

THE CLEMENTIAN

February 7, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It's not hard to be struck by the grimness of Job's words in today's first reading—"I shall not see happiness again." After all, look at what happened to the poor man! He lost his children, his possessions, and property, even his health. Anyone would be devastated. But Job teaches us an important lesson when we are going through something difficult: keep the lines of communication with God open!

If you find yourself complaining about your circumstances or getting caught up in self-pity, try to follow Job's example. Vent to your friends if you must but turn to God as well. Tell Him your frustrations. Tell Him about the injustice of your situation. Do not hide the way you feel. Ask Him hard questions. That kind of honesty gives Him something He can work with.

But then, go further and listen for His answer. Eventually, Job heard from God. He didn't get an immediate explanation of why he lost everything, but he did, over time, come to a deeper understanding of God's greatness. He went from someone who only knew about God to being someone who had seen Him directly. That is what God can do when you are honest and keep talking to Him. Eventually, you will hear Him!

"Lord, may by setbacks help me to open my heart more deeply and honestly to You!"

Our readings for next weekend, February 13 & 14: Leviticus 13:1-46/1 Corinthians 10:31;11:1/Mark 1:40-45
Worship Book #881

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

DAILY MASS READINGS

Mon 2/8 Genesis 1:1-19/Mark 6:53-56
Tue 2/9 Genesis 1:20—2:4/Mark 7:1-13
Wed 2/10 Genesis 2:4-17/Mark 7:14-23
Thur 2/11 Genesis 2:18-25/Mark 7:24-30
Fri 2/12 Genesis 3:1-8/Mark 7:31-37
Sat 2/13 Genesis 3:9-24/Mark 8:1-10



CALENDAR WINNERS

Jan 27—Bob Wicks, #490
Jan 28—Marko Torbay, #161
Jan 29—Chase Zakraysek, #792
Jan 30—Deb Rullman, #950
Jan 31—Harry Bennett, #877
Feb 01—Alex Bachy, #868
Feb 02—Darlene Miller, #127

THANK YOU!

"Marcia & Lou Polonkey would like to thank all those who helped to make the Lottery Calendar fundraiser a huge success. Without the sellers, our job would be much more difficult. Without the buyers, our parish wouldn't benefit from the funds raised. A huge thank you to all! Remember, all the numbers are lucky numbers until 7:00 PM!"

FUNDRAISING WHILE YOU SHOP!



Scrip is available at the Rectory Office **Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM.** All proceeds benefit ST. CLEMENT CHURCH.

A sincere "Thank You" to all of you who continue your faithful contributions in support of our parish family. This past year has been unlike any others we have experienced and has required many of us to adjust to difficult situations. Through these trying times, I remain grateful to our parishioners who have offered their time, talent, and financial support. Many of you are making sacrifices for our parish family as you serve in various ministries during the Mass and help us to stay connected in a special way to those who cannot be with us. We have all been introduced to the word "virtual"!



For those of you who have been using your banking system to mail in contributions, you will not be receiving a new box of envelopes. Since you are no longer using envelopes, we saw it as an opportunity, as we prepared our order, to cut down on expenses. Be assured, however, that you will receive credit for your donations. If circumstances change and you want to resume using envelopes, contact the rectory and we will reserve a box for you.

For those receiving boxed envelopes, they are now available for pickup in the rear of the church. If you cannot pick them up in church, please call the rectory and we will make every effort to deliver them to you.

My sincere "Thank You",

Rev. William E. Rosenbaum



DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS

As we conclude Catholic Schools Week, we invite you to visit www.dmcaatholic.org to watch a heartfelt video of our students sharing messages about their teachers, their school and their faith. Our latest e-newsletter is out, too, with important registration info, highlights of our innovative partnership with The Bottleworks, Student Council activities, EITC updates and a special profile on a beloved teacher. Want to learn more? Call us at 961-DMCA (3622) for more info or to set up a tour. We'd love to see you!

OLD PALMS

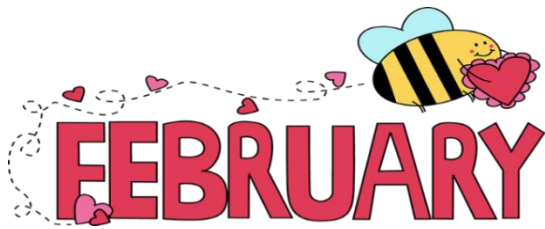
We are now collecting your old palms to be burned for the ashes that will be used on Ash Wednesday. Please put them in the cans located at the entrances of the Church.



Marriage: 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.

<https://www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/>

Life Matters: We pray for the sick, especially those nearing life's end to be cared for with tenderness and compassion as they prepare to enter eternal life.



FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAY

THE LIFT MINISTRY

Thank you for your continued support of the Lift Ministry. There is one February birthday:

February 12th

Matilda Pavlik

Lutheran Home, Room 2006

807 Goucher Street

Johnstown, PA 15905

How do we change the world?...

One random act of kindness at a time.



ST. THERESE PIROGHI SALE

We will be selling fresh but frozen Potato & Cheese piroghi every Friday during Lent, starting **February 19th – March 26th** at the Social Hall from 10-12 Noon & 4-6 PM. **NO phone orders will be taken. First come first served.** Cost is \$7.00.



FISH FRY

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FISH FRY is scheduled for **Ash Wednesday, February 17** at the Activity Center corner of D St. and Barron Avenue. Fish Fry will take place from **2:00PM until 6:00PM** (please note the time change) for **PHONE ORDERS ONLY**. Orders will be taken on Tuesday, February 16 from 9:00AM until 11:00PM and on Wednesday, February 17 from 10:00AM UNTIL 5:00PM. We ask that you please pre-order.



If you would like to submit a prayer request, you can do so by either:

- calling Alice Krivac at 814-255-2359 with your prayer requests, who, in turn, will pass them on to the other members of the phone chain, or
- using your computer, tablet, or smart phone to access our online component on the St. Clement Parish website:

<http://pray.stclementjohnstown.org>,

where you will see two options:

OPTION 1 - Submit a request for prayers:

["Click Here to Submit a Prayer Request"](#)

On the prayer request form, all information is optional and your request can be totally anonymous, if you prefer. You can also choose to use first name only, initials or any combination you want. If you want notification that your request has been prayed for, provide your e-mail address and check the box next to "I would like to be notified (once per day) when I have been prayed for." Enter a short title for your request. Further explanation can be entered in the "Prayer Request" box.

OPTION 2 – See prayer requests submitted by other parishioners:

["Click here to Pray for People's Requests"](#)

To pray for a person's request, click on the "Details" link at the end of the row of the request. After viewing the details of the request, pause for a moment, offer your prayer, and click on the "I Prayed For You" button in the lower right hand corner of the pop-up window.

Please check the website periodically for new prayer requests. As a parish family, it is good for us offer support to those who are asking for our prayers.

Never underestimate the power of prayer, because it may have been a prayer once that saved you.