



Words are important. How we speak to others, even if it is challenge, confrontation or a reprimand, ought to be offered to respect both the dignity of a person and the awareness of how my truth may not be exactly your truth. That said, none of us are perfect and all of us are sinners.

All four of the Scripture offerings this Sunday speak to how we communicate with one another. Each of them also recognizes the significance of God's call in our lives, even when we see ourselves as not worthy of God's call. As believers, we are reminded constantly by Jesus and the disciples through the ages up to today, that our call is to love God and love our neighbor. This is the unity which needs to be central in our lives; and as St. Luke's Gospel reveals, if we chose to be Jesus' disciples, we must leave everything and follow him.

There are times, as the prophet Isaiah tells us, that because of the "unclean lips" of ourselves and other people, we feel our world is "doomed." Psalm 38 reminds us that even though the work of our hands seems incomplete or trivial, we must never forsake that God completes what needs to be done. St. Paul offers himself as "the least of the apostles," but he also recognizes that if we believe the grace of God is with us, we must preach the Good News. Jesus needs us to listen to the word of God, so that even after we have already worked quite hard, we can cast out our nets of faith and witness once again an overabundance of Jesus' presence. Fear ought never stop us from catching God's love.

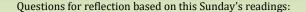


All of us have been anointed in some way to be healed and to bring healing into our world. Our sins can be purged if we allow the ember of God's compassion to



touch how our lips bring kindness into every situation. The angels that God sends into our spirits, can help us build up the strength we need to come closer to the truth. To avoid believing in vain, we must develop a deep awareness of how to effectively preach what needs to be heard from God. God's graces are astonishing, and they can sometimes seize us with the fear of our own sins. Yet, Jesus invites us to bring our sinful and fearfilled "boats to the shore." Then we, as Jesus partners, can speak words which open our hands to work for peace with Christ and one another.

-Fr. Michael



Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 ~ Hear I am, send me!
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8,11 ~ I handed on to you what I received.
 Luke 5:1-11 ~ They left everything, even their nets, and followed Jesus.

When I have felt like I was in deep water, in over my head, when doing something I felt called by God to do?

Did I overcome my fear or discomfort and how?

2		February 9-	5, 2025		The Fifth Week in Ordinary Time		
		LITURGICA		IDER, DEVOTIONS, AND INTENTIONS OR FEB 10-16th, 2025	Upcoming events		
Mon	10	St. Scholastica, Virgin	7:00am	Dolores Lampman (30-day Mass)	9 Sunday-Pizza and Wing Sale pick-up, 3:00 and 4:30		
Tue	11	Our Lady of Lourdes	7:00am	Rev. Anthony Suchocki (by Parish)	14 Friday- <i>Pierogi prep</i> -9am -Potato/Cheese Prep		
Wed	12	Weekday	7:00am	Joseph & Carol Ciaston (by Joe & Elizabeth Ciaston)	15 Saturday		
Thu	13	Weekday	6:30pm	Denise Frantz (by siblings)	-10am Mash /Ball Potatoes 		
Fri	14	Saints Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop	7:00am	Dan Hanley (by Bill & Debbie Orner)	-9am Pierogi Making		
Sat	15	Weekday	4:00pm	Michael Rostkowski (by children)	17 Monday - Presidents Day -office closed		
Sun	16	THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ODINARY TIME	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Hantz & Kabacinski families (by <i>family</i>) For the Intentions of the Parishioners Patrick Plastow (<i>by Barry Conlan & family</i>)	23 Sunday -Orders Due for Pre Lent pierogi sale 26 Wednesday - Pre-Lent pierogi pick up from 3-6pm		
			Vot	IVE CANDLES OFFERINGS	MARCH		
		d Heart of Jesus	Kenneth F	rancis Sr. (by Ken & Mary Francis)	4 Tuesday- Men's Society meeting @6:30pm		
	Bles	sed Virgin Mary	1	ntention (by Dorice & family)			
		Saint Joseph	Louis & D	orothy Doxbeck (by family)	5 ASH WEDNESDAY – Lent Begins		

FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP: For the period ending Feb 4: SUNDAY TOTAL \$7,421.95; Sunday \$5,444.00 (\$1,998.00 OL); Other Envelopes \$1,420.50 (\$190.00 OL); Loose \$210.00; Initial Offering: \$347.45 (\$4.00 OL, \$218.45 2nd Loose)

Next Sunday's Second Collection will be our parish response to the collection for the Church in Latin America. CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: 2024 GOAL \$44,982.00 So Far: \$45,896.00 ... 102.03 %! Thank You, and may God bless your wonderful generosity!

LENTEN PIEROGI

We are making Pierogi to help with your Lenten meatless meal plans. Pierogi will be available for **\$10.00 a dozen**, frozen and bagged. Orders are limited to 2-Dozen per customer, and orders will be taken on a first come, first serve basis until Sunday, February 23rd, or until supplies run out. Pick-up Date and Times: Wednesday, February 26th, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at the Church Hall.

LENTEN PIEROGI 2025 Order Form

Name: _____

Phone Number:_____

Email Address:

of Pierogi: \Box 1 Dozen \Box 2 Dozen

Amount Enclosed \$

Please make checks payable to Nativity of Our Lord Parish.

Office use... Order # _____ LB: _____

Paid:_____ CASH or CHECK #____



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February 9, 2025

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

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WITH PARISH SYMATHY Prayers are requested for Mary IN THE COMMUNITY: Gorman and Beverly Rogalski, for whom funeral services were held this past week. May the Holy Spirit give comfort to their family and friends, as we commend them to the care of our most merciful Savior in the house of our God.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION: Sunday, February 9th, Morning classes 9:45-10:45am 1st-6th grades.

GIFT CERTIFICATES: that support Holy Rosary School can be purchased on Thursday Feb. 13th in the church hall from 8-10 am.

CEO FOOD PANTRY COMMUNITY SERVICE: our next food pantry volunteer session is Wednesday February 19th, 5-7PM, at the CEO Food Pantry, 185 Research Drive, Pittston. Please call the rectory at 570-457-3502 for further information or to volunteer.

	HRS PTO PRESENTS NIGHT AT THE RACES SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST IN THE HRS GYM DOORS OPEN AT 5PM ~ RACES BEGIN GPM						
SPONSOR A RACE	FOR \$50, YOU CAN SPONSOR ONE OF OUR RACES! THIS INCLUDES ADVERTISING IN OUR PROGRAM BOOK! PLEASE INCLUDE HOW YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR SPONSORSHIP TO READ BELOV	ν.					
URCHASE A HORSE	FOR \$10 EACH, YOU CAN PURCHASE A HORSE! PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW FOR EACH HORSE PURCHASE. HORSE NAME OWNER NAME CELL PHONE #						
NAME:	# OF HORSES PURCHASED X \$10 = TOTAL IF YOU WISH TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL HORSES, PLEASE LIST THEM ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE. ME: PHONE NUMBER:						
	PAYMENT DUE (SPONSORSHIP + HORSES): ILL YOU BE PAYING? CHECK OR CASH VENMO						

AT GERMANIA HOSE COMPANY, DURYEA • Annual "All You Can Eat" sit down / take out Breakfast on February 16, 2025 from 8:00am to 12:00 pm. The cost is \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. They will be serving sausage, ham, home fries, eggs, pancakes, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, and orange juice. They will also have 50/50 raffles at the door. The profits from this fundraiser will go towards their operating expenses. Thank you for your support, and hope to see you there.

AT ST. JOSEPH MARELLO, PITTSTON • BIG PRIZE BINGO:

Sunday, March 30, with doors opening at 12:30pm; games beginning at 2pm. Prizes include home goods, outdoor items, purses and several CASH PRIZES. Tickets for this bingo will cost \$25 when purchased in advance or \$30 if purchased at the door (if tickets are still available). Bingo tickets include entrance and 20 regular games. Special games will be available for purchase, along with additional regular games, Bingo dabbers and other fun extras. Food and beverages will be available. For tickets or more info, please call the Parish Office at 570-654-6902.

AT PRINCE OF PEACE, Old Forge • A Charismatic Healing Mass sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Scranton will be held at Prince of Peace Parish, 123 West Grace Street, Old Forge on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Prayers for healing will be prayed over individuals after Mass. Everyone is invited and especially those who need prayers for both spiritual and physical healing. • MARDI GRAS: Saturday March 1st 6:30 pm -10pm at Arcaro & Genell Banquet Room Main St. Old Forge. Tickets are \$35 per person ADULTS ONLY Includes Hors Oeuvres and a Sit-Down Dinner with a choice of Beef, Chicken, or Fish, Beer, Wine and Soda Included, accepting reservations for tables of 8 or 10. Reserve your seats early Tickets go on sale Saturday February 1st. For reservations call the rectory 570-457-5900. Payment is due with reservation. Entertainment by "The Dynamic Duo"

AT SACRED HEART, DUPONT
 A Polish Lenten Food Sale will be held on Ash Wednesday, March 5, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the garage behind the Sacred Heart of Jesus Rectory, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont. Homemade foods include potato pancakes (placki-\$20) a dozen), fried cabbage and noodles (haluski - \$10 a quart, \$5 a pint) and homemade meatless soups (\$12 a quart). Our homemade fresh food will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Pierogi will also be available!

CATHOLIC CHORAL SOCIETY SCHEDULES LENTEN CONCERT In a 75 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the CCS will present their annual Lenten Concert at St. Joseph Marello Church, 237 William Street, Pittston, PA, on Sunday, March 9th at 4PM. In addition to the Choral Society, the concert will feature the combined parish choirs of St, Joseph Marello and St. John the Evangelist. The concerts are open to the public free of charge. There will be a good will offering. The group, marking its 70th season, is composed of 50 members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties who will perform inspirational music in the Lenten tradition of the March concerts. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also at www.catholicchoralsociety.org.

To all that you to for the sake of the gospel in hopes of having a shake in its Blessings

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