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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 12, 2023**

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Mass Schedule
at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am

Confession
Saturday: 9-9:45 am or by appointment

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Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. Masses with distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday will be at 8:30 am, noon, and 7 pm. A Service of the Word with distribution of Ashes will be at 3:30 pm. This is a day of fast and abstinence. **Stations of the Cross** will be every Friday of Lent at 7 pm in St. Thomas Church.

Welcome Father Paul! We are happy to welcome Father Paul Kwaku Ameyaw to be with us for the next three months. Father is the Vicar General of the Diocese of Techiman in Ghana.

Parish Outreach Ministry: Interested in a family activity? We make sandwiches for the homeless on Sundays after the 10 am Mass. We will be having a Food Drive in March but in the meantime, we can use cases of water and individually wrapped snacks. Contact John LaGreca to sign up to make sandwiches or with any questions at outreach@stmariannecope.com. Thank you for your support!

Venture Forward! Our new high school program gives students in grades 9-12 an opportunity to venture deeper into their faith by encountering Christ through short studies with their peers and adult facilitators. Our first study will be a "Venture" through the great stories of the Bible. Meetings begin February 19. See the flyer at stmariannecope.com for more information.

Save the Date: Pilgrimage to the Shrines of New York and Canada, June 19-23, 2023. More information to follow.

Catholic Daughters of America Court #264 News...

~ From the Spiritual Adoption Committee: We will be showing the movie, *Unplanned* (R rated), on Saturday, February 18, 1:30-4 pm, in the old school building.

~ Congratulations to the 10-Month Raffle winners for February: \$50 (#123) Nancy Faust; and \$75 (#179) Barbara Cast.

Communion for the Homebound: Please join us in the renewal of our ministry of bringing the Eucharist to homebound parishioners. If you have previously served in this ministry or are currently a Eucharistic Minister and would like to participate, contact Sr. Mary Byrnes at 845.527.2935 or byrnes.srmarty77@yahoo.com.

40 Days for Life is February 22-April 2. Can you give one hour, one day to pray with us for mothers and their babies?

~ Spring Campaign Kickoffs: Newburgh - February 19, 3:30 pm - St. Francis of Assisi Church basement, 145 Benkard Avenue, Newburgh;

Goshen - February 22, 10 am - 7 Coates Drive, Goshen.

~ Newburgh Planned Parenthood - 136 Lake Street, Newburgh, Newburgh40DaysforLife@gmail.com, Campaign Manager - Wendy Wood - 845.820.4366.

~ Goshen Planned Parenthood - 7 Coates Drive, Goshen, mary.goshen40@gmail.com, Campaign Manager - Mary Vecchio - 917.817.9174.

The Saint Therese Classical Academy and Chesterton Academy offer PreK-12 students a classical education in the Catholic tradition and are holding an Open House on February 12 and March 5, 1-3 pm. They are located at 338 State Rt 2008 Bldg 2 in Campbell Hall. For more information, visit STCAcademy.org or call 845.610.5288.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

THE IMPORTANCE OF SUNDAY

THE GREATEST PRAYER OF ALL IS MASS, and Sunday Mass is that special day of the week when the whole community comes

together to give honor and glory and praise to God. This is “*Thee*” day of the week. It is the first day of the week and not the end of the weekend. It is a day of rest and recreation. It is the one day when we especially rejoice in the gift of the Eucharist which is the food for our journey. Sunday is the day we go to church and come together as Church to give public witness in thanksgiving for the blessings of the week that has just passed and ask God for his blessings on the week ahead.

In many ways, the seeds of my own vocation to the priesthood were sown in going to Mass with my family on Sundays. I remember as a child that we all prepared well for Sunday. Mom and dad dressed up for Sunday Mass and made sure we did as well. We sat in the front pew so that I would behave, and we would pay attention to the actions of the Mass and come to understand it. The Mass was in Latin in those days. Now the Mass is in the vernacular, and we are able to study and pray over the readings

before going to Mass. The Sunday Mass is a time to give of the substance of our time, talent and treasure to God and to the community. This is a time also to give to causes of great need, an opportunity to give of ourselves as we move out of our own particular little world and into the communal, universal and eternal world.

Sunday can and ought to become the center point to our discipleship as individuals, as families and as parishes and faith communities. The Mass is the “source and summit of our Christian life,” of our prayers and meditations and Christian living throughout the week (“*Lumen Gentium*,” no. 11).

A significant part of the purpose of the new evangelization is to invite our family members and friends to return to active practice of the faith by attending Sunday Mass. The Mass is the highest form of prayer available to human beings as it is a participation in the heavenly liturgy which is filled with abundance in comparison to our feeble attempts here on earth. “*The immense numbers of people who have not received the Gospel of Jesus Christ cannot leave us indifferent*,” says Pope Francis in “*Evangelii Gaudium*” (“*The Joy of the Gospel*,” no. 264).

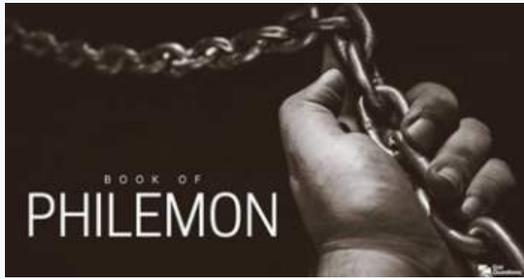


Please keep in mind:

Fr. Herald Brock, CFR will return to the parish from February 23 (the day after Ash Wednesday) to February 25 to offer a Lenten mission with Forty Hours of Devotion.

See the website or next week's bulletin for more details.

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE



Philemon is the 64th book in our Bibles. It is the first one chapter book we have encountered since Obadiah.

This letter of Paul is really about the size of a letter, and is written in Paul's own hand. Paul writes to Philemon who is in Colossae (which is in modern day Turkey). Somehow, Philemon's slave, Onesimus (whose name means "useful") had escaped and wound up with Paul in prison. While together with Paul, Onesimus was baptized,

and now Paul tries to be the peacemaker pleading with Philemon (whose name means "loving") to welcome Onesimus back as a brother in faith.

We don't know for sure where Paul was when he wrote the letter, but some posit it was Ephesus, making the date of its composition somewhere in the mid 50s A.D. In its verses, Paul gives thanks as he usually does in his salutations; he also asks Philemon to prepare a room for him, and sends greetings not only from himself but from five others as well.

When you finish this book, you will have read 64 (87.7%) of the 73 books of the Bible, yet 1,278 (95.8%) of the 1,334 chapters of the Bible.

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

READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I – Sirach 15:15-20

Here we have a forthright affirmation of man's free will. Yet God is still the First Cause of all activity in the world.

Reading II – I Corinthians 2:6-10

Christ crucified and risen is the wisdom of God. The Holy Spirit gifts us with the wisdom to see what "eye has not seen, which is what God has prepared for those who love Him."

The Gospel – Matthew 5:17-37

The Law was thought to be the summary of all wisdom, human and divine. But Our Lord Jesus could not accept that conclusion as the last word. But Jesus could not accept that conclusion because He knew that He was the Law's fulfillment.



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

To watch a live streamed Mass from St. Patrick Cathedral via the Catholic Faith Network, visit catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses.

Sign up for flocknotes at stmariannecope.com with a cell number or email and stay involved by staying informed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Feb 13

8:30 +Nancy Tores by Frances Clifford

Tues, Feb 14: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius

8:30 +Fr. Robert Hilfiker by Kathy Kissel

Wed, Feb 15

8:30 +Sharon Roser by Kathy Kelly

Thurs, Feb 16

8:30 +Phil and Ann Adams by Liz Adams

Fri, Feb 17: Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:30 +Crowe and Schwarzler by family

Sat, Feb 18: BVM

8:30 +Benjamin Mamawal and +Fr. Lapuz by Linda Siner

4:30 +Nicholas Benavente by Nelly Lopez;
+Juliana Fanizza by Tom and Terry Fanizza

Sun, Feb 19: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Healing of Pam Murphy by Nelly Lopez

10:00 JCD Sunday by the JCD

12:00 The People of the Parish

Two intentions will be accepted at the Saturday, 4:30 Vigil Mass. 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. Contact the parish office.

The parish will offer Mass every first Saturday of the month at 8:30 am for the deceased who will be remembered in our Perpetual Mass Enrollment. These Holy Souls will be included in the prayers of the liturgy for a period of one year. The offering is \$30 and includes a leatherette memorial Mass folder.



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