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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2022**

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Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

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10 am-noon. Items needed are: soup,  
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individually wrapped items like apple sauce, pudding, bars,  
etc., water, cereal, oatmeal, pasta and sauce, canned veggies  
and fruit, spaghetti, pop-tarts, mac and cheese, ramen  
noodles, mashed potatoes, canned beans (black, baked, pink,  
and kidney), rice, jelly, hygiene products (toothpaste,  
toothbrushes), detergents, hand soaps, dish soap, paper  
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welcome. Questions? Email outreach@stmariannecope.com.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Rita #264's  
**Valentine's Day Bake Sale** is February 12 and 13  
before and after each Mass.



Mark your calendars for **40 Hours Devotion** on February  
24-26 at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, preached by Fr.  
Herald J. Brock, CFR. More details will be available in future  
bulletins.



Scan the QR code to visit the **Worship Aid** page for  
the readings, antiphons, and music for the Sunday  
Mass.

The Sunday 10 am **Mass is livestreamed**. Connect through  
the YouTube link on the parish website, stmariannecope.com.

**The Bulletin Cover Image** is "The Calling of the Apostles  
Peter and Andrew", Duccio di Buoninsegna. Source: wga.hu.



**ALEXANDRA LUCIA FOURNIER**  
was baptized  
on January 30, 2022.

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## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

# BLEAK FACTS, AN ANSWER

**P**RIESTS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY, Ulster County, and Sullivan County Deaneries were asked to meet recently with Bishop Whalen, Vicar for Clergy in the Archdiocese, and Eileen Mulcahy, Vice Chancellor for the Pastoral Planning in the Archdiocese. They shared unpromising statistics about both current and future availability of priests. At this moment, there are currently 510 priests in the Archdiocese of New York. There are 355 under the age of 75; 297 under the age of 75 who are assignable. Of the assignable priests, 143 are between the ages of 60 and 75; 68 are between 50 years of age and 59; 48 are between the ages of 40 and 49; 34 between the ages of 30 and 39; and 4 between the ages of 25 and 29. There are 48 priests under 50 years of age; 38 under 40 years of age. Projecting only three deaths per year, and three priests ordained per year, there will be 265 active priests in 2025; 233 active priests in 2030; and 174 active priests in 2035.

These figures have the Archdiocese encouraging priests and parishes to do what they can to collaborate across parish boundaries. There likely will be more parishes merged and closed, we were told. We will probably see deacons and religious being asked to administer parishes (though their numbers are no more robust). There will be fewer available Masses necessarily. All told, the shape of Catholic parish life will be very much different in the years ahead.

Some will suggest it is time to ordain women. Since the issue is not sociological but theological - ordination is reserved to men simply because the Church believes that Jesus' choice of men at the Last Supper is constitutive of the priesthood - that is unrealistic. This discussion deserves a lengthier treatment than is possible in this space. Some would suggest the ordination of married men or the elevation of married deacons to the priesthood. Though the former has been permitted in other circumstances, and the latter allowed in even rarer circumstances, there are more reasons against the idea than there are in favor. (Again, I would need more time and space for an explanation.) Indeed, this seems to be no real solution as those Christian denominations that allow a married clergy are suffering a decline in vocations as well.

In some quarters, there will be people who are glad for the development. They may suggest - citing the sad record of sexual abuse by clergy - the Church has no one to blame but itself for the decline. While true that the recent scandals have harmed the Church and her people greatly, the paucity of candidates for the priesthood was a fact well before the Boston Globe's expose in 2002. If the

occurrences of sexual abuse of children and others within the general population and among certain demographics apart from the Church were known, we would be horrified.

No, our present circumstances are due to our failure to ask the Lord to raise up priests in our families and parishes and the lack of faith especially in the mystery of the Eucharist. This may sound naive and simplistic, but the only real words we have from Jesus about vocations are from Matthew 9:37-38: "Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.'" (One might find the question treated perhaps by our Lord in his conversation with the rich young man - Mark 10:17ff.)

If only we had faith the size of the mustard seed (Matthew 17:20), we could move mountains ... and help young people hear God's call to serve His people as priests and religious sisters and brothers. Studies abound about the abrupt decline in a culture of belief among American families. Eighty-five percent of all young adults have no connection to a traditional faith (University of Notre Dame). They refer to themselves as "None" when asked a question about religious beliefs. Seven in ten Catholics believe the Eucharist and Holy Communion is merely a symbol of Jesus' sacrifice, not his real Body and Blood, not his presence (Pew Foundation). The truth is even before our eyes in our post-pandemical gatherings for Mass: So few of our families are present with us anymore (not even for Christmas) and I fear this may be more than temporary. While Faith may not have been abandoned entirely, the lived faith of so many is terribly fragile. Priests and deacons from the diocese at a conference on "Eucharistic Conformance" at St. Joseph Seminary all agreed that the present crisis (the crisis of vocations and the crisis of faith) demanded greater catechesis on and opportunities for devotion to what is "the source and summit of our faith." There is hardly a need for priests if no one wants the Eucharist, and no one will desire the Eucharist if they don't believe it is what the Church claims it to be.

Toward that end, and to prepare us for a widespread campaign for a Eucharist revival in our Archdiocese, the parish will be holding **Forty Hours** of continuous devotion to the Eucharist just before Lent (February 24th to 26th). It will be led by Father Herald Brock, CFR, who has conducted parish missions here for these last few years. I will be inviting and challenging everyone over the next couple of weeks to participate, to adopt it personally as part of your own mission for the sake of our parish and parish families. Much more information to follow!



# THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE



**Job** (pronounced like “lobe”, not like “bob”) is the 22nd book in our Catholic Bibles. Job is the first of the Wisdom Books of the Bible. St. Jerome believed that this was a good place to begin one’s Bible-reading (too late for us!) because of the practical nature of the material found here with great application to our daily living. You’ll certainly find it much more digestible than the many chapters of multiple wars that we have just concluded.

The story of Job was already well-known in Ezekiel’s day, so it at least dates from the 6th century B.C. If you’ve ever felt you’ve suffered unjustly, you will identify greatly with Job. In its pages you’ll read of everything being taken from dear Job and his comment that, naked, he came into this world and, naked, he shall leave it (ch. 1), meet his three friends, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar, who will try to convince Job that his suffering is due to his sins (ch. 2 and following), learn that discretion comes with age (ch. 12), hear Job ask God, “Why do you hide your face and look on me as your enemy?” (ch. 13), listen to Job wonder why the wicked triumph in this life (ch. 21), ponder a lament about God’s seeming deafness to the presence of evil in the world (ch. 24), commiserate with Job who feels he is a laughing stock (ch. 30), meet a ‘til-now silent younger observer, Elihu, who encourages Job to look up to God with hope (ch. 32 and following), learn how God sends snow or rain at times to foil plans (ch. 37), and hear how all of Job’s possessions and family are restored to him in abundance (ch. 42).

When you finish this book, you will have read 22 (30.1%) of the 73 books of the Bible, yet 545 (40.9%) of the 1,334 chapters of the Bible.

*Permission granted by Rev. Robert J. Schrader (based on Timothy Schehr’s book, The Bible Made Easy: A Book-by-Book Introduction).*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Mon, Feb 7**

8:30 +Holy Souls in Purgatory by a donor

### **Tues, Feb 8: St. Jerome Emiliani**

8:30 +John Stacy & Greyson Kessler by Melody & Jong Kyu Yune and family

### **Wed, Feb 9**

8:30 +Maria Punzalan by R. Pana

### **Thurs, Feb 10: St. Scholastica**

8:30 +Carmella DelGaudio by Ellie DelGaudio & family

### **Fri, Feb 11: Our Lady of Lourdes**

8:30 Antoinette and Marcelle Tahtouh by Ireifej family

### **Sat, Feb 12: BVM**

8:30 +Antoinette Mansour by Ireifej family

4:30 +Stephen Adamo by Missy Irwin

### **Sun, Feb 13: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 +Francis Burke by Michael and Margie Gallagher

10:00 +Peter Di Gregorio by Janine Berkson

12:00 Pro Populo (for the people of the parish)

*The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass—\$15.*

## READINGS FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **Reading I — Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8**

The call narrative here underlines the prophet’s authenticity and justifies his teaching. That teaching may prove to be unpopular or even seditious.

### **Reading II — I Corinthians 15:1-11**

Paul gives us here the very creed of the Church, meant as the authentication of himself as an apostle of the risen Lord Jesus.

### **The Gospel — Luke 5:1-11**

Jesus’ Kingdom teaching receives a positive response from Peter, James and John among others. Astonishment won the day and the three followed Jesus right away.

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