

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**February 11, 2018**

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God.

— *1 Corinthians 10:31*

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**before Sunday Mass and**  
**privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.**



**February 14, 2018**

**Distribution of Ashes during**  
**all Masses at the Cathedral.**

**It is a day of Fast and**  
**Abstinence**

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**Confirmation**

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**Christian Initiation**

**Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603**

**Cathedral Eucharist:**

**Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM**

**8:00 AM 8:00 AM 8:00 AM**

**10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon**

**12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday : 8:00 AM**

**5:00 PM 12:00 Noon**

*February 11, 2018*

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**GIVE GOD THE GLORY**

*A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.*

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

*Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well.*

*Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.*

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**A BOOK TO READ**

*There is a great difference between the eager person who wants to read a book and the tired person who wants a book to read.*

—G. K. Chesterton

FEBRUARY 11, 2018  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
10:30 AM

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**Today's Intention - Robert Boslet**

**Ash Wednesday Services will be held at the Cathedral**

Readings: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**\*February 18th Joseph Boslet, Wife and Family**

### CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

#### February 12, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

6:45 AM Jessica Engelbrecht, Birth. (Mom & Patrick)

8:00 AM Billy C. Geis, Anniversary (Geis Family)

12:00 PM Nancy L. Geis, Birthday (Geis Family)

#### February 13, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson, Anniv. (Frank & Betty Seymour)

**\*8:00 AM Genevieve Musto (Connie Angeski)**

12:00 PM Stella Gallagher (Mark & Diane Moschella)

#### February 14, Ash Wednesday

Readings: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18

6:45 AM Max Kessler (Mary Conrad)

8:00 AM Leroy & Irmina Helfrich (Estate)

**\*12:00 PM Lois Riley (Helen Force)**

5:30 PM Janet Tomlinson (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)

#### February 15, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

6:45 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Sheetz)

8:00 AM Lori A. Wiedemer, Health (J. & C. Plank)

12:00 PM Lori Crilley (Sister, Pam Leasure)

#### February 16, Friday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

**\*6:45 AM David Conrad (Elizabeth Dobbins)**

8:00 AM Anna Mercer, Anniv. (Husband, Paul)

12:00 PM Joanna Tetanich (Russ & Mary Ann Pleva Fam)

#### February 17, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32

8:00 AM Derek Behe (Cheryl Brown)

12:00 PM Herbert Kutruff (Connie & Denis Navarro)

#### Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

5:00 PM John Bauer (Hugh & Donna Kelleher)

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy  
on Me a Sinner*

*Please Remember Our Sick and our Shut-ins  
in your Daily prayers.*

FEBRUARY 11, 2018  
Scripture Reflection

The First Reading describes how early Judaism treated one issue involving ritual purity--namely, skin infections. In an orderly universe, the skin is supposed to be intact. Therefore, someone with a rupture of the skin, especially an oozing sore, was declared "unclean." The cluster of symptoms mentioned in Leviticus better describes fungal and parasitic skin infections.

The situation had changed by Jesus' day. Hansen's disease, which is progressive and incurable, had come to Israel about two centuries before Christ, probably as a result of commercial and military encounters with tropical nations. Fear of this new disease, coupled with leprosy's reputation as a divine chastisement, led many to treat it as more than an illness or temporary punishment. It represented a living death that alienated individuals not just from their own diseased bodies but from family, society, nation and God. Jesus' power over leprosy was distinct from his general power to heal because in healing lepers, Jesus performed an act akin to raising the dead.

In last week's Gospel passage , Mark recounted that Jesus' healing of an individual caused a rapid growth of his fame in Capernaum and then throughout all of Galilee. In this week's passage, people from everywhere mob Jesus in such numbers that he cannot even enter the towns along his route. To continue his mission to outcasts, Jesus had to live like one, dwelling in deserted places "outside the camp."

This holds a lesson for our own discipleship. Each Christian hears a unique call from the Spirit to continue Jesus' mission. Like Jesus, we must make our abode "outside the camp." In the Spirit we will find those places--deserted by others, but inhabited by those longing for grace---in which we can complete the mission that Christ has entrusted to us.

- How can you follow Christ to serve those "outside the camp"?

Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 45. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "How can we respond to Christ's unique call to serve those "outside the camp?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., January 26, 2018.

## IT'S PIEROGIE TIME AGAIN



We are once again selling Kaczor's pierogi, Ravioli and Gnocchi for the Lenten season, with one twist! We are reducing the price for Lent by \$1.00 each item. Pierogie, and Gnocchi will be \$6.00 each 15 oz. bag. The 6-Cheese Ravioli will be \$7.00 for a 15 oz. bag.



The Pierogie are POTATO WITH: Cheddar, Pepper

Jack, White American, or Sauerkraut, Cottage Cheese w/ Chives. Ricotta based Gnocchi, and 6-Cheese Ravioli. The Sweet Pierogie are Apple, Blueberry, Lemon and Prune also \$6.00. Call the office if you want the Prune. Final deadline is Wednesday, February 21st. Pickup is Wed. March 7 at the Rectory from 1 PM to 6PM. Call 942-0371 or e-mail: olfoff10@hotmail.com.

### Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Lenten Lunch Fish Fry - 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM...

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, continuing each Friday of lent. NO Lunch on Good Friday. \$7.00 includes Fish Sandwich with Macaroni and Cheese or French Fries. Take outs available. Large orders should be called in after 9 AM to the Rectory @ 944-4603.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus' Fish Fry or steamed Shrimp @ Fr. Kelly Hall, Fridays during Lent, Feb 16 & 23; March 2,9,16 & 23rd, 4 - 7PM. \$10.00 adults, \$7.00 for Children under 12. Take-outs available.

### The Friar's Nook Gift Shop – Mardi Gras Bake Sale ...

Celebrate Mardi Gras at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop! The Friar's Nook will be holding a Mardi Gras bake sale on Tuesday, February 13th from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, and will include traditional Fat Tuesday pastries. The Friar's Nook is located across from St. Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg.

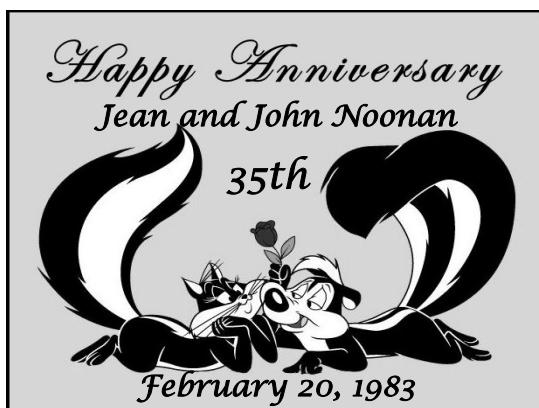
### SAINT MARK'S FISH FRIES - 6th Ave. & 4th St., Altoona -

Mark your calendar for the following three Fridays: February 23, March 9, and March 23 from 4-6:30 PM (while supplies last). The menu is as follows: Baked or Fried Fish, French Fries or Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes or Cole Slaw, Roll, Butter, Drink, and Free Dessert. The cost will be \$11 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Take Outs will be available.

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church February 14th...

Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner, 4-7PM, serving at school cafeteria on 8th Avenue, \$8.00 Baked or Fried Fish. Tickets sold in advance at the Parish Office , 806 11th Street. Take-outs available.

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February 4, 2018	Env used	66/150
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02/14	Dan Stitt
02/16	Jayden Starr
02/17	Marci Bradford
02/17	Gene Summers

## **World Day of the Sick (Feb. 11)**

The wound of leprosy kept the leper isolated from society. Sometimes the wounds in our lives or the lives of others may keep us away from the Church or from our neighbors. By touching the leper, Christ boldly reached out to him in his isolation and offered him consolation in his distress.

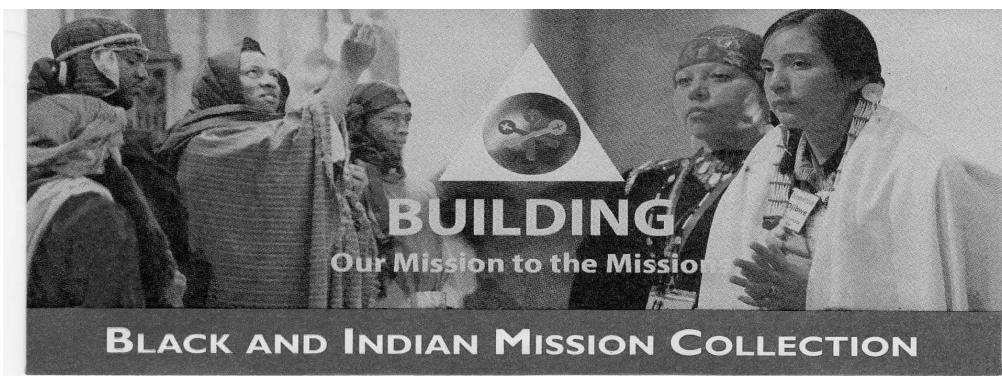
- ◆ *Am I or someone I know afraid to return to the Church because of divorce or separation? Have I reached out to someone suffering from domestic abuse or violence or infertility or miscarriage?*
- ◆ On domestic violence – USCCB: “[When I Call for Help](#)” (2002).
- ◆ “Everyone needs to be touched by the comfort and attraction of God’s saving love, which is mysteriously at work in each person, above and beyond their faults and failings.” Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 44.
- ◆ “We cannot forget that ‘mercy is not only the working of the Father; it becomes a criterion for knowing who his true children are. In a word, we are called to show mercy because mercy was first shown to us’. This is not sheer romanticism or a lukewarm response to God’s love, which always seeks what is best for us, for ‘mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness which she shows to believers; nothing in her preaching and her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy’. Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, no. 310.

## **To Walk in Jesus' Footsteps**

*Msgr. Michael Becker and Father Dennis Kurdziel will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, May 16 to May 26, 2018. The trip includes all round-trip travel costs from Altoona to Tel Aviv, with spend three nights in Nazareth, five nights in Jerusalem, accompanied by an English speaking guide. Most meals are included. We will be celebrating Mass daily. Total cost for double occupancy is \$3,850. Informational meetings will be held in Johnstown at St. Benedict's John Paul II Center on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 PM and in Altoona at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall in Lakemont on Wednesday, February 7th at 7:00PM. For further details, call Msgr. Becker at 814.942.5503 or Jim Roccio of Festival Travel at 814.467.8024.*

## **February 14th, Ash Wednesday...**

*Distribution of Ashes will be at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament during each Mass on February 14th..*



## **Second Collection Sunday, February 18...**

*Next week, our parish will take up the 134th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native Communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!*

## Liturgical Reflection...



This Wednesday, February 14, is Ash Wednesday when the Church begins the forty day journey toward the Triduum (The Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms. Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 30) are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent (February 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23) are days of abstinence. FASTING refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. ABSTINENCE refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All who have reached their 14th year are obliged to ABSTAIN. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout other days in Lent. This is not obligatory and can take a variety of forms distinct from food.

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### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 11)

**Christian Stewards and disciples strive to realize the ideal set forth by Saint Paul in today's second reading: "whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."**

February 11

Mark 1:40-45

**Family life is about decisions. The leper in today's gospel knew this when he said to Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus knew this when he said, "I do will it." Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in "good times and bad," even when we don't feel like it.**

## Caregivers Need Care Too

**Caregiving is hard work. And lots of us are doing it. Recent statistics show that 66 million Americans are caring for a parent, spouse, child, family member or friend.**

**Most of the attention is directed to the individual who needs our care. We take them to doctor appointments, help them with housework, make sure they are eating properly, helping them navigate the confusing health care system. It takes time, energy and creative maneuvering to schedule caregiving into our already busy lives.**

**There is another side of caregiving that often gets overlooked: caring for the caregiver. Caring for ourselves.**

**It might seem selfish to complain about the situation when we really are so much better off than the person who needs our assistance. Feelings of guilt may crop up when we let ourselves dwell in thoughts that our own lives might be suffering. It's easy to think we should be able to "do it all"—be a helpmate to our spouse or parent; take care of the kids; hold down our jobs; and have time left over to give our loved one the emotional help they truly want.**

**It often leaves us exhausted, searching the Internet for answers, lonely and anxious, not knowing where to turn for help—because we aren't the ones who need help. Or are we?**

**The truth is that caring for someone we love is not only a one-way relationship. Each side needs replenishment at times. We must remember to try to maintain our own health, happiness and important relationships while caring for a frail loved one. But how do we do that?**

**Develop a Self-Care plan—Put into writing goals for self-care activities. What provides us joy and refreshment? Is it exercise, gardening, friends, church, playing piano?**

**Find your Team—Who are the people in our lives who keep us in balance? Who is honest enough to tell us when they see us at our wit's end? Who is willing to talk to us at any time, even midnight?**

**Maintain Your Own Health—It's easy to neglect ourselves when our focus is entirely on someone else.**

**Look for Outside Help—State-sponsored agencies offer resources that may help with caregiving needs.**

**Be a Family Member—Getting outside help may free you up to have the time for a loving relationship with your loved one. That's truly what they want too.**

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OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY FOR  
PEACE AND OFFER  
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

## Prayer in Defense of Marriage

### February 11, 2018

*God our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage: the bond of life and love, and the font of the family.*

*The love of husband and wife enriches your Church with children, fills the world with a multitude of spiritual fruitfulness and service, and is the sign of the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, for his Church.*

*The grace of Jesus flowed forth at Cana at the request of the Blessed Mother. May your Son, through the intercession of Mary, pour out upon us a new measure of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we join with all people of good will to promote and protect the unique beauty of marriage.*

*May your Holy Spirit enlighten our society to treasure the heroic love of husband and wife, and guide our leaders to sustain and protect the singular place of mothers and fathers in the lives of their children.*

*Father, we ask that our prayers be joined to those of the Virgin Mary, that your Word may transform our service so as to safeguard the incomparable splendor of marriage. We ask all these things through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

*Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.*

#### About Marriage: Unique for a Reason

*According to the About Page of the site, “Marriage: Unique for a Reason offers resources to assist with the education and catechesis of Catholics on why marriage is unique and why it should be promoted and protected as the union of one man and one woman.”*

*In Bishop Cordileone’s welcome message (November 14, 2011), he explains the USCCB’s reasoning behind the development of the website. The bishops have a sincere focus on the promotion and defense of marriage as the union between one man and one woman. According to Bishop Cordileone, the “website is designed as a home of resources on what the Catholic Church teaches about the unique meaning of marriage, and why.”*

#### Resources at this New USCCB Marriage Website

*There are a number of valuable resources on the Marriage: Unique for a Reason website. Among them are the many videos on topics like “sexual difference” and “the common good.” There is also a long list of frequently asked questions that go into detail about the Church’s teaching on marriage.*

*You can also follow their blog at [www.marriageforuniqueforareason.org/blog](http://www.marriageforuniqueforareason.org/blog).*

*The website also offers a number of catechetical resources that can be used in parishes to support and strengthen the Church’s teaching on marriage.*

*If you are a fan of John Paul II’s theology of the body, you will no doubt enjoy the information on this new venture by the USCCB.*

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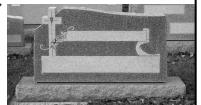


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