

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Drop Everything

Remember that phone call, the one where you had shoes on and keys in hand before you hung up the receiver? The voice you heard may have carried the answer to your prayers or nightmare news; but whatever the call's content, you were moved to action. Without hesitation you dropped everything and went. You had to.

That same level of urgency touched the hearts of James, John, Simon Peter and Andrew in today's gospel. They were moved by the call of their Savior, a call to glory and terror, vision and blind faith. As Jesus' words "Follow Me" echoed across the waters, the newly chosen disciples' spirits answered immediately. They dropped everything to go where they were needed. They had to.

Ask yourself, "How have I answered God's call in my life? Do I greet His summons with keys in hand and one foot out the door, or am I still sitting at the kitchen table?" Let us pray that we too will drop everything when it is God "on the line."

Food For The Poor Appeal

Fr. Richard Paul Lewandowski will visit our parish next weekend, January 28-29, to speak about the mission of Food for the Poor. Ordained in 1974, he is a priest of the Diocese of Worcester, and assists Food for the Poor in raising awareness and direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Lewandowski's ministries have included serving as an associate pastor and pastor in many parishes and Campus Ministry. He is a licensed mental health counselor and writes children's books. He also serves at St. Richard's Parish, Sterling, MA, nursing facilities in Cambridge, MA, and counsels first responders and combat veterans.

Forgive Us Lord

For keeping silent, while tiny voices were stilled before their first word

For choosing the easy road, while tiny feet never learned to walk

For standing aside, while cradles were emptied without even a tombstone to honor them.

For allowing evil to reign, for even one day, while it could harm the most innocent of your flock.

Forgive us, Lord.

**FOLLOW
ME**

Offertory Giving

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus calling Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow Him. Following Jesus was a difficult journey for these first disciples. It is difficult for us today. Jesus wants to teach us His way of thinking, acting and encountering the world. But it is not easy for us to embrace His teaching. Good stewards of Jesus' teachings realize they are on a spiritual journey, and must learn from their experiences of being open and resistant to the Gospel. They realize the need to be liberated from those actions that keep them from enjoying a closer friendship with Jesus. What is it in our lives that we need to reform? What keeps us from revealing God's glory to others?

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,100.00
Last Sunday Jan. 15	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$5,337.00
Loose	<u>763.00</u>
Total	\$6,100.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$205,900.00
Cumulative Income	<u>210,658.35</u>
Ahead	\$4,758.35

Catholic Schools Collection

Next weekend's second collection will be the Catholic Schools Collection, which helps more families afford the cost of Catholic education. Next week, January 29 through February 4, marks the celebration of Catholic Schools Week throughout the United States.

Fellowship Sunday Resumes

The Altar Society will serve coffee and doughnuts after all of the Masses next Sunday, January 29. Please stop by the Parish Hall to enjoy tasty treats and great fellowship!



In Memoriam



It is with deep sympathy that we inform you of the death of **Margaret Clayton**, mother of Jeff DiGiovanni (Carol), who was called by God to her eternal reward. Please remember **Margaret** and all those who mourn her in your Masses and prayers.

Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, January 23

(Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, January 24

(Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35)

8:00 a.m. June Calkins

Wednesday, January 25

(Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18)

6:30 p.m. Communion Service

Thursday, January 26

(2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 4:21-25)

8:00 a.m. William R. Wahl, Sr.

Friday, January 27

(Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34)

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, January 28

(Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41)

5:00 p.m. Maurice Bersuder Sr., Capt. Pete Vogt, Eugene Blanchard Jr., J.C. Spiers, Allison Ellender, Roszczyński Family, Tina Mangano, Rosemary Poche, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Nancy McCann, Susan Fredrickson, Joseph D'Antonia Jr., Wally Farge

Sunday, January 29

(Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a)

7:00 a.m. Shirley Callais

8:30 a.m. Scott Fandal, Burnick Terrebonne Sr., Louis C Funel Jr., Deacon Pat Downey, Bruce Frederick, Andrew Lambert, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Suzanne Renckly, Audrey Bonnet, Robert Moreau, Vera Lyons, Jordan Ketterer, Margaret Clayton

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

WEEKLY EVENTS

Legion of Mary—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms

Apologetics—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

St. Joseph's Altar Guild—Preparations for the St. Joseph's Altar, celebrated Saturday, March 18, will soon begin. We begin baking Saturday, January 28, in the Parish Hall. Baking will be on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Envelopes for donations are now available at church entrances.



Women's Spirituality—Sunday, January 29, at 11:30 a.m. in St. Anthony Hall

Confirmation Registration—Parent & Candidate Meeting—Sunday, February 5, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Candidates in the 10th grade in CCD or Catholic school need to attend with at least one parent. These classes are one of the requirements for those planning to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the fall.

Thank You From Knights Of Columbus

Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 11814 would like to thank you for your participation in the Pancake Breakfast. Your support for our fundraising activities for our scholarship program for the graduating seniors of our church is greatly appreciated.



Pope Francis's Mission Intention

“That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.”

Life Is Non-negotiable

“What is really at stake in this matter of making exceptions to the right to live? Answer: The real issue is whether life is a gift of God or of the State. Innocent life is non-negotiable precisely because it comes from God.”

St. Pope John Paul II

Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of the **Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary.**



Pray For The Sick

Valdeana Bauer, Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Deacon Pat & Cathy Downey, Julia Drake, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Jeanette Gomez, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Elizabeth Kittel, Pat Langsford, Cheryl Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Bailee Mitchell, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryle Poiroux, Robert Reinecke, Ed Roszczyński, Cathy Smith

Parish Support For Catholic Schools

It is the responsibility of every Catholic to support Catholic education. This is clear from Church teaching and the Code of Canon Law. *The Long Range Plan* mandates that each parish must help support the Catholic parochial elementary schools which are attended by children of the home parish. For parents or legal guardians to qualify for payment of this fee, families must be **REGISTERED, ACTIVE, AND SUPPORTING** members of that parish. Each parish is allowed to define for itself what “registered,” “active,” and “supporting” mean. In consultation with the church Finance Committee and the Pastor, the following definitions have been established to qualify for support from our Parish:

REGISTERED: Parents or legal guardians who live within or outside parish boundaries and who have a parish census form on file are considered registered in Sts. Peter and Paul.

ACTIVE: Parents or legal guardians are considered active if they **regularly** fulfill their Sunday and Holy day obligations by attending Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. It is expected that they have participated in at least one parish organization, work activity, or liturgical ministry in the previous year. Mass attendance will be verified by the record of their regular use of the parish envelope system.

NOTE WELL: Simply dropping a child off for Mass with a Sunday envelope, or mailing the envelopes to the Parish Office is unacceptable to be considered an active member of this Church Parish.

SUPPORTING: Parents or guardians are considered supporting members of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish when they contribute a **minimum** of \$780.00 annually or \$15 a week, using the envelope system or a recordable method in Offertory Giving. The Parish Finance Committee, in consultation with the pastor, will make the final determination concerning the fulfillment of these requirements by each family. If a family with students in a Catholic parochial elementary school is judged not to qualify, the parents will be responsible for paying the voucher. Those who have fulfilled these criteria during the past year will have their voucher filled for the 2017-2018 school year. Those who have not must begin fulfilling their obligations to the Parish, if they wish the Church Parish to fill their voucher for the 2017-2018 academic year.

It is realized that these criteria may seem stringent to some. We wholeheartedly and gladly support Catholic schools; however, it is simply not fair to those who continuously and sacrificially support the Parish to have to pay for the Catholic schooling of those families who are “Catholic” only as a matter of convenience and who contribute little or nothing to our community of faith.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Service

The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration will take place Sunday, June 15, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie. This year’s celebration will not be a Mass, but a Prayer Service. Mass attendance for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one’s respective parish. Contact the Church Office at 863-7935, ext. 3, **before February 25** to register in order for us to make a reservation with the Archdiocese for you.



2016 Income Tax Statements



Will you need a statement of 2016 contributions to the church for income tax purposes? If so, please call the Church Office at 985-863-7935, extension 3, and request yours. Since not everyone has a need for a statement, we do not automatically mail one. The exception would be those who issued a check in an amount \$250 or over, as we are mandated by the IRS to issue a statement. Those who call will have their names put on a list, and a statement prepared as soon as possible. Our bookkeeper hopes to have these ready for mailing or pick-up (*please state your choice*) near the end of January.

Social Media Silence—February 8

Once again the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office will sponsor a Day of Social Media Silence to bring awareness to the crime of Human Trafficking in our city, country and world. On February 8, all social media accounts of the Archdiocese will go silent from midnight to 11:59 p.m. in “solidarity with those who are silenced” using the very tool that human traffickers most often use to do their heinous business. All parishes, schools and ministries of the archdiocese as well as all Catholics and members of the community are invited to join in this social media fast reminding ourselves for this one day, “Don’t post; pray” for the victims, sellers and buyers involved in human trafficking. More details will follow in later bulletins.

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St. Francis De Sales-January 24

Born in the family castle at Thorens, Savor, August 21, 1567, he studied at Annecy and the Jesuit college of Clermont in Paris, he then studied law and theology at the University of Padua, receiving his doctorate in law when only twenty-four. Despite the opposition of his family he abandoned his prospects for a brilliant secular career for the religious life and was ordained in 1593 and appointed provost of Geneva. As a missionary in the Chablais, the residents of which were fiercely resisting the efforts of the duke of Savoy to impose Catholicism on the people by military force. Despite repeated attacks on him, he was most successful in attracting thousand back to Catholicism and receiving new converts.

In 1610, he met Frances de Chantal, became her spiritual adviser, and with her, in 1610, founded the Order of the Visitation (the Visitandines). He died in Lyons, France, on December 28, 1622.

Two of his writings, *Introduction to the Devout Life* (1609) and *Treatise on the Love of God* (1616), stressing that sanctity is possible in everyday life, have become spiritual classics and are still widely read today. His beatification the year he died was the first formal beatification held in St. Peter's' he was canonized in 1665. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1877 and designated patron saint of the Catholic press in 1923

Dictionary of Satins, by John J. Delaney
Doubleday, publisher Division of Bantam

Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle-Jan. 25

St. Paul was born a Roman citizen Tarsus, Cilicia, of Jewish parents who were descended from the tribe of Benjamin. To complete his schooling, St. Paul was sent to Jerusalem, where he sat at the feet of the learned Gamaliel and was educated in the strict observance of the ancestral Law. He acquired a good knowledge of exegesis and was trained in the practice of disputation. As a convinced and zealous Pharisee, he returned to Tarsus before the public life of Christ opened in Palestine.

Sometime after the death of Our Lord, St. Paul returned to Palestine. Entrusted with a formal mission from the high priest, he departed for Damascus to arrest the Christians and bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus a light from heaven suddenly blazed round him and addressed him, turning him away from his apparently successful career. An immediate transformation was wrought in the soul of St. Paul, he suddenly converted to the Chris-

tian Faith and became an Apostle.

Lives of the Saints Catholic Book Publishing Co

Thomas Aquinas-January 28

Born in the family castle of Roccasecca near Aquino, Italy, the son of Count Landulf of Aquino, at the age of five he was sent to nearby Benedictine Monte Cassino Monastery to be educated. He went to the University of Naples to finish his education and joined the Dominicans there in 1244, a move so strongly opposed by his family that they kidnaped him and held him captive, Roccasecca Castle for fifteen months in an attempt to deter him from the Dominicans. He persisted, rejoined the Order in 1245, and studied at Paris. He was ordained in 1250-51, and in 1252 returned to Paris. He was master of theology in Paris and taught at Naples, Anagni, Orvieto, Rome and Viterbo. Upon returning to Paris in 1269, became involved in the struggle between the Order priests and the seculars, and opposed the philosophical teachings of Siger of Brabant, John Peckham, and Bishop Stephen Tempier of Paris. When dissension racked the university in 1272, he was sent as regent to head a new Dominican house of studies at Naples. He was appoint to attend the General Council of Lyons, called to discuss the reunion of the Greek and Latin churches by Pope Gregory X, but died March 7, 1274 on the way to Lyons.

Canonized by Pope John XXII in 1323, was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope St. Pius V in 1567, and was named patron of all universities, colleges and schools in 1880 by Pope Leo XIII.

Aquinas was probably the greatest theological master of Christianity, and his thought dominated Catholic teachings for seven centuries after his death. His writings were voluminous, characterized by his sharp distinction between faith and reason, but emphasizing that the great fundamental Christian doctrines, though impossible to establish by reason, are not contrary to reason and reach us by revelation; nevertheless, he believed that such truths as the existence of God, His eternity, His creative power, and His providence can be discovered by natural reason.

His *magnum opus*, the unfinished *Summa theological*, is probably the greatest exposition of theological thought ever written and became the accepted basis for modern Catholic theology. He wrote commentaries on the Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed and parts of the Bible. In him the Middle Ages reached its full flowering and Christianity received its most towering and influential intellect.

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