

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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St. Sebastian, Martyr, Feast day Jan 20

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**Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Parish Office: 814-942-0371**

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## Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule

**Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00PM**  
**Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM**

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**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator**  
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January 14, 2018

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— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

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

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**10:00 AM**

**12:00 Noon**

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**5:30 PM**

**Saturday : 8:00 AM**

**5:00 PM**

**12:00 Noon**

**JANUARY 14, 2018**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**THE LAMB OF GOD**

*"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

*"Ordinary Time" began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.*

*The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecorated the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ's birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.*

*Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don't enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!*

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**CHAINS OF GRACE**

*The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms.*

—St. Francis de Sales

**Thursday, January 18, 2018 - Prayer at Altoona Cathedral**

*On Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00P.M. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, there will be a prayer service for the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade (1973). There will be a blessing for the pilgrims attending the March For Life in Washington, D.C. the next day, Friday, January 19. All are welcome to participate in this prayer. All who have a respect for life from conception to natural death are welcome to join our brothers and sisters at the Altoona Cathedral.*

JANUARY 14, 2018  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
10:30 AM

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: 1 Sm 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42  
Today's Intention - Chris Keagy, B/DAY, 1/19

Readings: Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20  
\*January 21st, Henry E. Zaczek, Sister

### CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

#### January 15, Monday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22  
6:45 AM David Arnottmas (Larry & Stephanie Tonello)  
8:00 AM Lindy & Boose Adams (Nancy & Skip)  
12:00 PM Michael Febbo (Febbo Family)

#### January 16, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28  
**\*6:45 AM George Dean Barry (Dodson Family)**  
8:00 AM An End to Abortion (McNelis All-Stars)  
12:00 PM John Bauer (Greg & Judy Cardone Family)

#### January 17, Wednesday: Saint Anthony Abbot

Readings: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6  
6:45 AM Mike Kling, Anniv. (Mom, Dad, Brother & Sisters)  
8:00 AM Dr. Fred Petrunak (Family)  
12:00 PM Virginia Jones (Ann Macklin & Melanie Lee)

#### January 18, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12  
6:45 AM Bill Crouse, Ann./Michael Kling, Ann.(Families)  
**\*8:00 AM BeBe Milliron (John & Lisa Karl)**  
12:00 PM Rose Ann Himmlein (Diana Fanale)

#### January 19, Friday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19  
6:45 AM Jim Davidson (Michael Davidson)  
8:00 AM Angela Cronin Chadwick (Butch & Alice Winkler)  
12:00 PM Thomas & Mary Irwin (Family)

#### January 20, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:20-21  
8:00 AM Myra Mangiacarne (Regina Kutruff Family)  
**\*12:00 PM M/M Charles McCall, Anniv. (Family)**

#### Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20  
5:00 PM Cathy Moyer, Birth. (Daughters & Family)

JANUARY 14, 2018

### Scripture Reflection

Christmas time ended with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 8, and now we enter "Ordinary Time," a time to reflect on the life of Jesus and commit ourselves to following him.

Appropriately, then, the theme of today's Scripture readings is God's invitation and response.

The First Reading tells the story of young Samuel who was serving in the Israelite sanctuary in Shiloh under the priest, Eli. Three times Samuel heard the voice, until Eli realized that God was calling his servant. He instructed Samuel to respond, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." From that time, we are told, God was with Samuel, making all of his words effective.

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on another calling---that of Jesus' disciples. In this call story it is John the Baptist who helps two of his own disciples recognize the Lord. When they go to Jesus, he initiates the encounter by asking, "What are you looking for?"--a key question for any seeker. Their response--"Where are you staying?"--has profound implications. The Greek word *menein* means "to remain" or "to stay with," and in John's Gospel it also describes the divine dwelling within a person, like the relationship that Jesus has with the Father.

After the lights and carols of Christmas, Ordinary Time--which actually means counted time (we number the weeks of Ordinary Time with ordinal numbers)--can seem so, well, ordinary. But it is in the ordinary days of our ordinary lives that God asks us to build his Kingdom. The Lectionary readings during these weeks take us through the life of Christ. Striving to live Jesus' example of love, reconciliation, and healing can transform our most ordinary moments into extraordinary moments of charity. St. Thérèse of Lisieux wrote "What matters in life is not great deeds, but great love." Thérèse's gift was recognizing God in the little, every day moments.

- Like Samuel and like the disciples of Jesus, we too have been called.
- In what ways are you answering your call to follow the Lord?

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

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 37.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED...  
FIRE CLASS is January 28th.

SACRAMENTAL PREP...

First Meeting is on January 24th at 6:30 PM in the Seton Suite.

Liturgical Reflection... ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist points out Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" At every Mass the invitation to receive the Body and Blood of Christ begins with, "Behold the Lamb of God." When one of our members dies, the Church especially encourages the celebration of the Mass. The funeral liturgy is the central liturgical celebration of the Christian community for the deceased. As the deceased gathered weekly with the faith community in life, so in death the Christian is commemorated at the Sacred Mysteries, calling upon God's mercy.

*Order of Christian Funerals, 1998-1989, Numbers 46 and 264.*

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**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 14)**

Like Samuel in today's first reading, we may not immediately realize that it is God who is calling us. However, when we do realize that God is calling us to be a servant of His, may we respond as Samuel did, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do Your will!"

January 14     John 1:35-42

Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

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Thirty First Annual Respect Life March, St. Matthew Church, Tyrone, Sunday Jan 21st. 12:00 NOON. Walk 1.25 miles to grave of Baby Agnes Doe. Luncheon after the March in Parish Hall. Bring a sign. See flyer In vestibule for more info.

Co-op tickets for February are in the back of the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
01/17	Joe Summers
01/19	Chris Keagy
01/22	Karen Conrad

God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb, grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

# Flu Season Directives

Bishop Mark has directed parishes in the Diocese to not distribute the Precious Blood in any form effective January 13-14. It is the belief of the Catholic Church that the whole Body of Christ is present under either form of consecrated bread and wine.

The Bishop has also directed that the faithful should avoid bodily contact, such as shaking hands, during the Sign of Peace. A genuine nod of the head with eye contact with others at Mass will be the temporary practice.

Bishop Bartchak's directives are the result of an advisory from public health officials that cases of the flu and similar contagious viruses remain a serious health concern at this time.

During this flu season, reception of Holy Communion on the hand is encouraged; however, reception on the tongue may not be denied.

The Bishop's directives will be followed throughout the winter months or until the flu season ends. The Diocese will announce when parishes may return to their regular practices.

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## Sunday, January 21, 2018

Bishop Mark Bartchak of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will host an ecumenical service at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona, Pennsylvania. The service begins at 2:00 P.M. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

## Monday, January 22, 2018- Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* is January 22, 1973. On Monday, January 22, 2018 all dioceses in the United States of America will observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

## Sunday, January 28, 2018

Bishop Gregory of Nyssa of the Orthodox tradition will host an ecumenical service at Christ the Saviour Cathedral, 300 Garfield Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The service begins at 2:00 P.M. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be in attendance. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

## Bridging the Generation Gap

By Jeanne Hunt

Scenario: Bill takes his mother for a Sunday mall walk and supper at the food court. Leaving the nursing home, she says, "Let's hurry! I'm wearing someone else's clothes!" Bill knows the clothes belong to her, she just doesn't remember them. Bill's heart sinks watching his mother's mental and physical health decline. The Sunday visits are precious yet difficult. Bill aches to have just one hour with the vital woman who raised him, but she's no longer there. He feels guilt and dread as he realizes that, Sunday by Sunday, he's helping his mom write her life's final chapter.

Response: Our culture seeks quick solutions to every problem. Yet the challenge of being attentive to old age and death isn't resolved with a quick fix. Baby boomers are in the middle of caring for aging parents and thriving children.

To admit that our parents are old and ailing means admitting that we will eventually walk the same path. Our own mortality stares us in the face every time we look into the faces of those who gave us life. So, it's tempting to keep the aged at arm's length.

In the "good old days," grandparents often lived in the family home with one or two other generations. They were loved and cared for until death. Grand-children and children alike enjoyed the memories they shared. Everyone in the house journeyed the final chapters with the aged and infirm.

Today we live in a different world: Single-family homes, working parents and children's activities have contributed to many grandparents living in senior residences. I offer some wisdom from the past as a solution to sandwiches made of generations: Bring the older generation home to visit. Restore Sunday dinners that include multiple generations. Take the grandchildren for frequent visits. Encourage the extended family to join in caring for the aged. When we bring our aged parents into the family circle, everyone receives a grace.

A few weeks later, Bill wonders why he didn't do this long ago. His mom sits in his living room holding her great-grandchild. Both of them are laughing. The family gathers for a new tradition- old-fashioned Sunday dinners. Bill notices something different about his mother: Her eyes are smiling for the first time in months. She's right where she belongs- in the midst of all their hearts.



## **March for Life Bus Trip**

**When:** Friday, January 19, 2018

**Where:** Washington, D. C.

**Cost:** Adults - \$15.00; Students -\$10.00

**For Reservations, call:**

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

**Saint Sebastian's Story**

**Saint of the Day for January 20**

*Images of St Sebastian that abound usually depict his suffering; his being tied to a tree with arrows piercing through him. He appears young, strong and athletic, but these depictions do not indicate that Sebastian was a fully paid up member of his local gym or even that he liked to play soccer now and then, but rather they depict his incessant physical endurance and his great energy in spreading and defending his beloved Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is this energy of Sebastian, or what we might properly call 'zeal', that has given him the reputation as patron saint of athletes.*

*He was born sometime around the year 256, and like many Saints of the time he is subject to the usual hagiography and legend, so we must be discerning when finding the truth behind the story of his life, for such was the mode of history in ancient times. Sebastian was said to have suffered under the Emperor Diocletian, the last great persecutor of the Church, before its emancipation under Constantine. We must question therefore the date of Sebastian's birth here as the persecutions did not begin until the year 303 or so.*

*Sebastian was educated in Milan and secured an eminent post as captain of the Praetorian Guard under the anti-Christian emperors Diocletian and Maximian. This post was given in ignorance of Sebastian's Christian faith. Meanwhile Sebastian was supporting and encouraging his fellow brothers and sisters who were suffering simply for being Christian. An example of this is recorded of a certain pair of deacon twins, namely Mark and Marcellian who were arrested for refusing to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods. Not only did Sebastian support them in their faith but he is said to have converted their parents who were encouraging their twin sons to renounce the Christian religion so as to spare their lives.*

*The tireless influence of Sebastian spread even to a Roman official Nicostratus and his mute wife Zoe whom Sebastian is said to have healed. As a result many of the prisoners were freed before Nicostratus legged it, retiring to the country of Campania. Sebastian we expect by now should have been dismissed from his post as Captain and promptly given his P45, but the incensed emperor Diocletian commanded that he be brought to a field, where he would be bound and killed by a firing squad of archers. After been left for dead by the firing squad a certain Irene of Rome retrieved his body and sought to ascertain a decent burial for him. Finding him still alive she nursed him back to health. Hey one way to get back at your boss who arranged to have you shot!*

*While recovering from his ordeal Sebastian continued in God's service, healing a blind girl with the words: Do you want to be with God? The sight he restored we can assume was far more than physical.*

*In his passion and athletic desire for God he pursued Diocletian once more, confronting him with strong words as he passed by. The emperor was furious and ordered him beaten unto death and deposed of in a privy! Legend has it that Sebastian spirit spoke of his awful resting place to a Christian widow so that she would ensure it received a decent Christian burial.*

*While many athletes pray to Sebastian before they enjoy their sports, treating him as some sort of good luck charm, we Christians still running the race of our faith should remember him, asking him to help us persevere in a faith, a fight in which we have yet to shed our blood.*

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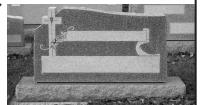
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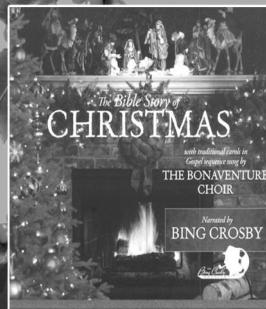
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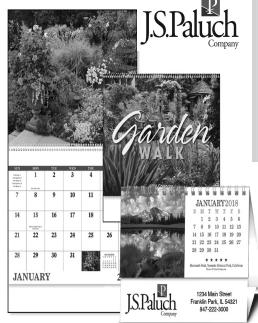
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