



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 5, 2012

OUR MISSION - TO LIVE THE GOOD NEWS! Today's readings invite us to ponder deeply. Job speaks of human life as akin to slavery, a time of emptiness and misery that passes like a breath. Yet we know that, despite many trials, Job never lost faith in God. When Paul speaks of his own calling to proclaim the gospel, he says he has made himself "a slave to all" in order to fulfill his mission.

Mark's gospel shows us a day in the life of Jesus. He visits the synagogue and then goes to Simon and Andrew's home, where He heals an ailing mother-in-law. Her fever dissipates at the touch of His hand! We can imagine Him chatting companionably with friends until they gather around a table to share a meal. At dusk, crowds gather around the door, seeking to be healed. With compassion, Jesus cured "many who were sick." Perhaps He sleeps awhile, but before dawn, Jesus goes to a deserted place to pray. No day is complete without a time of intimate communion with His Father.

Each one of today's readings holds a message for us. In trying times we must be people of faith. Our mission is to passionately live the good news, for we may well be the only gospel some people ever experience. Furthermore, we are called to spend time in intimate communion with God. How good it is to sing God's praises! **Barbara K. D'Artois**

MASS INTENTIONS

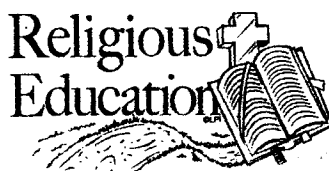
Sat. 2/4	4:30 PM	For the People
Sun. 2/5	7:30 AM	John & Margaret Iben by Family
	10:30 AM	For the People
Mon. 2/6	7:30 AM	Clarence Novotnak by Phyllis Novotnak
Tues. 2/7	7:30 AM	Francis Pelot by Sue & Mary Fran
Wed. 2/8	7:30 AM	Thomas Chuckra by Mary Fran & Sue
Thurs. 2/9	7:30 AM	Bernadine Kallessar by Sisters, Margaret, Dorothy, Elizabeth
Fri. 2/10	7:30 AM	Irene Gallagher by Family
Sat. 2/11	4:30 PM	Charles & Mary Ravina by Family
Sun. 2/12	7:30 AM	For the People
	10:30 AM	Thelma & George Sterkevich by Shirley Herness

Flowers on altar in memory of Thomas Chuckra & Francis Pelot by Mary Fran & Sue.

COLLECTIONS: Sun. - \$4650.67...Dues - \$1652.00...Holydays \$12.00...Care/Education - \$12.00...Initial - \$55.00...Flowers - \$55.00...Human Development - \$484.62...Rice Bowl - \$23...Christmas - \$10.00...Poor Box - \$230.00...2nd Collection this weekend - Care/Education of Priests.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: We are \$235.00 short of our goal of \$27920.00 for the 2011 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Can you help us go over the top? Please send your pledge directly to the Diocese of Scranton. To those who made a pledge **THANK YOU!!!**

FAITH FORMATION classes will not be held **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH.**



IN SYMPATHY: As a parish we offer sympathy and prayerful support to the families of **IRENE GALLAGHER**, who passed away on January 28, 2012 & **SOPHIE WILKINSON**, who passed away January 30, 2012. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS: As a parish, we welcome, **EMMA GRACE TROELL**, who will be baptized following the 4:30 PM Liturgy, Saturday, Feb. 4th and **CONNOR JOSEPH HAUZE**, who will be baptized on Sunday, Feb. 5th following the 10:30 AM Liturgy.

THANK YOU: To all the donors of blood (47 pints were donated), to those who helped with the set-up and to the volunteers in the kitchen, Our winter Bloodmobile was a tremendous success because you cared. Special thanks to Tony Sulkevich, our Blood Drive, coordinator, Great job everyone!!!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meeting Monday, Feb. 6th, 7:30 PM, St. Mary's Church lower level.

ALTAR/ROSARY: Meeting on Wed., Feb. 8th, 6:00 PM, lower level of church. Hosts for the meeting are Mike & Veronica Hestler (The Tune Bandits). They will be serving homemade tacos and burritos for all in attendance to enjoy. Reservations are requested. Please call Mary Lloyd at 636-2645 and let her know that you will be there.

MARDI GRAS: Our Annual Mardi Gras is scheduled for Saturday, February 18th in the Parish Center. The affair will begin at 6:00 PM. The Other Side Restaurant will serve a delicious family style meal. Entertainment will be provided by "JUST US" and the "TUNE BANDITS."

Anyone interested in preparing a Theme Basket should call Mary Lloyd at 636-2645 or Jean in the church office. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available in the church vestibule this weekend and in the church office. Deadline for reservations is February 12th.

HAM BINGO: Our Lady's Workers will sponsor a Ham Bingo at the Parish Center, Sunday, March 11th beginning at 1:00 PM. Mark your calendars and win a ham for Easter!!

YOUTH GROUP REMINDERS: Snow Tubing - Sunday, Feb. 12th. Leave from the Parish Center at Noon and return around 4:30 PM. Cost is \$25.00. Permission/Release Forms must be signed in order to go on the trip. Please call one of the Advisors by Feb. 10th. Call Mrs. Jastremsky for the form.

GARDENING WORKSHOP: Would you like to grow your own vegetables, but don't have room for a garden? Penn State Extension Master Gardener Sandy Visintainer will present Growing Vegetables in Containers at Good Shepherd Church on Wed., Feb. 15th at 1 PM. Registration is requested. Please call the Luzerne County Extension at 825-1701 or email LuzerneExt@psu.edu.

