



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ January 15, 2017
Sunday Scripture Meditation: Isaiah 49:3,5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 ; John 1:29-34

Twice in today's Gospel, John says "I did not know him", yet he was able to recognize Jesus when He arrived. A similar thing can happen to us at Mass. Jesus wants to open our eyes at the "breaking of the bread" so that we might know Him more deeply. At Communion make it a point to behold Jesus, the Lamb of God.

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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Jan 14	4:30 PM	+DAVID PETREYCIK ~ <i>Ralph and Nina DeMasi</i>
Sun.	Jan 15	7:30 AM	+RICHARD LAVERY ~ <i>Charles Sekelsky and Family</i>
		9:00 AM	+GEORGE, +ANTOINETTE and +GEORGE R. MARGONIS ~ <i>David Margonis</i>
		11:00 AM	+DAVID PETREYCIK ~ <i>The HNJ Senior Choir</i>
Mon.	Jan 16	7:30 AM	FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD
Tues.	Jan 17	7:30 AM	FOR THE UNEMPLOYED and the UNDEREMPLOYED
Wed.	Jan 18	7:30 AM	+BETTY KARCSINSKI ~ <i>The Lapinski Sisters</i>
Thurs.	Jan 19	7:30 AM	FOR ALL WHO SERVE IN OUR MILITARY FORCES
Fri.	Jan 20	7:30 AM	IN HONOR OF +ALEXANDER CARABALLO, <i>1st Year Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Mommy, Daddy and children, Chris, Anna and Frankie</i>
Sat.	Jan 21	8:00 AM	IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR HUMAN LIFE
		4:30 PM	+EDWARD DEMOVICK ~ <i>Michael and Stephanie Dunn</i>
Sun.	Jan 22	7:30 AM	+ANNA PRIHODA ~ <i>Marge Prihoda</i>
		9:00 AM	+JOAN and +FRANK DIPRONIO ~ <i>The Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MELNICKSAK FAMILY ~ <i>The Silhavey Family</i>



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 1-8-2017 – will be published in next week's bulletin.



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, Ronald Hetten, Peggy Hudak, Frank Masso, Glen Masso, Fr. Robert Maty, Richard Miller, Dottie Millo, Helen Mino, Janet Onze, Peter Panicale, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Charles Rader, T.J. Recupido, Jennie Tesla

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – January 15 Martin Luther King Day ~ No Religious Education Class ~ No Confirmation Class
January 22 ~ Religious Education Classes/Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8 ~ No Confirmation Class



Blessing of Homes: Blessed chalk and prayer leaflets are available this weekend at both Altar railings and the Church Vestibule for you to take home, in conjunction with the Epiphanytide Blessing of Homes.

Evangelization Corner Each of us is called to be an imitator of Christ. By becoming more and more like Christ we receive a share in His holiness and become cooperators in the work of redemption. **Let us abandon all things that draw us away from this awesome vocation, and let us live for God alone.**

As our nation celebrates the life and legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I am reminded of the timeless plea found in his Letter from a Birmingham Jail that we move "from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity." I am grateful for Dr. King's words and actions and those of so many who worked for justice and helped to advance our country's recognition of the dignity and equality of each person. Continuing tensions and violence in our communities remind us that although significant progress has been made in erasing the stain of racism and the cycle of related violence, we still have much work to do. Every human life has profound dignity, rooted in our creation in the image of God. We are one family. Our communities will only reflect this dignity if we first turn to prayer to guide our actions toward ending years of isolation, disregard and conflict between neighbors. That which seems impossible can only be brought about through God and his powerful intervention in our hearts. Dr. King reminded us of the power of prayer and action. I invite everyone, this day and every day, to implore God to make us his instruments in creating a more just society".
 Archbishop Joseph Kurtz 2015 USCCB website

Holy Name of Jesus Men's Society Meeting:



Thursday, January 19, 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Items to be discussed are the Pasta Dinner and general agenda. Refreshments will be served.

PASTA DINNER: Saturday, January 21, 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the parish Hall, hosted by the Men's Society. Dinner consists of Pasta, Sauce, Meatballs, Bread, Salad, Dessert, Tea, Coffee and Assorted Soft Drinks. Free-Will Donations gratefully accepted!



YOUTH CHOIR NEWS: We are pleased to announce the Youth Choir will be singing next week, Sunday, Jan. 22 at the 9:00 AM Mass ~ please join us.



Wednesday rehearsals have resumed 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.

PRO-LIFE? DO THIS EASY THING IN 2017



As Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., former chair of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, once noted, "we discover our worth when we discover our true identity found in the unchangeable, permanent fact that we are created in God's image and likeness and called to an eternal destiny with him." Being pro-life means taking a stand against what Pope Francis calls the "throwaway culture," which looks out for its own gains, casting people aside as though their lives are not worth living. It means seeing people as Christ sees and loving them as He loves. **That's why the U. S. Catholic bishops are asking us to participate in 9 Days for Life - a digital pilgrimage from January 21-29.** Do you start novenas intending to pray them all the way through, but often forget? There's an app for that! (You can customize reminders to pray the bishops' annual, pro-life novena.) Not into apps? You can join the Facebook event (www.goo.gl/UMtYrL), download the novena online, or sign up for daily emails or text messages at 9daysforlife.com. Anne McGuire USCCB website



"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."
Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 100



From our Holy Name Quilters: The quilting group will Not meet if the weather is extremely cold, if it's icy or it snows. *The quilters have beautiful handmade blankets available to anyone in need of comfort and warmth due to illness or frigid temps.* Call Cathy if you have questions. 203-378-5129



Would you like to serve your parish as an Altar Server? Boys and girls, ages 9 and up and **also Adult Servers**, male and female, please consider this important ministry. Training will be provided. See Fr. Andy after Mass or call the parish office 203- 375-5815. Altar

Servers perform duties that include carrying the cross and processional candles and assisting the priest when he receives the communion gifts from the people. Pope Francis has said serving at the altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus. *"The closer you are to the altar the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer and the better able you will be to go out to others, bringing them the gift that you have received."*

Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford College Weekend Retreat Feb 10-12.

The pace of college can often leave students with the need to rest and reflect in a sacred space. This retreat will explore the retreat season theme, "The Light of Simplicity," and offer a variety of workshops to strengthen faith through learning and small-group discussion. \$75.

Couples' Weekend Retreat and Valentine's Dinner Feb 10-12.

Couples of all faiths and backgrounds are invited to a weekend retreat exploring how simplicity can shine a light on what is really essential and important in our lives. Retreatants enjoy home-cooked meals, dynamic teaching, uplifting music, healing arts therapies (additional cost), and a festive Valentine's gourmet dinner on Saturday night. \$650 per couple, more if you can, less if you can't.

Hearts and Wines: Valentine's Gourmet Dinner Saturday, Feb 11, 6 p.m.

Join us for a gourmet buffet dinner prepared by Holy Family's talented chef and three wines to complement the meal courses. Menu includes spicy roasted tiger shrimp, chateaubriand with béarnaise sauce, Maine lobster cassoulet, nine spice Moroccan stew, and chocolate heart-shaped mousse cake with espresso cream Anglaise. Couples and singles are most welcome. \$150 per couple, \$75 per person.

www.holyfamilyretreat.org 860-760-9705

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. Contact the Admissions Office at 603.456.2656 or toll free: 877.498.1723 or admissions@northeastcatholic.edu

Reserve your place today!

If the Stratford School system "delays" or "cancels" school due to snow, the Weekday 7:30 AM Morning Mass will be cancelled for that day.