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February 13, 2022



7th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - February 20, 2022****SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13,
22-23

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Leon Love

MEMORIALS**Sacramental Wine:***Special Intention of Michael Langan - Pat Madison***FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangements:***In loving memory of Mary Kennedy - Louise & Ron Furstoss***IN OUR PARISH****E\$cape 2022**

Are you wondering how you can help St. Mary Our Mother School? Do you want a chance at winning some big money? Tickets for the big Money Raffle are on sale now! Please call St. Mary Our Mother School at 607-739-9157 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to purchase your ticket. Tickets are \$100 each and the payout could be as high as \$10,000. Only 400 tickets will be sold. Get yours today!

A online auction including one of a kind art work, created especially by our students will be part of this year's auction. Would you like to purchase a Mother's Day package? Would you like to purchase a Harris Hill glider rider or take a 3 hour excursion on Seneca Lake? Would you like to E\$cape from the winter months and spend a week in Florida? All this and much more will be up for auction beginning March 24, 2022. More information will be shared about the online auction in March. Information will also be shared on the St. Mary Our Mother School Facebook page.

A scavenger hunt will also take place beginning in mid-March to support some of the businesses that are supporting this event. It is open to anyone and clues will be given on the school's Facebook page. Several food trucks will be available for take-out only on **Saturday, April 2, 2022** from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. This will also be the day of the Big Money Raffle drawing.

*(In Our Parish continued on page 4, column 2...)***SUNDAY'S READINGS****First Reading:**

"Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1 Cor 15:49)

Gospel:

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of February 20, 2022**

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/

1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Observances for the week of February 20, 2022Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Presidents' Day; St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Wednesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

I mentioned in this column last week that Pope Francis I has invited the entire Church throughout the world to enter into a process of a Synod, with the Synod's theme being: **For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.** In the words of Francis: *"The challenge of being a Synodal Church is the 'journeying together' - laity, pastors, the Bishop of Rome. This is what God is asking of us and is present in some ways already."* (Pope Francis, October 17, 2015)

The Synod will focus on the three key aspects of Communion, Participation and Mission. These three dimensions are vital pillars of a Synodal Church, with each one enriching the other two.

Communion: By His gracious will, God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith, through the covenant that He offers to His people. The communion we share is deeply rooted in that love and united of the Trinity. It is Christ who reconciles us to the Father and unites us with the Holy Spirit. Together, we are inspired by listening to the word of God, through the living tradition of the Church, and grounding in the faith we share. All of us have a role to play in discerning and living God's call to His people.

Participation: A call for the involvement of all who belong to the People of God - laity, consecrated, and ordained - to engage in the exercise of deep and respectful listening to one another. This listening creates space for us to hear the Holy Spirit together and guides our aspirations for the Church of the third millennium. The entire community, in the free and rich diversity of its members, is called together to pray, listen, analyze, dialogue, discern, and offer advice on making decisions which correspond as closely as possible to God's will. (ICT, Syn., 67-68).

Mission: Our mission is to witness the love of God in the midst of the whole human family. This Synodal Process has a deeply missionary dimension to it. It is intended to enable the Church to better witness to the Gospel, especially with those who live in the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographical, and existential peripheries of our world. In this way, synodality is a path by which the Church can more fully fruitfully fulfill her mission of evangelization in the world, as a leaven at the service of the coming of God's kingdom.

The Key convictions of a Synodal Church include:

Listening to one another can be an authentic experience of discerning the will of the Holy Spirit.

Meditation, grounded in the liturgy, sacred scripture, and prayer prepares us for shared reflection and conversation.

Experiences shared with one another, not just filling out a questionnaire, lead to discerning hearts and minds.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 14 - St. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop

6:45 AM Maribel Sanchez - Toribio family

Tuesday, February 15 - Weekday

6:45 AM Mary & Warren Woodward - daughter, Evelyn & family

Wednesday, February 16 - Weekday

6:45 AM Dennis Graumann - 6:45 a.m. Mass friends

Thursday, February 17 - Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Friday, February 18 - Weekday

6:45 AM Roberta Belletti - Marion O'Driscoll

Saturday, February 19 - Weekday

5:00 PM Elizabeth & George Bartosch

Sunday, February 20 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Don Zelko - Nick & M.M.

10:30 AM Happy birthday, Mom

A process, not just one time events, helps us unfold the will of the Spirit among us.

The journey unites us more deeply to one another and sends us out on a mission to others.

"A basic question on the Synodal Process that prompts and guides us: How does this journeying together, which takes place today on different levels (from local to universal), allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with mission entrusted to her; and what steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church?" (PD 2)

For further information, you may access the Synod website at www.dor.org/synod.

You will hear more about the process next week and more specifics on how you can engage in this process in the next few weeks. Let us pray for our Church at this most important time.

Have a great week. Take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

REGIONAL EVENTS

2022 Diocesan Public Policy Weekend - 2/12 & 2/13
Care for the Marginalized through an Equitable & Just NYS Budget

This weekend is Diocesan Public Policy Weekend. We will have an opportunity to speak up for the babies/toddlers growing up in poverty in our community and for community mental/behavioral health services. Our message to the Governor and state leaders:

In order to be truly “New York Strong” we must first take care of those most vulnerable in our state. One way to do this is to create a budget that uses equity and justice as its guiding principles. There are many important initiatives that need to be supported, but two that we would like to advocate for are the closing of the NYS Child Tax Credit loophole so that it will cover those who are most vulnerable, children ages 0-4. The second issue we are raising up is our concern for the over 40% of New Yorkers who have reported struggles with their mental health during the pandemic, many of whom have not been able to receive the treatment they need due to lack of providers. Many service providers are finding it extremely difficult to provide the critical services at current rates. Therefore, we are also petitioning for a 5.4% COLA and a \$500 million investment in workforce, service and support in the Executive Budget.

Our Diocesan Public Policy Committee is encouraging everyone to sign the petition calling for an Equitable and Just New York State Budget on **February 12/13 - Diocesan Public Policy Advocacy Weekend**. You can sign the petition online at <https://www.dor.org/petition/>. Bring the signed petition to Mass on this weekend, February 12/13 and deposit it in the basket provided on the table in the vestibule. Thank you for caring about babies and toddlers and vulnerable people in need of mental health services.

GOSPEL SYNODAL CONNECTIONS

Jesus spoke to a multitude of disciples and followers about the rewards that await those who live in His ways especially through adversity. Isn't this the message of the Church left to us by Christ Jesus and shared with us by the Apostles in our day? Synod theme #4 - Celebrating tells us that “Journeying together is only possible if it is based in prayer, on a communal listening to the word of God and the celebration of the Eucharist.” (PD 30 #4) What joy and freedom can be found when we live life as we ought and help others follow the same path together. This is very possible when we listen to the needs of those we set out to journey together with and understand what is keeping them from entering the path toward the joy and celebration of Jesus. To learn more and/or participate visit the webpage, www.dor.org/synod.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED.

St. Mary Our Mother School Registration

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2022/2023 school year for grades pre-k-3 through grade six. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians who are new to St. Mary Our Mother School will need: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a completed parish commitment form for members of the parish. The non-refundable registration fee is \$150.00 per family. Both before and after school care are available. For further information, call St. Mary Our Mother School at 739-9157 during school hours from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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DIocese OF ROCHESTER PERMANENT DIACONATE

The deacon is a man of faith, who is called from the community that already recognizes his dedication to service. He makes a lifetime commitment to serving the People of God by proclaiming the Word, assisting and presiding at liturgies, and minister in the areas of charity and social justice. A deacon gives witness to his availability to the community by addressing present and emerging needs of the Church.

The Diocese is inviting interested men of strong and active faith, who can demonstrate a record of service in the communities in which they live, work and worship, who may wish to explore a possible call to ordained ministry as a permanent deacon, to first speak with their pastor for an initial conversation. They may also contact Deacon Edward Giblin, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at Edward.giblin@dor.org for additional information. A potential candidate must be at least 35 years of age and no older than 62 years at the time of ordination after a five (5) year period of formation. He must be in good health, emotionally mature, have stable relationships and must have the wholehearted support of his wife (if married) and family to enter the phase of inquire. Because the parish is the primary experience of Church for most inquirers, the parish community is asked as well to invite from among its members men who exhibit strong faith and a spirit of service and encourage them to consider a possible vocation to a permanent diaconate.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The prophet Jeremiah minces no words in today's first reading:" Thus says the Lord: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings...whose heart turns away from the Lord." And the prophet's "beatitude" resembles that of Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel reading when He proclaims: "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord."

Good stewards understand that what the world values is not consistent with Gospel values. They realize that God has placed in their midst all the gifts, charisms, and resources needed to bring Christ to a world desperately in need of His loving presence. But to exercise good stewardship over God's gifts takes a great deal of trust. How does our stewardship reflect our trust in the Lord? What did we do today to give others hope in Christ Jesus?



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