



## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.  
Blessed are you who are now weeping,  
for you will laugh."  
- Lk 6:21

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### **MASS:**

**Wednesday 9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday 9:00 a.m.**

### **Parish Pastoral Council:**

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## *Why the Cavalier Attitude?*

One of the most interesting pieces of mail we receive every month comes from the folks at Coming Home International (CHI), the organization that has brought hundreds of people into the Catholic Church who were formerly prominent in other Christian denominations.

When I say prominent, I mean prominent: priests, bishops, high ranking clergy and lay leaders as well as folks in the pews. Many of these individuals have been featured on "The Journey Home" television programs on EWTN TV as well. CHI has been an organization I have followed with some interest for years because its founder, Marcus Grodi, was formerly a Protestant minister in the Warren area. I once interviewed him years ago after he had renounced his pastorate at great personal expense and sacrifice to become Catholic.

It was Grodi's own remarkable story of conversion that was among those which led to dozens and dozens of religious in other denominations coming over to the Catholic Church (some, in fact, coming back). CHI is now run by Grodi's son Jon Marc and their newsletter highlights a conversion story every month.

The reason these stories fascinate me is because the individuals featured in these first-hand accounts gave up prestige, power, and settled routines to leave their former denominations. Frequently they also faced deep opposition from lifelong friends, family members and, almost invariably, spouses. Yet they found Catholicism so irresistible, so deep, so theologically complete that they moved heaven and earth with prayer and intensive study to make the arduous trek to become Catholic.

These stories are compelling and often deeply moving, but quite often they lead me to wonder why those who possess the rich spiritual treasures of Catholicism treat those treasures, all too often, in such a cavalier fashion.

When I read a story in which a wife had to struggle for years to follow her heart to Catholicism because of the strong resistance of her husband and siblings, it makes me shake my head at how so many of our fellow Catholics could walk away from the Church entirely or, at best, become so lax in their observance that they value tee time or getting the kids to sports practice as more important than spending an hour a week with their fellow believers in the presence of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, who hung on a cross to save their souls.

— Lou Jacquet

## *Charities Awareness Month*

February is Catholic Charities Awareness Month in the Diocese of Youngstown. Did you know that the word "charity" comes from the Latin "caritas," which is translated as "Christian love"? Catholic Charities shares the love and compassion of Jesus Christ with those in our community who are poor, vulnerable, and without hope. Did you know that Catholic Charities receives 60% of the funds raised through the Annual Diocesan Appeal to provide material goods and services to people in our community? To learn more, visit [ccdoy.org](http://ccdoy.org).

## *Remembering Monsignor Kolp*

Msgr. James Kolp, the oldest diocesan priest, died Feb. 6 at age 99. For years he was the pastor of St. Mary Church, Massillon. He is often best remembered as the young priest who rushed into the burning St. Columba Cathedral on Sept. 2, 1954 to rescue the Eucharist from the flames that were ignited by a lightning strike which destroyed the old cathedral. The current St. Columba was dedicated in 1959.

The beloved priest was involved in many diocesan activities, was still driving well into his 90s, and traveled the world with diocesan pilgrimages on which he played piano at Masses in various cathedrals and churches. His voice can be heard daily reciting "The Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel" on Living Bread Radio, 89.5 FM in Youngstown.

### **Sunday, February 16**

**9:00 a.m.** Mike Mraz  
by St. Brendan parishioners

### **Wednesday, February 19**

**9:00 a.m.** Phillip Martin by Carol Martin

### **Sunday, February 23**

**9:00 a.m.** Raymond, Irene, and Elaine Michaud  
by Lorraine Alarcon

### **Please Pray For Our Sick**

**Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas**

### **Pray for the Faithful Departed**

**Mike Mraz**

# *Volunteers Needed For Fish Dinners*

Dear Parishioners:

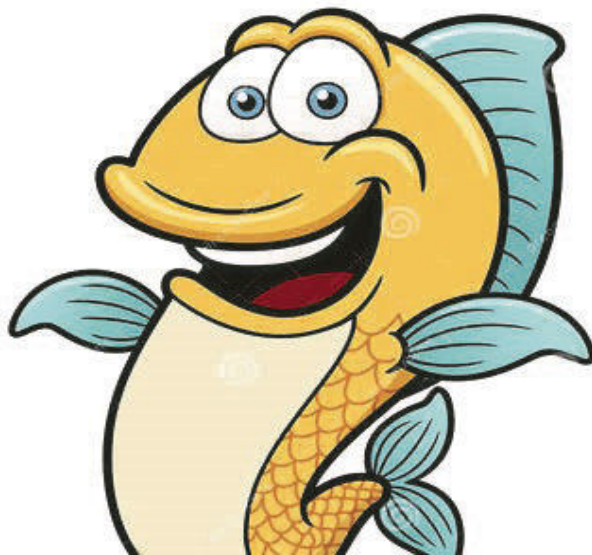
Just three weeks until our first Drive-Thru Fish Dinner of 2025 on Friday March 7. We always welcome new parishioners to help with the dinners. If you have been unable to help in the past, but feel you can help this year, it would be gratefully appreciated. It is not necessary that you be there all day, but two or three hours of your time would be great.

Preparation for the dinners starts at 1 p.m. on Thursdays in the kitchen. We need potato and cabbage cut along with fish being unpacked so that it can start to unthaw. On Fridays we start around 6 a.m. to separate the fish, make macaroni and cheese, and halushki. At 9 a.m. we start to fill the containers for coleslaw, cut the cakes to be put in containers, and prepare to start the day for the orders.

We need dish washers in the morning to keep up with cleaning dirty items. We need cooks, servers, packing of the dinners, runners to deliver the orders to the cars, along with clean up at the end of the night.

If you are interested in helping with any of the above, or have questions, please call me at 330-799-3339.

—Patty Infante



## *March Ministry Schedule*

### **Lector:**

Debora Flora

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Di Dultra, Charlie Griffith

## *Sunday's Scriptures: Jesus, You Take Over*

The readings for today's 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time are from Jeremiah 17: 5-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20; Gospel of Luke 6: 17, 20-26.

Most of us live a divided life. We spend our days and our years with one foot in the Kingdom of God and one foot in the kingdom of the world. It is so common and easy to do that we don't realize that we have a divided trust in God.

Jeremiah is sent to Israel (God's chosen people) to wake them up to their sinfulness. His message is hard and speaks to us today: "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a barren bush...Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord."

In Luke's gospel, Jesus teaches the crowd of His day and us today the Beatitudes. Luke presents Jesus' proclamation in a different manner than Matthew. Luke describes the Kingdom of God with blessings and woes: "Blessed are you who are poor for the Kingdom of God is yours...but woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Blessed are you who are now hungry for you will be satisfied;

woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry."

Sometimes as we hear the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount we see ourselves only in the "blessed" parts. "I am not rich, I am not too full, etc." But let's take some time this week and examine our lives with the words of both Jesus and Jeremiah. How much of our daily focus is on the ways and beliefs of this world, and not on the hard radical teachings of Jesus?

Blessed Clelia Merloni (died 1930) reminds us to live in and for God: "I love God and am loved by Him; He consoles in all the afflictions of life, while the love of creatures consoles very little...one loves God because all good is found in Him alone. There one finds the complete fulfillment of mind and heart, and there is nothing left to be desired." If we are hungry for God with all our mind and hearts, He will fill us. If we are poor in ourselves and the things and ideas of this world, we will find riches in Him.

All the things of this world will pass away. The heavens and earth will pass away. God's Word (Jesus) will not pass away. Let us put all our trust in Him. "O Jesus, I abandon myself to You! Jesus, You take over."

— Geri Jacquet

## ***St. C Meatball/Sauce Sale***

St. Christine School will hold its Winter Meatball & Sauce Sale distribution noon-3 p.m. Sunday March 9 at the parish office. All proceeds benefit the Junior High Field Trip.

Each bowl includes six large homemade meatballs and 24 ounces of homemade sauce in a microwavable, freezer safe and dishwasher safe container, all for \$10. All sales are pre-ordered; checks made payable to St. Christine Church.

## ***Men's Mile Marker Set 2/22***

The annual Men's Mile Marker spiritual event will be held 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday Feb. 22 at St. Joseph Church, 4545 New Rd., Austintown. The free event includes fellowship, food, fun and faith with an optional Mass to follow at 4:30 p.m. in the church. Information: Chris, 330-507-8045.

## ***Ursuline Slates Placement Test***

Ursuline High School will administer its Placement and Scholarship Test on Saturday March 8 from 8:30 a.m.-noon in the school cafeteria. No charge. Bring two No. 2 pencils, a bottle of water, casual dress. A light lunch will be served. Register at [www.ursuline.com/rsvp](http://www.ursuline.com/rsvp)

## ***Ursuline Science Night/Grades 3, 4***

Ursuline High School will host 3rd and 4th grade "Out of This World" Science Night on Saturday March 8 from 5:15-7:30 p.m. Students will participate in planetarium fun, glow in the dark activities, experiments and learn about Ursuline's STEM curriculum. No cost, but limited space. No charge. Register by Feb. 28 at [www.ursuline.com/rsvp](http://www.ursuline.com/rsvp).

## **Your Sacrificial Offering**

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For February 2025 **\$29,440.00**

### **Week of February 9, 2025**

Sunday Collection	\$3,365.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$170.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
Maint. Support	\$1,110.00
Total	\$5,695.00

**2 week total \$11,234 .00 toward the goal of \$29,440.00**

**\$18,206.00 short**

**WE COUNT MEMBERS BECAUSE MEMBERS COUNT**

**Mass 9 a.m.**

**2/9-70**



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and empowered by the Spirit.  
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God by living the Gospel,  
celebrating the sacraments  
and loving our neighbor as ourselves.*

### *PARISH STAFF*

#### **Pastor**

Father John Jerek

#### **Parochial Vicar**

Father Stephen Zeigler

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Mark Kiraly

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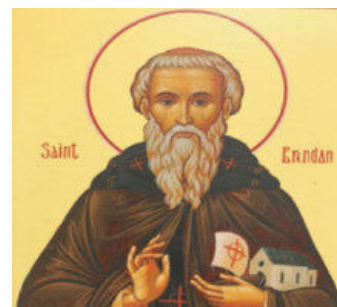
Geri Jacquet

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Allyson Reed

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*Wednesday 9:00am*



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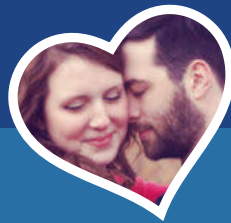
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