



January 28, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

Scripture Meditation: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

Jesus speaks to our hearts today with the humble authority of a Messiah motivated by nothing but love for us. When Jesus speaks to us this way, his words sink into our hearts, and we know he is speaking out of love. He wants to stir our hearts, kindle our hope, and give us his peace. So come to Mass eager and willing to hear his voice today.

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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Table with columns for Day, Date, Time, and Family Name. Includes entries for Sat. Jan 27, Sun. Jan 28, Mon. Jan 29, Tues. Jan 30, Wed. Jan 31, Thurs. Feb 1, Fri. Feb 2, Sat. Feb 3, and Sun. Feb 4.



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.

Please pray for the good health of: Fr. Andy, Joe DeMasi, Janet Onze

We also offer a Prayer Board in addition to our bulletin Prayer Corner. The Prayer Board is placed at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Shrine in Church.

Fr. Andy thanks you for your prayers and well wishes as he continues to recover at Four Seasons Rehab. If you would like to send him a card, the address is: Four Seasons Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 1555 Rockaway Pkwy., Brooklyn, NY 11236 Rev. Andrew Marus, 5th Floor

The 2019 Mass Book will be opened at a future date. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

HNJ Faith Formation Program
Jan. 28 ~ Students - No Confirmation Class
Feb. 4 ~ Students - No Confirmation Class

Feast Day of St. Blaise - Saturday, February 3 - Following the 8:00 AM Mass there will be the Blessing of Throats.

Altar Flowers and Flowers at Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Altar are given In Gratitude for Prayers Answered by Mary Ann Salvaggio

Sanctuary Candles for the month of February are given for all the Souls of the Vicenza Parravano Family.

The candle on the St. Joseph Altar for the month of February is given in Thanksgiving for prayers answered ~ by Mary Ann Salvaggio

Evangelization Corner: Homegrown prophets are sometimes hard to hear because we know them too well. Even in the case of those who have grown up with the Gospel, Christ must sometimes shake us out of a lazy sense of familiarity to make us aware of the real authority with which he is speaking to us this very day.

YOUTH CHOIR NEWS

We thank our Youth Choir for their beautiful singing at last week's Sunday, 9:00 AM Mass.



The next rehearsal for the Youth Choir will be Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM in the Church Choir Loft.

Our Stratford Knights of Columbus Council #2370 will hold their annual St. Valentine's Dinner Dance Saturday, February 10, 7:00pm at the Parish Hall at Holy Name of Jesus Church.

Complete Steak Dinner-Dancing to DJ Bob-BYOB-Door prizes-\$25 per person \$50.00 per couple at the door. All reservations must be received by Thursday February 8. Call Chip Krafnick at 375-8930. Please do not call after 7PM. Pre-pay discount \$45 per couple if payment received by Feb. 8. Please make checks payable to K of C #2370 & mail to attention of Bob Bradley II, 535 Cutspring Rd., Stratford, CT 06614. Proceeds for Vocation Scholarships. Please bring a canned good or other non-perishable food item for K of C Food for Families Drive.

The Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter, presents Effective Communication Strategies, an education program, Monday, Feb. 5 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

at Middlebrook Farms at Trumbull – 2750 Reservoir Ave., RSVP to Sheba Peart 203-268-2400. *Communication is more than just talking and listening – it's also about sending and receiving messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language. As people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias progress in their journey and the ability to use words is lost, families need new ways to connect. Join us to explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease.*

Christ the Redeemer Council 15870 Knights of

Columbus bus trips; The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum Apr 22-27 \$575.00 PP DO. Lancaster show trip: Jesus and Song of the Silver Screen plus tour Gettysburg May 22-24, \$354 PPDO. Maine Sept 10-14 Portland, tour Kennebunk & Kennebunkport, tour Historic Mansion, guided tour of Pineland farms, visit Boothbay Railway village, Seashore trolley Museum & trolley ride 515.00 PP DO. Cape Cod Oct 9-11 \$323.00 Guided tour of Hyannis and Sandwich, visit Martha's Vineyard, visit JFK and the Glass tour outer cape Provincetown and Chatham. Call John Benard 203-877-2737 for info and flier.

Come celebrate!! Blessed Sacrament, Union Ave., Bridgeport on Sunday, February 11 at 2:30 PM.

All, especially the sick, the frail and the handicapped are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Mass will be celebrated and the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered. Refreshments will follow. Welcome begins at 2:30 PM and Mass celebrated at 3:00 PM. Order of Malta, American Assoc. in CT

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of Jan. 21, 2018

<u>Operating Costs</u> – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ...\$11,000	
<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$ 4,629
<u>Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day</u>	\$ 212
<u>Total Weekly Income</u>	\$ 4,841
<u>Shortfall</u>	\$ 6,159

Fiscal year to date overview

<u>Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 30</u>	\$ 330,000
<u>Actual Weekly Income Year to date:</u>	\$ 325,368
<u>Shortfall</u>	\$ 4,632

January Saints - Saint Angela Merici was an Italian religious educator and founder of the Ursulines.

Born in 1474 in Lombardy she was orphaned at 10 years old and went with her sister to live with their uncle. When she was 20 years old and returned to her hometown, she became aware of the young girls living there who had no education and no hope. She was distressed by their ignorance and upset at the parents who had not educated them. Inspired by the Holy Spirit she opened her home to them and began to teach them herself. By example and instruction, she taught them how to pray and participate in the sacramental life of the Church. These women had little money and no power, but were bound together by their dedication to education and commitment to Jesus Christ and service to His Church. She reminded them, *"Reflect that in reality you have a greater need to serve the poor, than they have of your service."* In 1535, she established a "Company" for women who consecrated themselves wholly to Christ and yet lived a life in the world. Her Company recalled the devoted widows of the early Church and anticipated the secular institutes founded in the 20th century. Her Company became known as the Ursulines. Before her death, Angela reassured her Sisters, *"I shall continue to be more alive than I was in this life, and I shall see you better and shall love more the good deeds which I shall see you doing continually, and I shall be able to help you more."* Feast day: January 27.

Patron of the sick, disabled and physically challenged people, and those grieving the loss of parents.

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A Stroke Doesn't Have to Happen Protect your health by finding out your risk of having a stroke by participating in the Life Line Screening that will be at Holy Name of Jesus Parish on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

Through ultrasound screenings, we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque which is the leading cause of stroke. Call 800-640-6307 or Register online & receive a \$10 discount lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word *circle* to 797979 Learn more about Life Line Screening by watching a short three-minute video: lifelinescreeningblog.com/introduction

*Jesus entered the synagogue
and began
to teach*

