

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ February 5, 2017

Sunday Scripture Meditation:

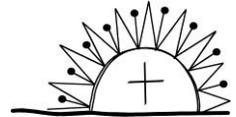
Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

The challenge of today's Gospel reading is to show the joy, the love, and the peace of Jesus and to challenge us to live like Christ. We must show the world just how distinctive and fulfilling a redeemed life can be. Our

credibility – as well as the credibility of Jesus' message – is on the line every day. Let us all help others to embrace Jesus in their hearts. Printed with the permission of *The Word Among Us 2017*

CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Feb 4	4:30 PM	+ELIZABETH MIKULKA ~ <i>Lori and Bill Deering</i>
Sun.	Feb 5	7:30 AM	COMFORT FOR THE AFFLICTED; the poor, refugees and marginalized peoples.
		9:00 AM	+MARK PINTO ~ <i>Jo, Michael & Kathy Dogali and Anthony, Celene & girls and Mike & Matt</i>
		11:00 AM	+BETTY KARCSINSKI ~ <i>Lapinski Sisters</i>
Mon.	Feb 6	7:30 AM	BLESSINGS & HEALTH for PHAM LOC
Tues.	Feb 7	7:30 AM	+STEPHEN LESHENSKI ~ <i>Thomas and Elsie Vrabel</i>
Wed.	Feb 8	7:30 AM	+MILDRED DRAKE ~ <i>Daughters, Deborah Hood and Arleen Drake</i>
Thurs.	Feb 9	7:30 AM	+FR. JOHN J. FILIP ~ <i>Rita McManus and Family</i>
Fri.	Feb 10	7:30 AM	INTENTIONS of CARLOS LOPEZ and LUIS MURALLES ~ <i>Rosa Lopez</i>
Sat.	Feb 11	8:00 AM	+COMMUNITY MASS
		4:30 PM	+WILLIAM COSGROVE ~ <i>Lori and Bill Deering</i>
Sun.	Feb 12	7:30 AM	+HELEN LINDBERG ~ <i>Elaine Tomis, Davis and Thomas Davis</i>
		9:00 AM	+GEORGE F. KACHMAR ~ <i>David Margonis</i>
		11:00 AM	+IRENE HANLEY ~ <i>The Silhavey Family</i>



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 1-29-2017

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ----	\$9,975
Sunday Collection	\$ 5,327.50
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day...	\$ 195.00
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME.....	\$ 5,522.50
SHORTFALL	\$ 4,452.50
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW Operating Costs Year to Date	\$9,975 x 31.....\$309,225
Actual Weekly Income Year to date	\$293,366 Shortfall \$ 9,859



POWER of PRAYER

PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering, those in ongoing treatment and/or rehabilitation and those whose lives are heavily burdened. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who would like to be included in the Prayer Corner, please call the parish office at 203-375-5815. Please pray for the good health of:

Jay Behan, Ted Bielen, Peggy Hudak, Frank Masso, Glen Masso, Fr. Robert Maty, Richard Miller, Dottie Millo, Helen Mino, Michael Nevells, Janet Onze, Peter Panicali, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Charles Rader, T.J. Recupido, Jennie Tesla

Our next Community Mass will be Saturday, February 11 at 8:00 AM. If you would like your deceased loved ones remembered at this Mass please call the parish office by Thursday morning at 203-375-5815.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – February 5 ~ Religious Education Classes/Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8 ~ No Confirmation Class
February 12 ~ Religious Education Classes/Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8 ~ Confirmation Class in Convent

God Bless The NURSES

For They Nurture The Sick With Love & Care.

Our Parish Nurses are available this weekend, February 4 & 5 to take blood pressure readings and answer any medical concerns. The nurses will be in the Church Vestibule-Confessional Room following all the weekend Masses.

We offer sympathy and assurance of prayer to the family of **Biagio Asarisi** who was buried from our church this weekend.

The Lord's Kitchen – On January 11, our parish hosted a free dinner at the Christ Church in Stratford which consisted of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, salad and cake for dessert. Over 100 meals were served. **A heartfelt thanks to all our supportive parishioners for making this event possible. Please continue to help us by volunteering to help on the day of the supper or by contributions of your prayer and monetary donations.**

Please watch the bulletin for HNJ's next date! *"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord and he will repay him for his deed."* Proverbs 19:17



Youth Choir News: Rehearsal is held on Wednesdays from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM in the Church choir loft. *The Youth choir is looking for new members to join our wonderful group. If you are in grade 6 through 12 and like to sing, please come to our next rehearsal.*

Pope Francis has released his message for the 25th World Day of the Sick to take place on 11 February 2017, the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.



The Day of the Sick was instituted by Pope St. John Paul II in 1992, who called it "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering."

Pope Francis said the commemoration "gives the Church renewed spiritual energy for carrying out ever more fully

that fundamental part of her mission which includes serving the poor, the infirm, the suffering, the outcast, and the marginalized." He said all the infirm and those who help them should look to Mary, "Health of the Infirm, the sure sign of God's love for every human being and a model of surrender to his will." Mary's apparition at Lourdes to the "poor, illiterate, and ill" Bernadette, he said, reminds us "that every person is, and always remains, a human being, and is to be treated as such. The sick and those who are disabled, even severely, have their own inalienable dignity and mission in life." *from, Vatican Radio*

The 2018 Mass Book will be open for Mass requests on Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM starting on February 15. You may visit us at the parish office or call 203-375-5815. *The 2017 Mass Book still has availability for weekday Masses.*

The Knights of Columbus Museum, at 1 State Street in New Haven, continues its "Fleeing Famine" exhibition on the perils Irish immigrants faced on "coffin ships" as they crossed the Atlantic Ocean to North America during the 19th-century potato blight. A public lecture will be presented on the topic Saturday, Feb. 11, at 2:00 PM. Free admission & parking. More information: 203-865-0400 or kofcmuseum.org.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER As Christians, we bear the light of Christ to the whole world in our every action.

Even when He seems far from us, when we feel most alone, His Spirit is nearby to support and strengthen us in this task.



The next Holy Name Men's Society Meeting

will be held on Thursday, February 16 in the parish hall at 6:30 PM.

The Holy Name Men's Society is sponsoring a PIEROGI and POTATO PANCAKE DINNER on Friday, March 3 from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the parish Hall featuring Pierogi, Potato Pancakes,

Applesauce, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Soda. Free-Will Donations gratefully accepted. **Take-Out Dinners are \$6.00 and Frozen Pirogi \$4.00 a dozen.** Questions, please call Paul Scioletti at 203-377-2397.

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal – Sharing God's Gifts, Transforming Lives.

The Bishop's Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to families who attend our Diocesan schools. Over \$2,000,000 in scholarships is awarded each year to students who demonstrate financial need. Every town and school in our Diocese has students receiving these awards. Over 2,000 students applied for tuition assistance and the need was calculated at over \$7,000,000. The Bishop's Scholarship Fund continues to work to raise and distribute funds to families with need so that the grace of a Catholic education is available to all who desire it.

You are cordially invited to attend an Open House at Northeast Catholic College – February 19-20, 2017.

All high school students and recent graduates are invited to attend our February Open House. Visitors will have the opportunity to attend and participate in classes, meet one on one with faculty and admissions representatives, attend Mass and participate in spiritual life on campus, tour our 135-acre campus, eat in our dining room and enjoy student entertainment. Reserve your place today! Contact the Admissions Office at 603.456.2656 or toll free: 877.498.1723 or admissions@northeastcatholic.edu



The Catholic War Veterans Post 1562 is collecting new or used rosaries.

The rosaries are part of a National CWV campaign to send rosaries to India for distribution. Please place rosaries in the baskets at the church entrances. The collection ends the weekend of March 4 and 5.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Let us pray that as the new administration repeals the health care mandate that it not only restores the Church's First Amendment right to religious freedom, but also makes coverage accessible to all Americans.