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Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am
Saturday6:00 pm
Sunday.....8:00 am & 11:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 5:00-5:30 pm

Adoration: First & Third
Fridays - 4:30 to 6:00 pm

Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday8:00 am
Saturday:4:00 pm
Sunday.....9:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

Adoration: Second & Fourth
Wednesdays - 12:30 to 2:00 pm

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January 14, 2024



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

Thoughts from Father Anthony - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



What are you looking for? That was the question of Jesus to the apostles in our gospel today. The gospel event is an example of a divine initiative. God takes the first step. God does the first move. It is He who calls us first. God does not wait for us to search and search until we can find Him. God Himself goes out to meet us. St. Augustine said, *“When we go to God we do not go to Him who hides Himself and keeps us at a distance. We go to Him who stands waiting for us, and who even takes the initiative by coming to meet us on the road of life.”*

Jesus began by asking the two men in today’s gospel the most fundamental question in life, that is, What are you looking for? And Jesus invited them with His words, *“Come, and you will see.”*

We can also ask ourselves these questions: What are we looking for? What are our aims and goals in this life? What are we really trying to get out of our lives? People are searching for security. People dream of a safe life and sound position. They think of money or a family to make their lives happy and their future secured. Others might be searching for stability. These could come from permanent or rewarding careers. People could be working hard for prominence, for prestige, or for popularity. Some could be searching for peace, or for prosperity. People might be looking for success, or for their own salvation. Yet we are reminded in the scriptures, *“Do not seek, what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore. All the nations of the world seek for these things, and your Father knows that we need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these other things will be given you besides.”*

We must look first for God. We must first and foremost search for him and if we are searching for Jesus, let us imitate Philip. Let us introduce others to Jesus. It was the utmost joy of Andrew to bring his brother Simon to Jesus. His ardent desire was to share the glory and joy of meeting Jesus. Having discovered the friendship of Jesus, he spent his whole life in leading others to that friendship with Jesus. The imperative *come, and you will see*, are invitations for us to go to Jesus and experience him. It is a direct way of challenging us to find Jesus, to try Jesus, and to return to him.

The first reading describes how Yahweh called Samuel to His service and how the boy Samuel responded to Him, saying, *“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”* Hence, God blessed him in the mission entrusted to him, and Samuel became an illustrious figure, ranking with Moses and David as a man of God.

In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 40), the psalmist sings, *“Behold, I come to do Your will,”* indicating that his vocation is to obey, to do what God commands him to do. In the second reading, St. Paul explains to the Corinthians that their Divine call is a call to holiness. Hence, they need to keep their bodies pure and souls holy, because by Baptism they have become parts of Christ’s Body and the temples of the Holy Spirit.

Today’s Gospel also describes the call or vocation of the first apostles and challenges us to invite others to Christ by our Christian witnessing. Now the divine initiative of God demands from us two things:

First is to answer his invitation to come and see. We must discover him and, connected with this response, is a responsibility to share Jesus with others.

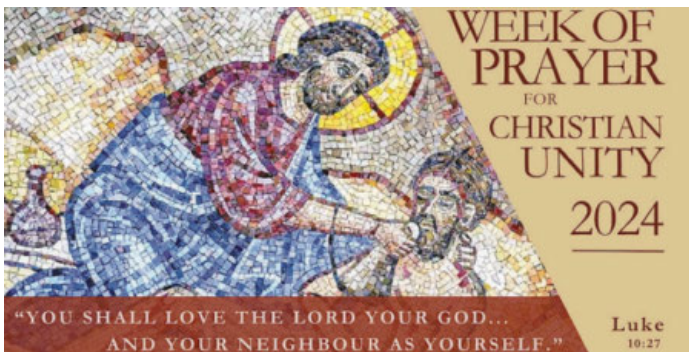
Second is to remain in that friendship with Jesus. We must stand by him and stay with him forever. And we should end up as his witnesses.

Remember, Saint Augustine said, **“My soul is restless until it rests unto to you O Lord.”**

(Meditation based on today’s Gospel - John 1: 35-42)

“Come and See,” Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about Him. Today He whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage - go, and see what Christ has to show you.

On Monday we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King helped millions of Americans turn against racism and violence and challenged us: *“Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.”* Live the dream ... not just in words but in action.
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday.



Christian Unity Week January 18-25

Each year a special week is set aside so that Christians the world over may echo the prayer of Jesus to His Father: *“that they all may be one, Father, that the world may believe.”* (John 17:21)

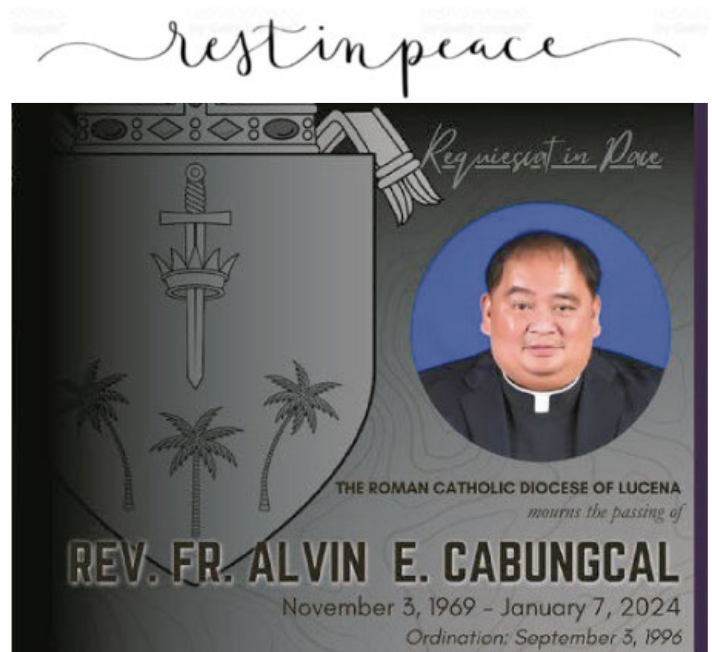
Through our common prayer, we experience our shared life in Christ and a common commitment to work for the unity that Christ wills. Through prayer we learn that our common identity is stronger and more fundamental than all the historical circumstances and differences that divide us. In recent years, the churches have made important steps toward understanding each other and have continued to work together toward greater harmony, but prayer is still needed so that the body of Christ on earth can be strong and united. During this special week, please pray for the unity of all Christian peoples.

Question of the Week:

What will I do during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be one with other Christians?



The **Liturgy Commission** will meet at 6:00 pm on **Monday, January 15,** at the social hall in Footedale.



Parish Sympathy is expressed to Sue Ann Malinsky on the recent death of her sister *Irene (Martin) Keener*. May God grant her eternal life and comfort her family.

Parish Sympathy is expressed to the family of † **Elaine Teresa (Choplick) Kovak** who was buried Friday, January 12.

Elaine served as Choir Director and Church Organist at the former All Saints Church and School for many years. She also served as Lector and Eucharistic Minister and was a member of the Christian Mothers and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. May God grant her eternal life and comfort her family. May she rest in peace 🎵

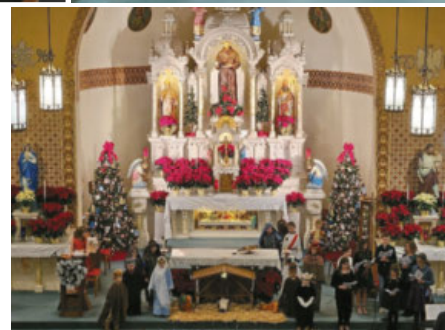
Pray for Life Day - Friday, January 19

Everyone is invited to join in a day of prayer hosted by the Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) at **Christ Our Shepherd Center** in Greensburg on **Friday, January 19,** the day of the **March for Life** in Washington D.C. The day begins with the Rosary for Priests at 11:30 am followed by Mass at Noon, Rosary for Life, Stations of the Cross for Life, Diving Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm, Litany for Life at 3:30 pm and closing prayer at 4:00 pm. There is no cost. Those attending can stay all day or part of the day. The DCCW will also be accepting donations of baby items for pregnancy centers in the Diocese.

Widowed, Divorced, Separated?

The Beginning Experience© Lay Apostolate offers programs to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women work through their grief and move forward. www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to Kim at 412-352-2653 .

**Christmas
and Epiphany
2023**



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**“The time is always right
to do what is right.”**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The Practice of Stewardship

In today’s first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, “Here I am!” each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.” See 1 Samuel 3:4 and Psalm 40

Thank you to the Youth Ministry of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish and to the Girl Scouts for remembering our homebound and those living in nursing homes with special hand made Christmas cards and greetings.

Thank you to all who participated in the Giving Tree project. Your thoughtfulness helped to make Christmas brighter for 100 children served by the Fayette County Community Action Agency and the Salvation Army.

Thank You to all who remembered their loved ones with a memorial donation toward the Christmas flowers. Your envelopes of remembrance listing your intentions remained on the altar throughout the Christmas season and were remembered in prayer.

Thank you to Carol Warman who donated an angel to the Footedale worship site.

Thank you to the Decorating Committees (indoors and outdoors) who made the worship sites beautiful for our celebration of the Lord’s birth.

Thank you to those who served - choir, lectors, altar servers, special ministers of the Eucharist, greeters, ushers, sacristans, parishioners - all who helped Father Anthony celebrate beautiful Masses.

Thank you for your participation at the Masses and for your generous support of our Parish. God bless you!

Stewardship of Treasure

December 31: \$3,475; loose \$585; online \$1,347; Solemnity of Mary \$665; total \$6,072

January 7: \$5,308; loose \$460; monthly \$365; children \$8; online \$452; Initial \$991; total \$7,584
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MASS SCHEDULE ©LPI

Saturday, January 13 -- Vigil: Second Ordinary Sunday

4:00 pm-F *Pro Populo*
6:00 pm-M George Rantovich (M/M Ron Frasconi)

Sunday, January 14 -- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M Linda Michalik (Sister, Janet)
9:30 am-F *Stella Komara (Family & Friends)*
11:30 am-M Deceased of Radzilowski Families (*Zatlokovicz*)

Monday, January 15 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Ellen Duffy (Bogozi Family)

Tuesday, January 16 -- Weekday

8:00 am-F *Helen Pollick (John & JoAnn Pecsco)*

Wednesday, January 17 -- Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:00 am-M Theresa Cassidy (Rick/Nancy Zatlokovicz)

Thursday, January 18 -- Weekday

8:00 am-F *Steve Molek (Dave & Libby Kenney)*

Friday, January 19 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Joseph Williams (John & Sue Maykuth)
4:30-6:00 pm-M Adoration / Confessions

Saturday, January 20 -- Vigil: 3rd Ordinary Sunday

3-3:30 pm-F *Confessions*
4:00 pm-F *Adeline Kiec (Grant/Regina/Gabriel Watson)*
5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions
6:00 pm-M Frances Oravets (Regis Bozek/Becky Main)

Sunday, January 21 -- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M Michael Shine (John & Dana Pisula)
9:30 am-F *Amelia & Vincent Kopec (Family)*
11:30 am-M Pro Populo



Last Sunday, on the Feast of the Epiphany, we heard the familiar story of the magi, who, directed by the star to Bethlehem, find the baby Jesus. Today we hear of the first disciples, who, directed by John the Baptist, encounter the adult Jesus. That initial encounter changes the entire course of their lives, for, as Andrew insists to his brother Simon, "We have found the Messiah." May our encounter with the Lord, here and elsewhere, influence the way we live our lives as well.



Rest in Peace, Father Alvin ♥

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-51; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-27; Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, January 19, in Masontown

4:30-5:30 pm: Adoration & Confessions
5:30-5:45 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy
5:45-6:00 pm: Benediction

*O King of glory, though you hide your beauty,
yet the eye of my soul rends the veil. I see the
angelic choirs giving you honor without cease.*

- St. Mary Faustina Kowalska

Memorial Candles burn this week in loving memory of or for the special intention of:

† **Sanctuary** - *Unity Among All Christians*

† **Blessed Mother** - *William Drzazgowski*
requested by daughters, LuAnn & Mary Lou

Mary Salek

requested by Mary Ann Rush & Benjamin

† **Saint Joseph** - *Joe Matyus*
requested by his wife, JoAnn,
children & grandchildren

† **Saint Anthony** - *Birthday Remembrance
for Charles Fronczek*
requested by his family

† **Sacred Heart** - *Father Alvin E. Cabungcal*
requested by Father Anthony and the
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