

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 4, 2018**



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018**

5:30 P.M. Dick Shull  
Pauline Glacken  
Tom Karwacki  
Eileen Sisco  
Connie Vergari

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
John McPartland  
Anna Post  
Edward Garruto

10:00 A.M. Celeste Cutrone  
Arthur Boyd  
Regina Kunz

12:00 P.M. Joseph Balega  
Mary Ruocco  
Arlene Barna  
Intentions of Mike Durkin

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Helen Jarzembowski

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Margaret Korker  
Jim Quinn

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Dan & Charlotte Bolen

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Nigel Hutchison

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018**

5:30 P.M. Tom Norton  
Ann Langley  
Rosemary Pannone  
Tom Karwacki  
Gabe Bellantoni

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Teresa & Victor Croley  
Ted Sagan

10:00 A.M. Intentions of Ella Rodriguez  
Tom Karwacki  
Regina Kunz  
Alfonso Favorito  
Benjamin Glorioso

12:00 P.M. Jennie Montgoris  
Ella Noel  
Fred Akel  
John Salvini, Cristino Cui, and Carmen Cui  
Valentine Dymowski – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Mary Carton	Jacob Hicks	Evelyn Means
Tom Guzowski	Audrey Grace Higgins	Ava Rae Nebbia
Gary Ragusa	Alex Haines	Larry Perry
Baby Michael Soojian	Jan Hongo	Susan Nichols-Boggio
Baby Ryder Sasso	Carmela Fusco	Frank Morici
Frances De Maria	Dorothea King	Jerome Foray
Manuel Esguerra	Eileen McPartland	Grace Garbarino
Rosemary Liebman	Cenelia Soto	Frank Sanclementi
Sharon Acquaire	Noah Lorencovitz	Sandra Pacifico
Sister Marie Louise	Florence Grim	Amida Jaloudi
Barbara Kincaid	Carmela Bitondo	Mike Durkin

**DECEASED:** Our Deceased Loved Ones

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday - \$5,444.00

Thank you for your continued support.



**Dear Friends in Christ:**

Today people leave their faith and think that there is no God because God is not a magician for us and does not make things easy for us. God is there, not to make things easy, but to be with us and to help us find the wisdom of living. Job recognizes this even when all of his friends turn against him and tell him that he does not understand God. Saint Paul preaches the Good News of Jesus Christ whether it is well received or badly received. Paul does what he must do because he has met the Lord. Job did the same because in some way he had encountered the Living God.

Then the Gospel today, from Saint Mark, tells us about Jesus, who had the same kind of experiences. He comes and heals the mother-in-law of Saint Peter. Then others come to be healed. His fame goes out everywhere—not so much because people are looking for God directly, but because they want healing and miracles. Me, too! I want healing and miracles! But I can come to recognize that God gives many kinds of healing and miracles and not always what I want.

The readings today invite us to reflect profoundly on the presence of God in our world. We also want God to impose Himself in a way that can no longer be questioned. God has never done that.

God is a mystery and lives in that mystery in a way which always challenges us to believe or to reject. We know that even those who saw the miracles of Jesus, those who knew Him personally and admired Him, left Him and abandoned Him when He was crucified. What a test!

We also find it relatively easy to believe when all goes well, when everything points to the presence of God, when good things happen. When things begin to go wrong, we doubt. When there is nothing that seems to point to the existence of God, we too fall to the wayside. When bad things happen, we question the divine presence.

We are humans. And yet, God invites us to live as divine beings, with faith, trusting in the way of Job and of Saint Paul, walking in faith—obedient to our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us trust in Him.

**ST. FRANCES DE SALES**

**Feast Day – January 24**

**Francis De Sales** was born on August 21, 1567 in Savoy, France. He was educated at the Jesuit college of Clermont in Paris and also at Padua, Italy. He received a doctorate in law in 1591, but he was not satisfied with being a lawyer. After practicing law for a short time, he found that his true vocation

was the priesthood. He was ordained in 1593 at Annecy, the main town near his native Savoy.

Francis soon found that he was called to be a missionary. He began working in Chablais, a district that had broken away from Savoy and had become Calvinist. The Duke of Savoy, Charles Emmanuel, was an ardent Catholic, and had been trying to regain Savoy for the Catholic Church. Under the protection of the Duke, Francis succeeded in bringing most of the people of the people of Chablais back to Catholicism.

Francis was consecrated bishop of Geneva on Dec. 8, 1602. In 1610. Working along with St. Jane Frances de Chantal, he founded the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (the Visitation Nuns), which became principally a teaching order. Francis was also a great teacher, scholar and writer. He wrote the devotional classic *Introduction to a Devout Life* which emphasized that spiritual perfection is possible not only for priests, religious, and those who lived secluded lives; he explained that it is also possible for people leading busy lives in the secular world.

St. Francis De Sales was the first to receive a solemn beatification at St. Peter's, Rome and was canonized in 1665. In 1877 he became the first writer in French to be named doctor of the church. In 1923 Pope Pius XI named him patron saint of writers.

**CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!**

Thank you to all who participated in our Calendar Raffle!  
 Congratulations to the following winners:

**Week 6 Winners**

Date	Prize	Ticket #	Winner
1/28/18	\$ 50.	126	Cassandra Card
1/29/18	\$ 25.	439	Steve Wilson
1/30/18	\$ 25.	037	Diane Viviani
1/31/18	\$200.	591	Marge Allard
2/1/18	\$ 25.	184	Eric Barsness & Joseph Hannan
2/2/18	\$ 25.	690	Susan Kummer
2/3/18	\$ 25.	190	Paul & Allison Barsness

**KIDNEY NEEDED**

Fran Ferraro is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results.

So, in your conversations, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.

**"St. Joseph's Table - Save the Date"**

Please mark your calendars for our 3rd. annual St. Joseph's Table.

The date is Saturday, March 17, after the 5:30 Mass.

This is a special event for St. Francis Church, so please clear your calendars.

More information to follow.

Thank you for your support.

**LENTEN MISSION: 2018**

I know we have not as yet caught our breath from Christmas; however, Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>. This means the Emmaus group is preparing for the eleventh year of our parish Lenten Mission.

This year we will use another book from the "Six Weeks with the Bible" series from the Loyola Press ([www.loyolapress.com/six-weeks](http://www.loyolapress.com/six-weeks)) entitled *Matthew: How to Be Happy*. (Who does not want to be happy?) One difference is we are asking you to purchase the book this year. The price (including postage) is \$9.00 Emmaus is unable to hold the Fish and Chicken Fry dinner this year. In former years we used the profit from the dinner to pay for the books.

During the six weeks of Lent, we will focus on selected passages from Matthew and the Old Testament. There will be a bible study element with some background material, but the primary focus will be on our relationship with Jesus as viewed in the light of the gospel selection. What happens is that, as we explore the gospel together, our understanding and love of Jesus deepens and our bond with one another strengthens. It's a win-win.

You may sign up the weekend of Feb. 3-4. Sign up slips will be in the bulletin those weekends and in the narthex. The box for the sign-up slips will also be in the narthex. You may also sign up on line or call the rectory. The groups will meet on different days and at different times, and we hope one choice will fit your schedule. Please consider becoming part of the Lenten Mission this year.

**PARISH HAPPENINGS  
 February & March**

2/4	Sign up -LENTEN MISSION
2/4	K OF C SUPER BOWL CHICKEN WINGS
2/5	LADIES GUILD MEETING 7:30 PM – Church Hall
2/6	K OF C COUNCIL MEETING 8 PM - Church Hall
2/14	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
2/17	FAITH RENEWAL HOLY HOUR 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM FAITH RENEWAL MASS 5:30 PM
2/18	K OF C sponsored SPELLING BEE 2 PM - Church Hall
2/22	K OF C COUNCIL MEETING 8 PM - Church Hall
3/10	FISH & CHICKEN FRY sponsored by Knights of Columbus

## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2018

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at the following Masses:

7 AM, ~ 9 AM, ~ 4 PM Service ~ and 7:30 PM

### Fast and Abstinence During Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> year and have not yet reached their 60<sup>th</sup> year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year. (USCCB)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross devotion will be held every Friday in Lent at 7:30 PM in the Church. Come walk the road to Calvary with the Lord.

### FAITH RENEWAL AND HOLY HOUR

Mark your calendars! Join us on Feb. 17th for our monthly Faith Renewal Holy Hour filled with adoration, contemporary music, meditation and prayer at 4:30PM followed by our Faith Renewal Mass at 5:30PM. Let us all come together and enter the mystery of our Lord's presence in the Eucharist and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Our Faith Renewal mass is for those who prefer an upbeat, more lively worship experience, this Mass with Contemporary Music offers live music with guitars, keyboard and vocalists. Our Faith Renewal Mass will be held every third Saturday of the month. For young adults, teens, families with children, or Catholics of all ages who are young at heart, this Mass is a vibrant worship experience. We would like to invite you to become involved with our Faith Renewal Team and help us come up with new and wonderful, creative fellowship events. We are looking for talented musicians, either vocally or an instrument, who would like to share their talents. For more information or for ways to get involved in this ministry, please email us at [stfrancisfaithrenewal@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisfaithrenewal@gmail.com) or follow us on facebook @St.FrancisFaithRenewal. Help us grow our new ministry!

### LADIES GUILD NEWS

The St. Francis of Assisi Ladies Guild will meet at 7:30 PM in the church hall on Monday, February 5th, 2018. All women are welcome - please join us for an evening of prayer, friendship, refreshments, enjoyment, and service to God and our parish.



### PIZZA NIGHT WITH THE BISHOP

February 27 - Pope John XXIII, Sparta 7-9 PM

If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza. For more information, please contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 711.

### AN EVENING WITH SISTERS

Save the Date for "An Evening with Sisters" - Friday, February 23rd from 7 - 8:30 PM at Morris Catholic High School (200 Morris Avenue, Denville). This event is open to high school and college aged women to enjoy an evening of conversation, prayer, food and fun! To RSVP and for more details, please email Sister Bernadette McCauley on or before February 20th: [sbernadette@sceast.org](mailto:sbernadette@sceast.org)

### Assumption College for Sisters' Gala Raises Scholarships Funds for Catholic Sisters

Making the education of a new generation of Catholic Sisters possible, Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, NJ will hold The Seventeenth Annual Caring Basket Gala on March 22, 2018. The gala raises scholarship funds for the education of Catholic Sisters from the developing world who do not have such an opportunity in their homelands. Upon completion of their degrees, the Sisters return to their communities equipped with the professional skills for ministry.

The College is proud to present the Family Life Award to Kevin and Therese Coughlin of Basking Ridge, NJ. The Servant Leader Award to Msgr. George Hundt, pastor of St. Vincent Martyr, Madison, NJ, and the Spirit of the Heart Award to the Duphiney Family of Denville, NJ.

Please consider attending the gala, held at the Hanover Marriott, Whippany, NJ or placing a congratulatory message in the journal for the honorees and the Sisters! Your support will make a difference in the lives of many through the education of Catholic Sisters. *Teach a Sister...touch the world!*

For more information: 973.597.0188 x101; email [gala@acs350.org](mailto:gala@acs350.org) or visit [www.acs350.org](http://www.acs350.org).

### LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Maria Invernon & John Minnett

#### LECTORS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

5:30 P.M. Ted Luciani

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

7:30 A.M. Jay Markot

10:00 A.M. John McMurray

12 NOON Linda O'Connell

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

5:30 P.M. Karen Cisco & Lynn Magnini

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Hatima Omolon

10:00 A.M. Diane Drew & Judy Moran

12 NOON Tony Mazza & Matt Kampff

#### ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

5:30 P.M. Sean Moebius & Peter Sutula

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

7:30 A.M. Danielle Reid

10:00 A.M. Christopher Marren & Sebastian Wojtowicz

12 NOON Divine Crilly & Tim Kenny

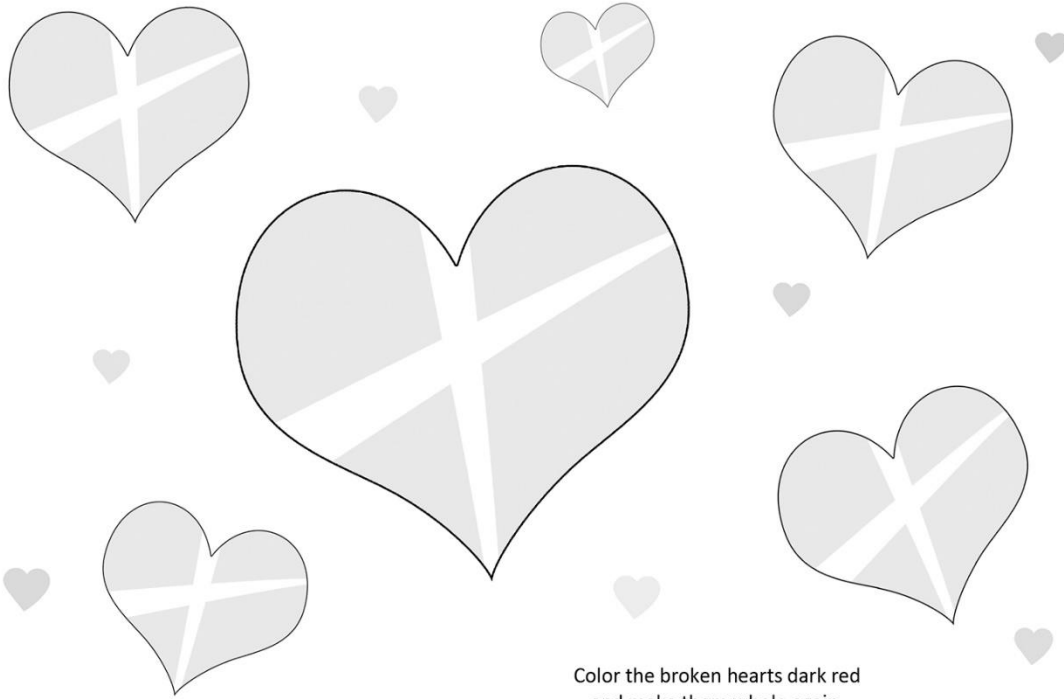
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## Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:29-39

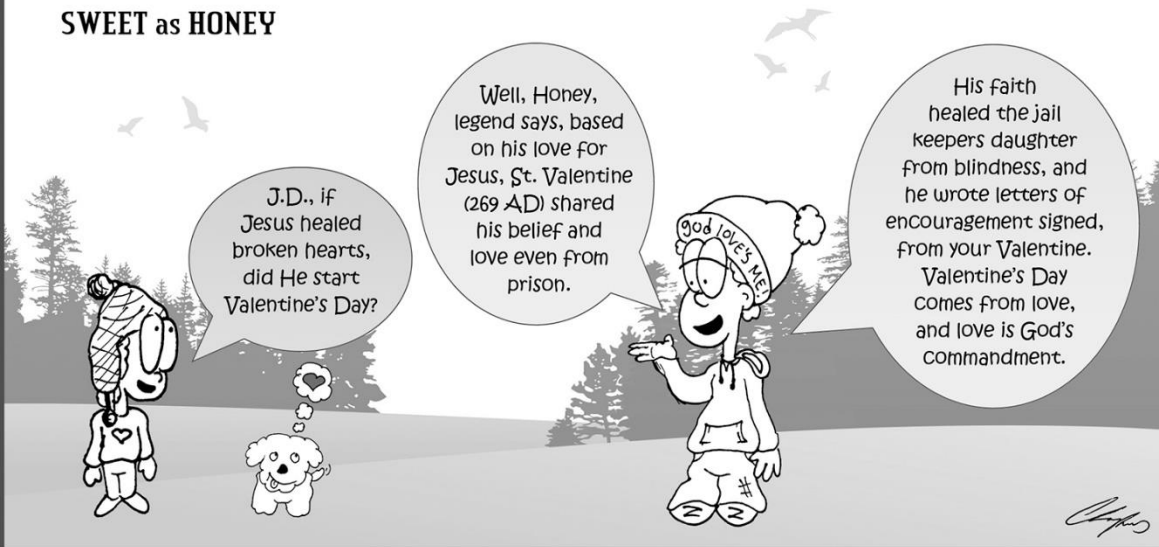
Jesus healed many people as He and His disciples moved from town to town.

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Color the broken hearts dark red and make them whole again.

## SWEET as HONEY



J.D., if Jesus healed broken hearts, did He start Valentine's Day?

Well, Honey, legend says, based on his love for Jesus, St. Valentine (269 AD) shared his belief and love even from prison.

His faith healed the jail keepers daughter from blindness, and he wrote letters of encouragement signed, from your Valentine. Valentine's Day comes from love, and love is God's commandment.