

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 25, 2015



The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe the Gospel. -Mark 1:15

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	Jan. 26th A.M.	Saint Timothy, Bishop Parishioners
TUES., 12:00	Jan. 27th P.M.	St. Angela Merici Emma T. Cuccurullo r/o OLMV Parish Staff
WED., 7:00	Jan. 28th A.M.	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest Margaret Sebastian r/o Thomas & Joanne Richter
THURS., 12:00	Jan. 29th P.M.	Weekday Peggy Sebastian r/o Jean & Art Williams
FRI., 7:00	Jan. 30th A.M.	Weekday Beatrice (Kuki) Lesko r/o White Family
SAT., 8:00	Jan. 31st A.M.	St. John Bosco Pasquale Salerno r/o The Children & Grandchildren
		5:00 P.M. Roman Slusarz r/o Wife, Florence, Maureen & Richard
SUN.,	Feb. 1st	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00	A.M.	Frances Wageman r/o Tom & Joan Przybylski
10:00	A.M.	Michael Andrew Fitzgerald r/o Parents, Brian & Kathleen Fitzgerald
11:30	A.M.	Robert F. Rogers, Sr. r/o Family
1:30	P.M.	Pedro Galeano Miguel Bohorquez

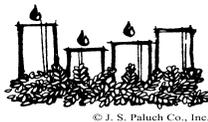
Week of January 25—31

Tabernacle Candles

Marie Most r/o Lottie Murray & Family

Sanctuary Candles

Tom Mendelson r/o Dianne & Family



PRAY FOR THE SICK... In your charity please pray for the sick of our parish, the sick who remain in our intentions and those whose names are kept on our prayer list in the sacristy.

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — The Ninevites turn from their evil way in response to Jonah's message (Jonah 3:1-5,10)
Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25)
Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31)
Gospel — Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20)



The following "little ones" were Baptized on January 18, 2015
 Francesca Viola Fisher, daughter of Thomas & Erika Fisher
 Paul George Crivello, Jr. son of Paul & Kristen Crivello

Special Collection: The Second Collection this weekend is for the Foundation for Catholic Education, a diocesan fund that provides tuition assistance grants for students in financial need in the Catholic elementary and high schools of the Diocese of Metuchen. Without financial assistance, these students might not receive the gift of a Catholic education. Please be as generous as your means allow.

LENTEN NOVENA- Our Lenten Novena will begin on **Monday, February 2nd** and continue every **Monday through March 30th** at 7:00 P.M. in the church. All are invited.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF JAN. 31—FEB. 1

5:00 pm— Katelyn Carmona
Amelia Casale
8:00 am— Kevin Meier
Joe Meier
10:00 am— Lorenzo Troia
T. Sviderskis-Carroll
A. Sviderskis-Carroll
11:30 am— Natalie Zychlinski
Connor Fitzgerald
Gavin Fitzgerald



"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." — Mark 1:17
 Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! Jesus asks us to help Him build his Church on earth by generously sharing all our gifts of prayer, talent and treasure. Remember, Jesus calls us to generously develop and share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose.

January 17—18.....\$7,047.00
 Hispanic Mass.....\$401.00
 Major Renovations.....\$650.00
 Weekly Parish Expenses.....\$19,246.00

NAOMI TEA...

Sunday, Feb. 8th...12:30 -2PM in Petra House... We welcome ***ALL WIDOWS*** to join us for a gathering to share prayer, conversation, and refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet friends and discover others who have suffered the same loss. No need to register; just come and bring a friend or someone who might need a ride or a personal invitation. Small bite-sized desserts to share are also appreciated!



IMMEDIATE OPENING - CATECHIST NEEDED!

Communion Preparation Catechist Needed on Tuesdays (during March/April ONLY) from 6:15-7PM for one student. Please contact Mrs. Zmigrodski in the Religious Education Office to volunteer or request more information.

FIRST PENANCE

January 26th, 2015 (7:00 P.M.)

SUPERBOWL BAKE SALE

sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society
weekend of **January 31 and February 1**,
after all Masses.



**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY Mass & Communion
Sunday, February 1st, 8:00 A.M.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS- Our monthly Baptism Preparation Class will be held **Thursday, February 5th at 7:30 P.M. at Petra House.** Please call the Parish Office to register. Baptism dates may be selected after completing this one evening of preparation.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday, February 6th, 7:30 A.M. until 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited!!!

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

We invite you to join in this beautiful ministry of bringing Communion to those who are ill or homebound in our parish. You may receive the consecrated Hosts at Mass on Sunday mornings, or other arrangements may be made that are more convenient for you or those you serve. If more ministers could be available, then each would need to visit only one or two shut-ins weekly, requiring about a half an hour to 45 minutes of your time, on a day of your choice. Please call the Parish Office (732-356-2149) to volunteer or Sister James at 732-609-1091 for more information. Your time and presence are urgently needed and greatly appreciated.

THE "KISS OF PEACE" AND "INFLUENZA." During this time of year when there is a heightened concern for the transmission of influenza, the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds the faithful that while the "handshake" is the customary gesture during the sign of peace, other gestures, such as a slight bow of the head to nearby parishioners is also acceptable. The Precious Blood will be made available at Masses in the Diocese of Metuchen as usual. Those persons who are ill and those persons who feel uncomfortable receiving from the Chalice are invited to receive only the sacred host.

A NOTE FROM FATHER PAT My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." With this command, Jesus, in Mark's Gospel, calls his special disciples to him.

Certainly we remember a very different encounter last week as we examined Jesus' call to Andrew and his companion when he invited them to "Come and see." Mark's Gospel presents those who would follow Jesus as everyday people who are engaged in everyday activities. At the same time, there is an obvious intensity to Jesus whose invitation is so incredibly powerful. Mark's Jesus doesn't just invite them to "take a look;" rather, he suggests immediate response and commitment: "I will make you new persons---even your work will change!"

As we continue the theme of listening to the Lord and then responding to the Lord's word, I think that we are invited to consider our own response to Jesus' command to us with a different perspective. Last week we considered if we were ready to "Come and see." We grappled with the idea of entering into relationship with the Lord---abiding in the Lord---experiencing intensity that, like Andrew, would radically change us forever.

Today we are again invited into relationship with the Lord, but the call is different. Today's call is one of action: "Follow me and you will enter into my work!"

I think that each of us is invited today to consider Jesus' invitation to Andrew, to Simon, to James and to John. Jesus invited them with a magnificent intensity to follow him; and I think that Jesus extends that invitation today to each of us. For in a certain way, each of us is also called to become a "fisher of men." Each of us is responsible, by virtue of our baptism, to go forth and to proclaim the presence of Jesus in our midst, and to "Catch sinners, returning them to the Lord!"

I think today as we consider Jonah's invitation to the Ninevites to change their ways---and they do!---and as we consider Jesus' invitation to the disciples to become fishers of men---and they do!---we must come to terms ourselves with Jesus' call to us. We must be ready to go forth from the safety of our church; we must be ready to go forth out into the world and cast out our nets. And by "casting out our nets" we understand that Jesus calls each of us to enter into the "dialogue of love" that had been torn asunder when our first parents sinned. Indeed, God and us once again share in a wondrous dialogue of love, one that has been re-established by Jesus, the very Word of God, at the Incarnation.

Let us today listen to Jesus who calls to us deep within our hearts. Jesus is the Word that invites each of us to enter into the work of the Lord---to share the presence of the Messiah, the Christ! Let each of us today become, in Jesus' name "fishers of men!"

**In peace and prayer,
Father Pat**

