# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **ANNOUNCED MASSES**

Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) -Vigil Mass

4:30 PM – Joseph Inghrim (D) Mary Inghrim

Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 9:30 AM – People of the Parish

11:30 AM – Boris Grazic (D) Co-Workers

Monday February 17th – Seven Holy Founders of the Servite 8:30 AM - No Mass

Tuesday February 18th – Weekday 8:30 AM - No Mass

Wednesday February 19th – Weekday No Mass

Thursday February 20th – Weekday 3:00 PM – No Mass

Friday February 21st – St. Peter Damian, Bishop 8:30 AM – No Mass

Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> – The Chair of Saint Peter 8:30 AM – No Mass

Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time(C) - Vigil Mass

4:30 PM – Intention Available

Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 9:00 AM – Anthony Lucyk (D) The Lucyk Family

11:30 AM – Krzysztof Nowak (D) Friends

#### THE NEW MASS BOOK FOR 2025 IS OPEN

Special date that you would like to remember or have Mass said for? Reserve it now! The perfect prayer is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Why not offer this most special prayer to someone living who needs special graces, or those who are deceased in need of special mercy. Please fill the form kept at the back of the Church and return it to the rectory either by mail or in person or put it in the collection basket.

A Thank you to Tony of Maiori Brothers Contracting LLC for spending a Sunday and fixing our boiler.

### **Keep Them in Your Prayers**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2025** 

Our Country's Armed Forces, Father John J. Lynch, Patricia Coniker, Jim Lund, Regina Wagner, Susan Giangiacomo, Brenda Distel, Mary Caughey, Sheila Lashinsky, Henrietta Lynch, Melissa Kester, Ryan Sanok, Anita Hartmann, Emma Noel, Mary Frances Mack, Mari-Jane Conklin, Richard Dexter, Richard Hodges, Tina Dowe, Judy Bush, Bridgette Faye, Cheryl Stauch, Sherry Cassidy, Sally Bonnell, Janice Yager, Christopher Philip Blume and the people of Ukraine, and ALL our first responders and several special intentions. CONTACT THE RECTORY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES NAME TO BE ADDED IN THE PRAYER LIST.

## **Prayers for Our Active Military**

Sean Rush, ABFAA, US Navy Joshua Smith, CPT, US Army Frankie Smith, Pvt, US Coast Guard Chris Whipple CPT, US Army Trey Robertson, CPT, US Army Andrew Bagan, LT, US Army Dana Manell Cavazos, 1st SGT, US Army Hunter Taaffe, SGT, US Army Clayton Glidewell SGT, US Army Sierra Mickelson E3 US Air Force Joseph Melendez Pvt, US Army

#### **Weekly Reflection**

There are those who claim that true believers prosper and have no troubles in this life. Look at the life of Jesus. He had lots of trouble! The depth of your faith is not measured by your prosperity but by how you handle the ups and downs of life. If you try to do what is good and right and rely on God's grace, you will have a peace and steadiness within you no matter what is happening around you. When things happen you will have gratitude for what is good and trust that you will be given the strength to endure the bad and find the blessing hidden in them. God is always at your side blessing and sustaining you.

#### **Religious Education**

Our Children have been hard at work preparing for the reception of sacraments this Spring. We ask that you to continue to pray for them and all our faithful children and their families. Our next family Mass is March 2<sup>nd</sup> with our 7<sup>th</sup> level students who will sign their commitments letters. Our next fundraiser of Krispy Kreme donuts will be starting soon!

#### **Encourage Each Other Daily**

The title of this writing comes from the Epistle to the Hebrews (3:13) it reads in the English translation, encourage each other daily while it is still today, the meaning is do not hesitate to offer encouraging words or works to a brother or sister that is struggling. By observation we know when a fellow human is having difficulty and many times there is something that we can do to ease their burdens. However, we must first cast off our own burdens that make us self-centered and cognizant of our own weighty tasks. What then is the first step in this venture. That's right we must engage with our Lord in prayer and humbly ask for his assistance. For as Jesus has said: Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my Yoke upon you and learn from me for I gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest in me, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light (Mt 11:28-30). Now ponder this thought, when we pray to have our burdens lifted from us, that help may come in the form of a person a friend or stranger who helps us. Just as when another prays for assistance, and we are the helper that the Lord has sent. If we do not recognize the Lord's, will we have disappointed him. So be aware my friends of these little opportunities to serve that are provided to us, that we be seen as righteous in the eyes of the Lord and more good tidings will come our way.

The Holy season of Lent will soon be upon us and hopefully we will all be focused on Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving as we have been instructed to do many times over many years. We are already aware of our need for prayer on a continuous basis so that we may remain in spiritual union with the Holy Trinity. Almsgiving and charity and encouragement we have already addressed above. Now as for fasting, that can mean many things to many people. A common question during lent among Catholics is "What did you give up for Lent". I would suggest that we not ask that question of a brother or sister because we do not really need to know. For very often it leads to judgement or comparison with our own practices and there is no need for comparison here for it can lead to the sin of pride, and that would be stumbling block to our own Lent. Our Lenten fasting practices are ours and with the knowledge of God alone we will measure our commitment. Another side to this for adults is giving up an item of food or drink this is fine as long as we don't gorge ourselves with it on Sunday. I recall vividly the Lent that I abstained from coffee. It did nothing for my spiritual wellbeing and did not bring me closer to the passion of our Lord. In fact, it made less kind and charitable and forgiving. I would suggest an alternative my friends that we incorporate an additional spiritual practice into our normal routine of worship. There are many choices varying in degrees of intensity from praying the Rosary or attending Mass daily, to adding a morning Holy Hour and proclaiming the Liturgy of the Hours both morning evening.

Choose something that you can incorporate into your daily lifestyle in your current state of life. By the grace of God, you will discern what it is, and it will be a meaningful Lenten experience. Perhaps it is something that you can do with a spouse or an adult child.

There are many ways to strengthen ourselves for our Lenten pilgrimage. Attending Adoration of the Blessed sacrament whenever possible which for our parish will be 8AM during the week except Wednesday and before 9AM Mass on Sunday. Making a proper confession of our sins, and receiving the Eucharist as often as possible, and of course entering conversation with God.

So let us smile more often and lend a helping hand to those around us and graciously accept kindness from others. Let us pray, that our Lenten pilgrimage will bear much fruit and bring us closer to the mountaintop where God resides with our loved ones who are saints.

Blessed Holy Trinity we adore you profoundly and we wish to offer you the body and blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus the Christ found in all the tabernacles of the world for the forgiveness of sinners, the reparation of sin and the remediation of evil that has occurred since our Lord Jesus arose from the earth on the 40<sup>th</sup> day, until he returns in glory and majesty to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. By the immense power of his sacred heart and the immaculate heart of Mary we humbly beseech you almighty Father for a conversion of all poor sinners in the world.

Carmen Salvemini T.O.C.

# NEXTWEEK'SREADINGS February 23, 2025 7th Sunday in Ordinary

1<sup>st</sup> 1Sam 22:2,7-9 2<sup>nd</sup> 1Cor 15:45-49 Gospel of Luke 6:27-38

# OFFERTORY REPORT February 9,2024 1st Collection \$1519 2nd Collection \$283 Fuel \$70

**Total** \$1992

Candles

\$120

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU for your contributions and continued support of our Parish!

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. -Jeremiah 17:7