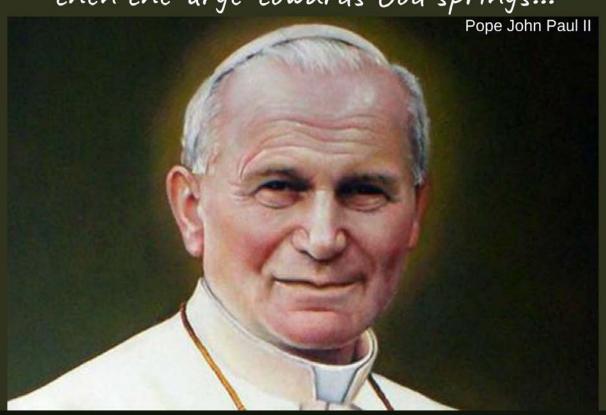
World Day for Consecrated life When our whole life is one faith, hope, love, prayer and silence, a consecrated life always bound up in the Eucharist, then the 'urge' towards God springs...



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February 6, 2022



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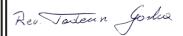
Dear Parishioners,

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

Today we are gathered to celebrate the World Day of Consecrated Life. Perhaps a word of explanation might be helpful for those of you in the Church today who are not in consecrated life. The phrase "consecrated life" describes the vocation of women and men in the Church who have heard and answered the call to follow Christ more closely by professing the evangelical counsels or vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience, and living a form of life that is recognized by the Church. This includes religious sisters, religious brothers, and religious priests. Some are engaged in ministries of direct service such as those who teach or work in health care, parishes, and social services. Others lead contemplative lives of prayer, praying constantly for the Church. The phrase "consecrated life" also includes individuals who are called to live as hermits and consecrated virgins, as well as lay women and men who bear special witness to Christ by lives vowed to consecrated celibacy, poverty, and obedience.

So as you can see, the word "consecrated life" is a general term that includes the many ways in which persons in the Church can be called to lead a more intense life of discipleship, not only for their own sake, but, more importantly, to inspire and encourage all of us to follow Christ more fully in the vocations of marriage, priesthood, or as a single person.

May God bless all Men and Women in consecrated life. May God bless us and keep us always in His love.





Saint of the Day

Feb 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani

Born in Venice, Jerome spent some time in the military, and later served as a magistrate. He provided for the sick, the hungry, and orphans; and persuaded others to do likewise. Through his good offices a number of hospitals and orphanages were established in several northern Italian towns. He was founder of the Somaschi Fathers, a congregation of religious men vowed to the care of orphans, and named after the town of Somasca where they started, and where they founded a seminary; the society was given approval by Pope Paul III in 1540, and continue their work today in a dozen countries. He was canonized in 1767 and is the patron saint of orphans.

- St. Josephine Bakhita

Born around 1869 in the Darfur region of Sudan; due to her family lineage, she grew up happy and relatively prosperous, saying that as a child, she did not know suffering. Historians believe that sometime in February 1877, Josephine was kidnapped by Arab slave traders. For the next 12 years she would be bought, sold and given away over a dozen times. After being sold to the Italian consul in Khartoum, the capital of Sudan, he took Bakhita to Italy to work as a nanny for his colleague. He, in turn, sent Bakhita to accompany his daughter to a school in Venice run by the Canossian Sisters. Bakhita felt called to learn more about the Church, and was baptized with the name "Josephine Margaret." A young student once asked Bakhita: "What would you do, if you were to meet your captors?" Without hesitation, she replied: "If I were to meet those who kidnapped me, and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands. For, if these things had not happened, I would not have been a Christian and a religious today".

Feb 10 - St. Scholastica

The twin sister of St. Benedict, she consecrated her life to God from her earliest youth. Little is known of her early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery. The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters. According to the *Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great*, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day. Scholastica passed away in 547, not long after Benedict's last visit. She was buried in the tomb that Benedict had prepared for himself, in the hilltop monastery of Monte Cassino.

Feb 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

It was on February 11, 1858, that a beautiful lady first appeared to Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes, France. She encouraged Bernadette to say the Rosary and asked her to tell the people to pray, to do penance and to recite the Rosary for sinners. The Virgin appeared to St. Bernadette eighteen times between February and July, the last time telling her,

"I am the Immaculate Conception." Today the Shrine at Lourdes is one of the most visited Marian sites in the world.



MON Feb 7 8:00 AM James

James and Theresa Cerrato Requested by The Jurewicz Family

TUES, Feb 8 Saint Jerome Emiliani

Saint Josephine Bakhita - Virgin Hon. James and Eve DiGiuseppe

Requested by

the Children of Martin and Anne DePaoli

WED, Feb 9 8:00 AM

8:00 AM

Special Intention

Requested by Tom and Sunny Dougherty

THUR, Feb 10 8:00 AM Saint Scholastica - Virgin
James and Theresa Cerrato
Requested by The Jurewicz Family

Our Lady of Lourdes Private Intention

SAT, Feb 12 8:00 AM

FRI, Feb 11 8:00 AM

Private Intention

4:15 PM

Pro Populo

SUN, Feb 13 8:00 AM

Ronald Artiles

Requested by Terry and Connie Udicious

10:00 AM

David AlwineRequested by Karen and Family



Please pray for the sick of our parish and those that care for them.

Kevin Schurr, Steven DiGuiseppe, William Good, Garrett Rogers, John Slanga, Kitty Heebner, Baby Briana, Aria Gessner, Brian Szalabofka,

Dan Dordea, Elizabeth, Caroline, and Tommy Cummings, Alex Stadelmaier, Ed and Johanna McLaughlin, David Hritz, Chris Chrisman, Lauri Ronan, Alyson Layser, Keith Garnett, Orville Otis, John Breslawski, John Sowell, Elena Craft, Faye West, Madison D'Annunzio, Nancy McNamara, Patricia Berner, Charles Crowder, Patricia McMinn, Max Good, Tara Clarke, Susan Kelly, Walt and Pat Kalil, John Hoff, Ann Boyle, the Gonzalez Family, Steve Curll, Ed Reynolds, Pat DeFeo, Annalies Frisco, James McManus, Casey Glennon, Helen Gallagher, Taylor O'Neill, Rosemary Buchanan, Kate Baker, Jim Bob and Barbara McEwen, Grace Giuffre, Marissa and Enzo Fuentes, Robert Fry, Jr., Deirdre Magolon, Claire Phelen, Moira Randazzo, Dex Volpe, Brad Bryan, Adrienne Eisenhauer, James Bryan Wineburg, Hank Edleman, the Vogelsang Family, and all the sick and suffering of the parish.

We pray that God will bless you all with His healing hand. When your loved one recovers, please notify the Parish Office so we can offer a prayer of thanks!



Please Pray For Those Serving In The Military

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Sergeant Justin Solorio

Decade-A-Day Rosary Group **Prayer Intentions February**

For the month of February we pray for all who have addictions to digital devices, especially addictions to gambling, pornography, and excessive use of video games and social media.

A Retreat for Widows: March 11 - 13

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Join with other widows as we look at our own individual stories for courage and wisdom. We hope to discover how in the sharing of our stories we continue to find strength and hope. There will be time for sharing in small groups, Eucharist and other appropriate liturgies.

Beach walks, socials and nice conversation are included!

Cost: \$145pp

www.capemaymarianists.org You can sign up online or call to register.



February's prayer intentions are for Father Tadeusz Gorka.

A candle burns this week next to the Saint Joseph statue

for Gregory Schiele

Requested by Eileen and Family





A candle burns this week next to the Divine Mercy image

for Joan Przasnyski

Requested by Regina Golie



Next ENDOW study begins TOMORROW 2/7. This study explores all 36 Doctors of the Church but explores in depth the newest female Doctor,

Saint Hildegard of Bingen. Meetings are held Mondays in the Katharine Drexel Room:

7pm - 8:15pm. Questions: Dr. Beth Shoudt at drshoudt@hotmail.com.

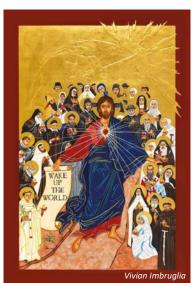


World Day of Consecrated Life Sunday, February 6, 2022

Our world today has a need for true witnesses of dedicated and committed lives that serve the Church and the local civic communities. To allow us to do this, Jesus himself comes and tells us once more, serenely yet firmly,

"Do not be afraid," (Luke 5)

These words enable us to go forth and serve with the same courage that the Holy Spirit stirred up in the Apostles, impelling them to proclaim Jesus Christ. How often we are tempted to keep close to the shore! Yet the Lord calls us to put out into the deep and let down our nets (Luke 5:4). He bids us to spend our lives in his service...to put all our charisms at the service of others.





Pray and Donate Supplies for the Unborn

Please pray for the unborn, and consider donating to the supply drive for Amnion Pregnancy Center in Norristown.

Needed items:

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"Let our Savior be the heart of your heart." ~St. Francis de Sales



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Live From The Abundance Of God's Amazing Grace.



The theme will be "Dancing with Life - Spiritual Tools for Spiritual Growth". Sister Mercedes Rojo, a sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia, will be the retreat director. Please consider the gift of this weekend retreat for yourself and other women in your lives. To register, call 610 644-0400 or visit http://www.malvernretreat.com.

Any questions call Sunny Dougherty @ 610-948-4542.

Other News

- February 9th. 3-4pm Free webinar on mental illness: 'Walking with People Toward Healing'. Learn ways to help those with mental illnesses. Presented by the National Catholic Partnership on Disability. Register: https://ncpd.org/even/walking-people-toward-healing
- Are You Being Called? February 12 13, 2022 A Come & See Weekend: For high school men who are considering a vocation to come to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like. More info: heedthecall.org/events/febhscomeandsee/.
- Mount Saint Joseph Academy Spring Admission Events: Prospective students and families may join us on campus to learn more about academics, athletics, fine arts, co-curriculars, and student life. 7th Grade Shadow Visits begin February 14. 6th & 7th Grade Practice Test: Saturday, March 5. Personal tours are offered throughout the spring by appointment. Learn more about visit opportunities and events at msjacad.org/spring22. Please contact the Admission Team at (215) 233-9133 or <a href="mailto:admission-admissi
- Married Couples Resolve to "Live your best life in love" in 2022: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience? The next virtual experience is: Sunday and Wednesday evenings March 6 thru March 30, 2022. This is a great opportunity to spend time improving your communication in the comfort of your own home. For more info contact: Marge and Michael Walsh at 609-741-8012 www.ejerseylovers@gmail.com.
- Catholic Cinema Sundays for Children: 3/6, 4/3, 9/4, 10/2, 12/4 @12:00 PM. Free. @ National Centre for Padre Pio. 111 Barto Road, Barto. For further information, contact angela@padrepio.org. Visit us at: www.padrepio.org.
- Special Episode of the Augustine Institute Show: Tuesday March 1.7:00pm. Prepare Your Heart for Lent. Join us on Formed.org.
- Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities: Save the Date April 24th, at SS Peter and Paul Cathedral in Philadelphia.
- Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction: archphila.org/hope
- Nourish for Caregivers Support Groups phillyevang.org/nourish

One Minute Meditations



A Light to My Path - The Word of God is like a lamp, illuminating the paths on which one walks. Spend time today with Sacred Scripture, asking the Lord to guide your way with His words.



Post-Abortion Healing Retreat March 4 - 6

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