

February 7, 2021
5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the Old Testament it is clear the Jews thought in this world, good people are blessed in every way- they are healthy and prosperous. Evil people suffer- they are sick, poor, etc. Some unknown writer was inspired by the Holy Spirit to raise question about that theory. He took the story of Job and split it in two. It is at the beginning and end of the Book of Job. It is the story of a good man who had everything and then lost everything but because he kept faith, he got everything back again and lived happily ever after.

The biblical author raises question about that theory. In the biblical story Job agonizes: "Why am I suffering?" His friends try to comfort him but nothing satisfies him. In the chapters of the book- there is a great deal of repetition. It is the Hebrew way of making a point. Finally, near the end, the Lord appears and says to Job in effect: "Who are you to question my ways? Submit and suffer!"

Jesus, as we see in today's Gospel, healed those who were suffering. It was a sign that the Kingdom of God is here. Jesus Himself would accept the Cross of suffering and death and invite each of us to take up our Cross and follow Him. The Cross is for us too, the way to eternal life and glory.



Today after all masses, we celebrate the traditional Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr: and we ask God's healing mercy upon all the sick,



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PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.sainthelenas.org>

Coronavirus News Important Update!

Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell

Friday Reflections is a weekly check-in video with Msgr. Russell. Please visit our [YouTube Channel](#) to watch this week's video, and be sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel. You can even arrange for YouTube to let you know every time we add a new video!

Reminder! We'll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

PLEASE NOTE

Because we need to follow procedures to help maintain a safe situation for all:

- No one can enter the Church if you are sick or have been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days. Or if you will not wear a mask.
- Every other pew will be roped off to help social distancing.
- All MUST WEAR A MASK except children under 2.
- Please use hand sanitizer.

Can You Help?

We are in desperate need of more folks who are willing to read the sacred scriptures at Mass. A number of our lectors feel they cannot continue to serve our community because of age and infirmities. If you are willing to prepare for this ministry, please call Msgr. Russell 302-764-0325 x108

LISTEN TO CATHOLIC FORUM every

Saturday afternoon at 1:30 Next Saturday,

February 20th, tune in to hear an interview with Martin Joseph, author of the book, "Searching for Hope." Listen to *Catholic Forum* online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum..., or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" *Catholic Forum* on Facebook at facebook.com/CatholicForum..

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, February 7

St. Blaise-Throat Blessings –All Masses

The 2nd Collection: Maintenance and Repair

12:15pm Baptism

Monday, February 8

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Zoom

Tuesday, February 9

7:00pm Finance Council-Zoom

Sunday, February 14

Happy Valentine's Day

The 2nd Collection: Black, Indian, & Home Missions

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 1/24 was \$4,204.00 the on-line collection was \$2,272.00 for a total of \$6,476.00. Thank You!

Christmas Decoration Donations

Mr. & Mrs. William D' Amato

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyranski, Mary Gabel, Aline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Francis Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinson, Fr. Charles Dillingham, Bill Thomas, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena, Susan Watkins, Judy Wilbank, Joan Morgan, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Aliyah Miller, Theresa Kelleher Cassidy



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb 6

5:00pm (SR) Dorothy Ragan

Sunday, Feb 7

7:00am (EF) Jennie, Joe & Joe, Jr Finocchiaro

9:00am (SR) People of the Parish

11:00am (SR) Leona Kutchen

Monday, Feb 8

9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Tuesday, Feb 9

7:00am (EF) Joseph Fedena

9:00am (SR) Paul O. Knight (8th Anniversary)

Wednesday, Feb 10

9:00am (SR) Dorothy Ragan

Thursday, Feb 11

7:00am (EF) Paul O. Knight

9:00am (SR) Aileen Bowdle

Friday, Feb 12

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) Carrie Konitzer

Saturday, Feb 13

9:00am (SR) Stanley J. Russell, Sr.

5:00pm (SR) Michael Currin

Sunday, Feb 14

7:00am (SR) Anna Fedena (Anniversary)

9:00am (EF) Ed Ganster

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish



Pope Francis declared the time between December 8, 2020 and December 8, 2021 as the **Year of Saint Joseph**

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

The person is not only scared but also social. How we organize our society--in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and capacity of individuals to grow in community. The family is the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.



This February 7-14, 2021, we will celebrate **National Marriage Week!** This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. This year our theme is: **To Have, To Hold, To Honor.** Lots of information, including flyers, preaching resources, prayers, and social media kits are available at foryourmarriage.org.

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat for the Diocese of Wilmington. We are hosting a retreat May 14-16, 2021. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For more info contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 or visit rachelsvineyard.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Third and Fourth graders will be in class tomorrow night (MONDAY) from 630 until 730p. Please make sure to bring your workbooks so we can check how you are doing.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES NEXT MONDAY (Feb 15) in observance of President's Day. When we return on Feb 22, 6th, 7th and 8th graders will return. First grade will also be meeting on the 22nd.

YOUTH GROUP - Ms Hummy will be emailing members with meeting dates.

RETROUVILLE



Upcoming Retrouville Weekend...

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouville (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

The next program begins the weekend of February 12 - 14, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Give your relationship the gift of quality time during the pandemic! Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight sessions presented on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from January 20 to February 14. Make Valentine's Day 2021 extra special as you learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! For more information visit our website at www.wwme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

Join the Employment Support Network and get the help you need. As an organization committed to supporting individuals and families during unexpected challenges and difficult transitions, Jewish Family Services understands the impact sudden unemployment has on your financial stability and emotional well-being. The Employment Support Network can help you overcome the challenges of job loss due to COVID-19. This free program connects you with reliable, trained volunteers, who provide emotional support and wellness coaching, financial management training, and access to appropriate mental health resources. You don't have to do this on your own! Visit <https://www.jfsdelaware.org/family-support/employment-support-network/>

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

If you have been sexually exploited or abused by a priest, brother, sister or lay person employed by the Diocese of Wilmington or by a church volunteer in service to a parish or school or other church organization call the **Victims Assistance Coordinator** by telephone (302)656-0651 and report the incident to the **Delaware State Attorney Generals Office** (302)577-8310

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON CATECHETICAL DAY ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS!

This year *Catechetical Day* will be celebrated on March 20, 2021 from 9:00 m-12:30pm (virtually) with Bishop W. Francis Malooly. *Catechetical Day* honors and celebrates Catechists through prayer, recognition of their years of service to the Catechetical Ministry, in addition to spiritual and professional development.

All Clergy, Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education, and Catechists are warmly invited to attend this annual event hosted by the Office for Religious Education. Please share this invitation widely in your parish with those who serve in the Catechetical Ministry!

Catechetical Day - March 20, 2021 with Bishop W. Francis Malooly

- *All who serve in the Catechetical Ministry are welcome to attend!*
- Registration Packet:
cdow.org/fresh/wp-cont...
- Register Online:
cdowcym.wufoo.com/form...
- Registration deadline is February 26, 2021.
- *Some highlights of the day!*
- D/CREs and Catechists celebrating anniversary years of service will be honored via a live presentation.
- Award recipients are encouraged to upload their pictures for inclusion in the presentation. *Please note: certificates signed by the Bishop will be mailed to each recipient following Catechetical Day.*
- Bob McCarty, D. Min. is the keynote speaker and will lead participants in two spiritual and professional development sessions.
- A Young Adult Panel will share their real experiences of faith and discipleship.
- *Office for Religious Education Contact Information*

Linda Jackson, Assistant to the Director, at LJackson@cdow.org or 302-573-3130.