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# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 5, 2023

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### HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

**Opening Prayer:** Jesus started His Sermon on the Mount with His teaching on the Beatitudes. Today Jesus invites us to be aware of our dignity and responsibility as his disciples. We are blessed because we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Jesus orders us to strive to fulfil our Christian mission as salt and light.

Our Mission as Disciples of Jesus-Called to the Salt of the Earth: Jesus needs disciples who are themselves "salt of the earth," and who will bring the salt of Jesus to others by manifesting His kindness, compassion, and love. We preserve the saltness in us by living a virtuous life, by striving to overcome excessive love for the things of the world and sin which is the work of the devil. Jesus in today's Gospel used the image of salt to describe the transforming effect of God's work in our lives as His disciples and how the Holy Spirit works through us in order to draw other to Jesus and His kingdom. As salt makes good, preserves, flavors and purifies food and other things that we use, we, too, as disciples of Jesus, are to be "salt" for the people we live within our families, neighborhoods, places of work, markets or schools. Disciples of Jesus can become 'salt' to the earth in the following ways:

As Salt makes Food Good, so Christians are to be to the World: When salt is added to things it makes it good, better and the best. Hence, salt makes fish fries better, our meat loaf the best, our egg eggier, our steak better and our meat meatier. In the same manner, Christians are in the world to make it a sweeter place to live. As salt we are called to be sweet disciples who are friendly, kind, and at peace with everybody: "Salt is good, but if salt becomes insipid, with what will you restore its flavor? Keep salt in yourselves and you will have peace with one another" (Mark 9: 50).

As Salt is able to Preserve Food and other things, so Christians are to Preserve People and Things: Just as salt is used to preserve food and other things, Christians are also called to preserve the Faith which they have received and to pass it on intact to others. They are called to preserve what is good in Jesus' teachings too. Disciples of Jesus are to be good breathing grounds for people in whose company it is easy to be good, decent in speech and to be free from bribery or corruption.

As Salt gives Flavor and Spice up Food and other Things, so Christians are to Flavor and Spice People and Situations: As salt enhances the quality of food, so Christians are called to provide meaning and spice up the lives of other people. Filled with joy and hope, Christians are to bring that joy, hope and meaning into the lives of others and by so doing are able to provide meaning and spice up people's lives. As salt of the earth, Christians also flavor and spice up the lives of other people through the preaching of the word of God, through the sacraments, through the exercise of the mercy, kindness, benevolence and by remaining true to the revealed truth of the message of God and protecting its authentic value. As salt of the earth, disciples of Jesus are also able to enhance the quality of the lives of other people through speech which is gracious, that is, filled with truth and kindness: "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you know how you should respond to each one" (Colossians 4: 6).

As Salt Serves as a Better Example of what is Immaculately Pure, So Christians are to be Good Example of Purity: Just like salt serves as a perfect example of purity, so also are Christians called to be example of purity in thought, in speech and in conduct. No wonder we are told: "So by their fruits you will know them" (Mathew 7: 20).

**Our Mission as Disciple of Jesus-Called to be the Light of the World:** Jesus used the image of light and a lamp to show us how in and through us the transforming work of God can take place. Just as natural light illumines darkness and enables us to see visually, so the light of Christ shines in the hearts of believers and enables us to see the heavenly reality of God's kingdom. Our Christian mission to shine forth as light of the world is realized in the following ways:

As Light is Good in Itself, so Christian are to be Good and to Spread the Goodness of God: Because light is good, it makes everything that comes its way visible-bright and even brighter. With the aid of light we are able to see things as they are. Hence, light makes red more clearly red and black more clearly black. Lines and signposts become more visible when they come into contact with light. As children of light, Christians always opt for goodness and spread it by their good ways of life. As it is said: "So by their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7: 20).

As Light Brightens up during Darkness, so Christians are to be to the People Around them: Just as with the help of light we are able to clearly see the way to go, Christians light the way for others through their thoughts, words and way of life. Christians shine as light through their humility, generosity, charity and by involving themselves in politics. Other ways Christians can make themselves lights to the world is by encouraging and comforting others during their trials and hardships through phone calls, text messages, or face-to-face interaction, by using our skills and talents for the community or in ministry through singing in the choir, working with children, or helping the elderly. When Christians become the source of light for others, people who witness them and see their good works will give glory to the Father in heaven (Cf. Matthew 5: 16).

As Light is Meant to be Seen, So the Christian is to be Visible Light in the World: Christianity should not be visible only within the Church but in our families, neighborhoods, offices, markets, schools and playgrounds. As shining lights, Christians must be visible like a "city" on a hilltop and a lamp on a "lamp stand." Disciples of Jesus make their faith and their religion visible or radiant in the ordinary activities of the world by the way they treat others in the community with respect and Christian consideration. Christians become visible lights to others by the way they treat a shop assistant, the way they order a meal in a restaurant, the way they treat their employees or serve their employer, the way they play a game or drive or park a motor car, the type of literature they read and the type of channels or movie they watch.

**Closing Prayer:** As disciples of Jesus, may the salt of our lives make a difference in people's lives, and our light shine and influence the people we meet in this life, so that seeing the goodness of the Lord through us, the Almighty God will be glorified.

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

#### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

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Needed Each Week:	\$2,467.41	\$2,807.70	\$815.76	\$533.66
Needed Year-to-Date:	76,173.38	84,231.08	25,288.56	15,476.40
Actual Year-to-Date:	76,274.26	83,630.21	23,183.85	16,662.50
Date: 1/29/2023:	1,674.33	777.10	467.00	731.50
Other Collections:	435.63	30.00	600.00	285.00

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

# Saturday, February 4, 2023 \*Blessing of Throats Immediately Following All Masses Today\*

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael
(\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne,
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
(\*Alan McGowan)

### Sunday, February 5, 2023

# \*Blessing of Throats Immediately Following All Masses Today\*

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (\*John Dumont) 11:00am Mass at St. Anne (\*Joan Emington)

#### Monday, February 6, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Anne (For the sick)4:15pm St. Raphael Sodality Meeting

#### **Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

9:00am Mass at St. Anne (For our children) 9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

#### Wednesday, February 8, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(\*Colette Miller)
5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration & Reconciliation
at St. Catherine
6:30pm Holy Hour with the Lord at
St. Anne Church in Harrisville

#### Thursday, February 9, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (For all children) 9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

#### Friday, February 10, 2023

NO MASS

6:30pm Bible Study in Maria Hall at St. Anne Church in Harrisville

#### Saturday, February 11, 2023

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Raphael
(\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne,
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Gabriel
(\*Ed Burnock)

#### Sunday, February 12, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (\*Vincent Klemmer) 11:00am Mass at St. Anne (\*Nancy, Lorraine, & Sy Goebel)



#### ST. ANNE: BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS:

Please bring your old palms into church and leave them in the gathering space on the front pew so we can burn them for Ash Wednesday [February 22, 2023].



#### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ST. RAPHAEL PRE-LENT/VALENTINE'S POTLUCK ON 2/10/2023: St. Raphael will be having a Pre-Lent/Valentine's Day potluck dinner after mass next Saturday, February 10th. Bring a dish to pass if you are able. Meat and beverages will be provided. Plan on staying and spend some time with your church family.
- ST. RAPHAEL SODALITY MEETING: Monday, February 6, 2023 at 4:15 pm
- ST. ANNE CHURCH CLEANING PERSON NEEDED: St. Anne needs Volunteers to clean the Church for April through December 2023
- **ST. CATHERINE'S ANGEL FUND COLLECTION:** Has collected a total of \$4,500.00. If you would like to donate there are envelopes at both entrances of the church, just drop them in the collection or at the parish office.
- COFFEE & DONUTS ~ A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY SOCIAL TIME WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS!
  - **St. Catherine:** Coffee and Donuts will resume in May 2023.
  - St. Anne: Coffee & Donuts after mass on Sundays!
  - St. Raphael: Refreshments will be after mass on Saturdays!
- MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

For The Week (Year A)

#### **SUNDAY:**

IS 58:7-10, 1 COR 2:1-5, MT 5:13-16

#### **MONDAY:**

GN 1:1-19, MK 6:53-56

#### **TUESDAY:**

GN 1:20-2:4A, MK 7:1-13

#### **WEDNESDAY:**

GN 2:4B-9, 15-17, MK 7:14-23

#### **THURSDAY:**

GN 2:18-25, MK 7:24-30

#### FRIDAY:

GN 3:1-8, MK 7:31-37

#### **SATURDAY:**

GN 3:9-24, MK 8:1-10

# PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Carolyn Lenhard,
Beverly Aube,
Betty Keen,
Charles Carriveau,
Karl Miltz Sr.,
Carol Antkowiak,
Carl Skwirsk,
Mary Gruba,
Mike Maturen,
Catherine McNeil,
Brian K. Somers,
Jason Wrush,
Wendy Wrush

# PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

### Sunday:

Rev. Richard Kropf

#### **Monday:**

Rev. John Ladd

#### Tuesday:

**Deceased Priests** 

#### Wednesday:

Rev. Scott Lawler

#### Thursday:

Rev. Basil Lek

#### Friday:

Rev. Donald Libby

#### Saturday:

Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PARISHES OF THE RESURRECTION:

#### JOIN US FOR A WINTER WONDERLAND INSPIRED EVENING OF FAMILY FUN AND SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT MIKE AND SUE MATUREN

DATE: Friday, February 17 TIME: 5:30pm-9:30pm dinner served at 6. **LOCATION:** Maria Hall at St. Anne's Church 110 S. State Street, Harrisville

With gratitude for selflessly giving of themselves to our parishes and our community, a spaghetti dinner to benefit Mike & Sue Maturen is being held to help offset their medical expenses. All costs (food, entertainment, decorations, etc.) have been donated, therefore, 100% of the proceeds from the evening will go to Mike & Sue.

Dinner to include: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, desserts, coffee, tea, punch and water. Suggested Minimum Donation - \$10/ticket TICKETS ARÉ AVAILABLE for the cost of a donation and available in advance or at the door (room allowing).

#### 50 / 50 Raffles, Silent Auction, Entertainment by: Rockin Rodger DJ

For Tickets, to Volunteer or to donate an item for the silent auction call or Text Marie Ostroznik @ 586.212.1429 or Leo Marciniak @ 989.254.7038

\*\*If anvone from St. Catherine or St. Gabriel would like tickets or would like to make a donation, please contact Shelby Failla at the parish office 989-471-5121.

### LENTEN PREPARATION PROGRAM WITH THE ASCENSION LENTEN COMPANION

BEGINS: ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22, 2023 | Afternoon sessions 1-2PM at St. Catherine | Evening sessions 6:30-7:30 at St. Anne \*\* TO REGISTER: SEE STEVEN ADAM'S AT ST. ANNE'S OR MARY HINKLE AT ST. CATHERINE AFTER MASS ON FEB. 5 \*\*

Lent is an important season in the Church's liturgical year, the time when we take stock of where we are in our faith and prepare for the death and Resurrection of our Savior. Often, we lose sight of the point of this season because we get caught up in ourselves—how hard it is to fast, how bad we are at fasting—and we end up just waiting for the season to be over at Easter. Because of this, we sometimes arrive at Easter with our lives no different than they were on Ash Wednesday.

As a parish cluster, we are seeking to prepare for Jesus' death and Resurrection and experience true transformation in our lives during this powerful season. One way we're doing this is by participating in a new program from Ascension—The Ascension Lenten Companion. This resource explores the Gospel readings for each Sunday of this Lent to help us prepare better for Mass and grow closer to Jesus each day. The program includes engaging videos by Fr. Toups and an inspirational journal with daily meditations, prayer prompts, space for journaling, original sacred artwork, and weekly videos that keep us on track.

Because we want this Lent to be a journey we take together as a parish, we are holding Lenten Sessions on Wednesday afternoons from 1-2PM at St. Catherine, and evening sessions from 6:30-7:30 at St. Anne. Each registered participant will receive The Ascension Lenten Companion book to use throughout the Lenten season.

This program is an opportunity for our whole community to enter into the season of Lent intentionally and receive the grace God wants to give us during this holy season. Join us for our Lenten Companion Sessions and take full advantage of this transformative experience.



## **ALERT!! SCAM TEXTS/EMAILS**

- DO NOT RESPOND OR COMPLY -

There are some unethical people sending texts/emails to parishioners pretending to be Fr. John William, asking that you help him out financially by purchasing gift cards for him. This is NOT Fr. John, please ignore any request like these or report them to the Sheriff's Department.

#### **LENTEN FISH FRY EACH FRIDAY:**

Parishes of the Resurrection of the Lord will be having a Fish Fry each Friday evening during Lent to be held at St. Anne Harrisville in Maria Hall from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Volunteers will be needed to staff these events.

The schedule of church hosting is as follows:

Friday, February 24 -- St. Anne

Friday, March 3 -- St. Catherine

Friday, March 10 -- St. Raphael

Friday, March 17 -- St. Catherine Friday, March 24 -- St. Gabriel

Friday, March 31 -- St. Anne



St. Anne & St. Raphael volunteers should call the St. Anne Office to volunteer. St. Catherine & St. Gabriel volunteers should call the St. Catherine Office to volunteer. Remember, many hands make light work! Please be generous with your time, support our parishes, and join in the life of our churches by helping with one or more of these evenings!