814-207-9110. All are welcome for this exciting series.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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Luke 5:1-11

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

Father John Muir

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.

By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937-8240 Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration - Normally, the First Wednesday 12:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Sponsored by the Christian Mothers on Thursdays after the noon Mass.

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Pre-Kindergarten thru 8. Grades 9-11 Sunday Evening at 6:15.

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Mass Times

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| Sunday: | Weekday: |
| 5:00 PM (Vigil) | 12:00 Noon |
| 8:00 AM | |
| 10:00 AM | Saturday: |
| 5:00 PM | 12:00 Noon |



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