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Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday .. 8:00 am
Saturday 6:00 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 & Thursday 8:00 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am

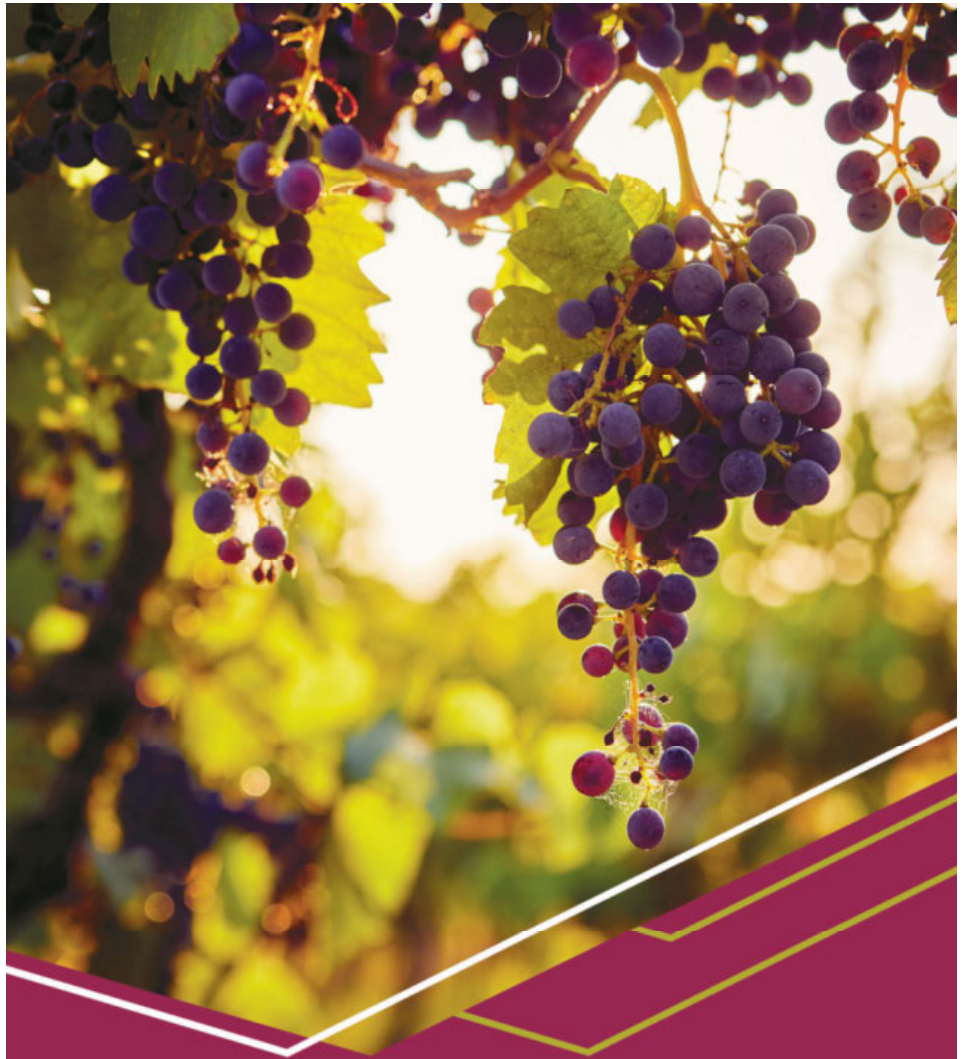
Confessions: Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

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

Office Hours: Monday through
Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Bulletin Articles: The deadline
for placing articles in the bulletin
is Monday at Noon.

New Parishioners, Welcome!
Please register as soon as possible.



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

- Jn 2:1-3

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



At a wedding at Cana in Galilee, Jesus revealed His glory and His disciples began to believe in Him. - John 2:1-11

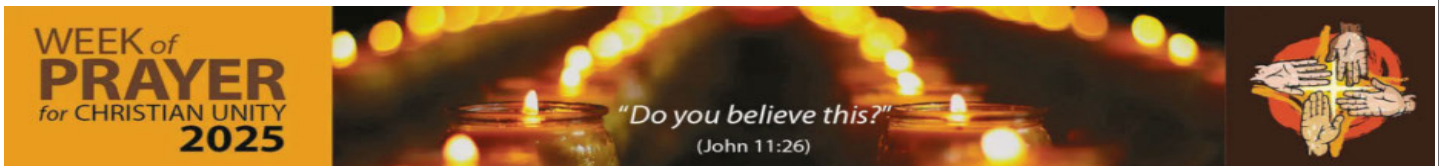
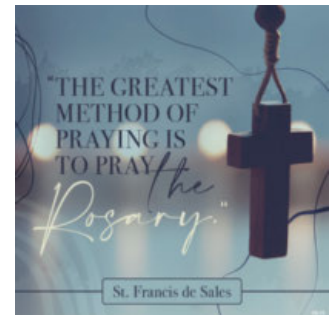
We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to see, not just listen to, an idea so God gave us Jesus Christ - God made visible in the world. During these past weeks, we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and how He began His adult public life at His baptism by John.

Today's Gospel tells us of His first sign - providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana. Even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in His own day, nor is He now. We have to ponder what we see: the poverty of His birth, His humility and openness before John the Baptist; His kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding.

It is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

Mass Readings for the week of January 19, 2025

- Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
- Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 7:25 - 8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/ 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year at this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to “lighten up” is good medicine because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, “Let us pray,” a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair and an Orthodox might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path but the goal is always the same. This week is not for focusing on well-worn paths of divergence but for mutual delight in a common goal.

During these first seven Sundays in Ordinary Time, the second reading will be from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Today he declares our unity in diversity. The Holy Spirit infuses each of us with spiritual gifts to bond us together in the one Spirit. Deepen your awareness of how the Holy Spirit has empowered you. Make a list of all the gifts that Saint Paul highlights and prayerfully consider which gifts shine through you. How do you use them in the service of your faith? Look for opportunities this week to affirm others in the gifts the Holy Spirit has given them and how they share them with those around them. Called together by the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Church joins other Christians in observing the **Week of Prayer for Christianity Unity from January 18-25.**

THANK YOU!

I wish to thank all who served in any way to make our parish and liturgies so beautiful during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Our parish celebrated the birth of our Lord with great joy! I also want to thank everyone for the good wishes, cards, gifts, and delicious goodies. Your kindness is truly appreciated. So again, on behalf of myself and all of our clergy - thank you! Fr. Tony

We are all the servants at Cana. Each of us, at various times, finds ourselves confused and unsure, empty where we should be full, unprepared where we should be ready. When we falter, Mary's words give us direction: "Do whatever he tells you."

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to **Josie Anne Cline**, daughter of Roger & Nicole (Matis) Cline who was baptized last Sunday, January 12, in the presence of her godparents, George Matis Jr. & Alyssa Rugola. Welcome to the newest member of our Parish Family!

DAY OF PRAYER

for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade* and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect preborn children.

While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now, state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed. The **General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)** - no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**.

The Church directs: *In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.*

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or almsgiving.
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



Start by doing what is necessary then what is possible. Soon you are doing the impossible.
- Saint Francis of Assisi

Communion to the Homebound

is provided on a regular basis. Please call the Parish Office to be added to our list.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment. Prior to your baby's Baptism, you must be a registered, practicing member of this parish.

Sacrament of Marriage

Requires parish membership by at least one of the parties for six months prior to making arrangements for marriage.

Prayer Chain

To request prayer, please call Patty 724-245-9746 or Valeria 724-583-9460

Protecting God's Children

If you have a suspicion about sexual or other abuse of a minor child by anyone, contact PA *Childline* immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser functions in any parish, school, or diocesan position, either paid or volunteer, also contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct at 724-837-0901, ext. #1221, *after making the Childline report.*

"Pray for Life" Friday, January 24, 2025

with The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women

ALL are Welcome Come and go as your schedule permits

Christ Our Shepherd Center, 2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg

- 11:30 Rosary for priests
- 12:00 Mass celebrated by The Very Reverend Eric J. Dinga, VF
DCCW Spiritual Advisor
- 1:30 Rosary for Life
- 2:15 Stations of the cross
- 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:30 Litany for Life
- 4:00 Closing Prayer and Benediction

Free will offering and Donations of diapers and baby items will be distributed to pregnancy centers throughout the diocese

Observances for the Week Ahead

Sunday:	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday:	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Wednesday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Thursday:	St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Friday:	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
Next Sunday:	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

PIEROGI MAKING

In preparation for our Parish Lenten Meals, we will begin the pierogi making process at the social hall in Footedale. Help is needed peeling potatoes on Sunday, January 19, and pierogi making on Monday, January 20. Start time for both tasks is 9:00 am. If you have some time to spare, we would be very grateful for your help.

PARISH CASH BASH - Sunday, March 2 at the social hall in Footedale.

Doors open at 2:00 pm; cash drawings begin at 2:30 pm and continue every ten minutes through 7:00 pm. Donation of \$20 includes free food and refreshments. Tickets are available at the Parish Office.

Sung Evening Prayer resumes Sunday, **January 19**, at 6:00 pm (following the 5:00 pm Mass) at Saint John the Evangelist Parish. All are welcome!

The **ROSARY FOR UKRAINE** is prayed at 4:00 pm each Sunday at Saint John the Evangelist Parish 50 Jefferson St., Uniontown. All are welcome and encouraged to come and pray for peace in Ukraine.

Join us for Season 4 of "THE CHOSEN" which begins at 6:00 pm on Sunday, **February 2**, and takes place at Saint Mary Parish Center in Uniontown. Even if you missed Seasons 1-3, you will find Season 4 enlightening.

Please plan to join us - and bring a friend!

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The Practice of Stewardship

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good but the generosity of God knows no limits - the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the celebration of our Savior's birth joyous and for your generous support of our parish.

Thank you to Steven Bozek for constructing the stable to display the Nativity set.

Thank you to Mark & Beth Smearcheck & Family for a donation to Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in memory *Gerald Grimes* and *James "Jim Bob" Huhn*

The **Initial envelope** in your packets helps to defray the cost of the production and mailing of our annual envelope sets. Thank you for your support!

Stewardship of Treasure

January 12: \$5,111; loose \$656; monthly \$1,697; online \$495; Initial \$126; totaling \$8,085

Our parish is very grateful for your support!

GRIEF SUPPORT SPRING PROGRAM

Stepping Stones Bereavement Support Group
Mondays, 7:00 pm beginning March 3

Third Presbyterian Church, 425 Union St., Uniontown
All newly bereaved and those still suffering with a loss are invited to attend. There is no charge.

For questions and registration information, please call Lillian at 724-439-1683.



Valentine's Dance

Tickets \$30.00

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 18 -- Vigil: 2nd Ordinary Sunday

4:00 pm-F Adeline Kiec (*Daughters & Family*)
6:00 pm-M George Rantovich (Joe & Judy Bogozi)

Sunday, January 19 -- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M James Robert Mehok (Mehok Family)
9:30 am-F Eugene Burchianti (*Karl Burchianti*)
11:30 am-M Joseph Albert Fedor (Daughter, Jude)

Monday, January 20 -- Saints Fabian & Sebastian

8:00 am-M Alice Richnafsky (Anna Hornick)

Tuesday, January 21 -- Saint Agnes

8:00 am-F Gerald Grimes (*George Sasko*)

Wednesday, January 22 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Irene O'Brien (Beverly Honeywell)
12:30-2:00 pm-F Adoration / Confessions / Benediction

Thursday, January 23 -- Sts Vincent & Marianne Cope

8:00 am-F Gregory Martinko (*M/M David Molnar*)

Friday, January 24 -- Saint Francis de Sales

8:00 am-M John S. Maykuth Sr. (Son, John/Family)

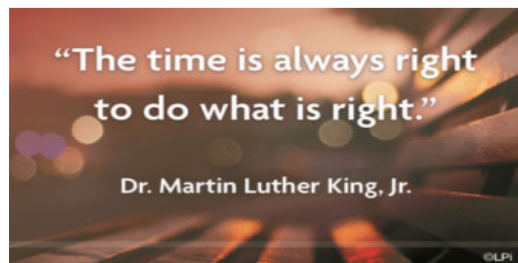
Saturday, January 25 -- Vigil: Third Ordinary Sunday

3:00 pm-F Confessions
4:00 pm-F Johanna Carter (*Fran & Larry Ferek*)
5:00 pm-M Confessions
6:00 pm* George Homa (Rita Paroda)

Sunday, January 26 -- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M Mary Anne & Steve Billcheck (Brother)
9:30 am-F George Sofranko (*Kathy Lacek*)
11:30 am-M Walter Malesky (Michael/Betti Moser)

* Children's Mass - Faith Formation students participate in various parts of the Mass as lector, servers, etc.



On Monday, January 20, 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.



Last week's Gospel told of Jesus' baptism, when the Father revealed to all those present that Jesus was the Son of God. Today's Gospel tells of Jesus' first miracle, changing the water to wine at a wedding banquet. John calls His miracles signs for they reveal Jesus' divinity to everyone who witnesses the event. Here, John immediately points out that his disciples respond with faith. As this was Jesus' first sign, this is when they begin to believe. All these centuries later, may listening to Jesus' wondrous deeds yet again strengthen our faith as well.



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, January 22, in Footedale

Exposition/Confession/Benediction/Reposition

12:30 to 2:00 pm

"We must always have courage and if some spiritual languor comes upon us, let us run to the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and let us place ourselves in the midst of the heavenly perfumes and we will undoubtedly regain our strength." - Saint Padre Pio

To say that God turns away from the sinful is like saying that the sun hides from the blind. - St. Antony

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

† **Sanctuary** - Daniel Mullen
requested by wife, Annamarie

† **Blessed Mother** - Ann Novak
requested by daughter, Annamarie

Birthday Remembrance for Lauren Madison
requested by her family

† **Saint Joseph** - Sister Barbara Ann Johnston
requested by Linda Rohol

† **Saint Anthony** - Augustine Aello, Sr.
requested by wife, Edith; children, grandchildren



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