



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✕ FEBRUARY 23, 2025



- Sat. Feb. 22 **VIGIL-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
4:00pm Marie Metcalfe by Melissa and Dave Fraga
- Sun. Feb. 23 **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00am Vince Chiodo by Mary Ann Chiodo
10:30am Jack Sherwood by Karen Jantz
- Tues. Feb. 25 **SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00am Robert Barbieri by Carlson Family
- Thru. Feb. 27 **SAINT GREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT AND DOCTOR**
9:00am Kelly Fellins by Smith Family
- Sat. Mar. 1 **VIGIL-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
4:00pm Donald Trump by Ron and Marie Natoli
- Sun. Mar. 2 **EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00am Orest Kochan by Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Bowlby
10:30am James J. Wilde by Jeannie and Butch Bidwell



Parishioners who are sick and in need of prayers can be added to our prayer list by calling the parish office at 570-842-4995. Please pray for: Margaret Adamiac, Camille Albert, Josephine Amato, Joanne Arredondo, Chelsey Bartro, Michael Bota, Rose Bremer, Reilly Canas, P.J. Cappola, Jane Colwell, Dennis Corbisiero, Marilyn Croak, Jim Dantis, William Delahanty, Scott Demarest, Barbara Derrenbacher, Carole Dougherty, Linda & Bob Earthy, Dan Edwards, Mary Ann Flaherty, Kyle Gemberling, Tyler Hanson, Pat Henes, Marge Imperatrice, James Imtanos, Mary Knowles, Sue Krayeski, Betsy Kressler, Susie LaFave, Tim Lenihan, Viviana Lewis, Donna Jean Marabella, Michael Martino, Stephanie Martino, Tammie Martino, Alice McAfee, Ellie McCauley, Tim McGovern, Carol McKnight, John Menichello, Donald Migliorato, Judy Morris, Paul Natoli, Tom Natoli, Marc Negri, Gioia Palmerio, Victor Panzella, Reed Phillips, James Piloni, Ruth Piloni, Edward Pizzo, Frank Quattro, James Quinn, Jennifer Quinn, Pam Quinn, Steve Rish, Anthony Romaro, Joanne S., Mark Sallust, Lisa Sarnicola, Michael Sawko, Beth Schuil, Ellen Soloman, Duane Sprovach, Millie Stoia, Luke Stricker, Jason Scott Taylor, Dana Thorne, Skyler Thorne, Jack Tizio, Thomas Tizio, Gregory Tobin, Linda Wahlers, Helen Zerbe, and all the sick of the Parish. **Please call the Parish Office if someone should be taken off the list.**



Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary

If she has not yet visited your home and you would like information or to sign up to have the Statue visit your home, please call Pat Manago at 570-848-2284. This is where the statue will be traveling in the weeks to come:

2/23-Giordano Family

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First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul wanted to harm David and went into the desert to locate him. David and his companion Abishai visited Saul and his troops while they slept. Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but David would not allow it, as he refused to kill the Lord's anointed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul portrays Adam as the first physical man and Jesus as the first man to give us our spirituality. One man was formed from dust, the other sent down from heaven. Just as we resemble the first being physically, we should model ourselves after Jesus spiritually.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus explains that loving only people who love us is no great achievement. He also reminds us that doing a favor for someone while expecting something in return is not what he asks of us. Instead, we should emulate God by being compassionate and non-judgmental, even towards individuals who hate and mistreat us.

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Sunday

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

First Saturday

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16



Sacrificial Giving

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

God's Plan for Giving 02/16/2025

Sunday Offering	\$ 568.00
Loose	\$ 148.00
School Debt	\$ 70.00
TOTAL:	\$ 786.00

Online Included above

Mass Attendance: Sat: 4:00PM--14
Sun: 12:00PM- 17

**Winter is here!
OPERATION SNOWFLAKE
IS IN EFFECT**



Daily Mass will be cancelled any time North Pocono School District is delayed or cancelled. Weather delays and cancellations are broadcast on TV channels:
WNEP 16 WYOU 22 – WBRE 28

A Little Reminder...



***Saint Joseph's Center
Day of Giving is March 19th!***

Signs From God
**A LOT OF KNEELING WILL KEEP
YOU IN GOOD STANDING**

GOD

FATHER RAWEL'S CORNER



STRIVE TO LOVE OTHERS AS HE LOVES US

David's decision to spare Saul's life demonstrates his deep respect for God's authority and plan, even at personal risk.

This act of mercy reminds us of the virtue of forgiveness and the need to leave judgment to God. In moments when revenge feels justified, this passage calls to choose mercy, trusting in God's wisdom and justice.

The first reading emphasizes the transformative power of Christ resurrection. While living in the flawed world, Paul reminds us of our higher calling in Christ. Our identity is shaped by both earthly nature and spiritual destiny, urging us to embrace heavenly virtues like love, patience, and holiness as we await our complete transformation in Christ.

In the Gospel, Jesus challenges us to love our enemies and show mercy to those who harm us - a teaching that defies human logic. Jesus exemplifies this through his life and forgiveness on the cross.

By practicing mercy and unconditional love, we reflect God's nature, who is kind even to the ungrateful and wicked. The teachings unite in their call to mercy, forgiveness and love - a path that not only transforms our relationships but also brings us closer to God.

Lord may you, enable us to align our hearts and put our faith in your justice and grace as we strive to love others as you have loved us.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEKEND!

CHOIR



**If you like to sing , we would love to have you join our Choir!
Simply go up to the Choir loft and see Fred !**

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed

Our Parish is in need of lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for our weekend liturgies. Take some time and pray, asking God if this ministry is for you. Training will be provided.





**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time,
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Sunday, February 23, 2025

First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23
David does not kill Saul.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-4,8,10,12-13
A song in praise of God's mercy

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49
As we bear the image of Adam, so we will
bear the image of the one from heaven.

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus teaches his disciples to be merciful as God is merciful.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the [Beatitudes](#). Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy. In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

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“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.’”

We are familiar with the ‘golden rule’. And it seems quite logical. BUT are you sure the Christian life is easy? The teaching of Jesus tells us otherwise. Maybe my task is to make sure I have no enemies, except the devil. Hate has no place in the heart of a Christian. I may disagree with someone, but no hate. I can find something positive to say about another person and always I can hold them in my prayer.

It is easy to fall, but when I listen carefully to the teaching today, I ask the grace I need, and take positive steps to put His words into practice. With Paul I can say ‘I can do all things in him who strengthens me.’

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

*Grateful
to
God*