



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ January 29, 2017

Sunday Scripture Meditation:

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a

We all know what it feels like when someone breaks their promise to us. In the Beatitudes, Jesus is saying with certainty "This is how it will be." Let us remind ourselves that God's promises are true because He is trustworthy. Today remind yourself that your faith and hope are in God and He will never abandon You! Printed with the permission of *The Word Among Us 2017*

CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Jan 28	4:30 PM	+JOHN PRIHODA, SR and +JOHN, JR. ~ <i>Marge Prihoda</i>
Sun.	Jan 29	7:30 AM	+MARIA HLAVON ~ <i>Daughter, Anna Sobek</i>
		9:00 AM	+DAVID PETREYCIK ~ <i>Ted and Rose Bielen</i>
		11:00 AM	+MARGARET PANICALI ~ <i>Son, Peter</i>
Mon.	Jan 30	7:30 AM	+JIMMIE BEHAN ~ <i>Wife and Children</i>
Tues.	Jan 31	7:30 AM	+FRED LUCAS ~ <i>Tom and Meryl Zelenak</i>
Wed.	Feb 1	7:30 AM	FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY throughout the world
Thurs.	Feb 2	7:30 AM	+BIAGIO MUCCIACCIARO ~ <i>Wife and Family</i>
Fri.	Feb 3		<i>Feast of St. Blaise</i>
		7:30 AM	+GLORIA DIPASQUALE ~ <i>John and son, Anthony</i>
Sat.	Feb 4	8:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS and DEACONS
		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>



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 1-22-2017

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ---- \$9,975

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,510
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day...	\$ 304
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME.....	\$ 5,814
SHORTFALL	\$ 4,161



FISCAL YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW Operating Costs Year to Date \$9,975 x 30.....\$299,250

Actual Weekly Income Year to date \$293,844 Shortfall \$ 5,406



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



Feast Day of St. Blaise, Friday, February 3 following the 7:30 AM Mass there will be the "Blessing of Throats"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – January 29 ~ Religious Education Classes/Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8 ~ Confirmation Class

First Reconciliation for Children: Saturday, February 4 at 10:30 AM in the CONVENT building.

(Snowdate: Saturday, February 11)

February 5 ~ Religious Education Classes/Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8 ~ No Confirmation Class



Our Parish Nurses will be available next 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 families of **Diane Buda and Ronald Hetten** who recently died.

YOUTH CHOIR NEWS: We thank our Youth Choir for their beautiful singing at last week's Sunday 9:00 AM Mass. Your voices enhance our Eucharistic Celebration and we are most grateful.



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.*

Join Us for St. James School's Open House this Sunday, Jan. 29 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

50 Harvey Place, Stratford. Take a Tour. Meet our faculty. Speak with students and parents. Experience our Activity Fair. St. James students receive an excellent academic foundation while being challenged to develop a strong sense of self and faith through service to others. Come and see what our community has to offer your family! *Open registration from Pre-K to 8th Grade. Tuition assistance is available.*
203-375-5994 www.stjamesstratford.org
Celebrating Over 70 Years of Educational Excellence.

Sunday, February 12 at 2:30 PM, Mass will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament, Union Ave, Bridgeport for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

All, especially the sick, the frail and the handicapped are invited. Refreshments will follow. Welcome begins at 2:30 PM and Mass is celebrated at 3:00 PM. For more information please call Kelly Weldon 203-834-5029 or klweldon@optonline.net

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 place your intention in the collection basket or call the parish office at 203-375-5815. The requested stipend of \$5 for the Community Mass remains the same for 2017.



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.*

2016 Contribution Statements were mailed this week. If you do not receive one and need this for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office 203-375-5815

"There can be no true peace if everyone claims always and exclusively his or her own rights, without caring for the good of others." Pope Francis @Pontifex



Evangelization Corner Being a peacemaker is far from easy. It requires us to look at the other person's perspective and sometimes even admit that we are in the wrong. Being a peacemaker, though, is not the same thing as being a "pushover." Keeping peace requires the strength to stand up for what is right and to be a protector and advocate for the weak.



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.

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. Thank you!

This week we begin the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal to provide the funds for the pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the diocese of Bridgeport. This year's theme, *Sharing God's Gifts, Transforming Lives*, call us to come together as a people of God to live and share the faith we profess as we carry forth the mission of Jesus Christ. When you receive your Appeal mailing this week, please take time to read the information thoroughly, to see how you can help and give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift to the campaign. Thank you.

A Living Theology Workshop: Finding Friendsgiving: Community and Connection
In your twenties or thirties? Please join us at Fairfield University on Saturday, February 4 from 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM for an open conversation on how to find and nurture friendship and connection in a mobile age. A panel of young adults will reflect on their efforts to find intentional community and invite the participants to offer their insights as well. This event will be held in the Dolan School of Business Dining Room. Free and open to the public; reception to follow. Please RSVP at <https://www.facebook.com/events/209866209426358/> 203-254-4000 ext. 2726

Lauralton Hall invites you to attend Take-a-Look Tuesday on February 7 at 8:00 AM. Join us for coffee and a tour of Lauralton Hall. RSVP to 203-877-2786 Ext.144. Lauralton Hall, 200 High St., Milford.