

# THE STEWARD

*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023



## TRUST IN GOD'S WISDOM

BY ANDY GALUS, DEAN OF DISCIPLINE  
AND MIDDLE SCHOOL RELIGION TEACHER



At various times in my life the Gospel today has been difficult to listen to and to reflect on. I am sure it may be difficult for others as well. The part of the Gospel where Jesus tells us that if we are angry with our brothers and do not reconcile, we will be liable for judgement has worried me. I am sure many of us can relate. My family and I do not always get along. Situations that caused friction and division over the years are not easily forgotten. Olive branches may be extended and accepted but also ignored many times. There's anger that has led to the current state we find ourselves in. However, as time has elapsed anger has turned more into sadness because there has not been or probably will not be any true reconciliation. Looking at our relationships or lack of relationships, I have come to accept that each of us has made mistakes and each of us shares blame. This is why this Gospel has often been a challenge for me.

Reflecting more closely on the entire Gospel passage and not just this part of the Gospel, we understand that Jesus is continuing the Sermon on the Mount and reviewing the expectations of how to follow the commandments. The key that Jesus is teaching us is not just the laws of the commandments, but to understand the intent of our actions, and the movement of our hearts. Jesus reminds us in this passage about exactly how to follow and live and teach the commandments.

When I work with students in class or in situations of discipline, I always remind and challenge them to make wise, correct, and polite decisions, and to be kindhearted to everyone they meet each day. These actions are a way for them to learn what it means to put their trust in God and to try to emulate what Jesus has taught us about loving and serving one another; following the commandments.

Trusting in God gives us the wisdom

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to choose wisely and turn our hearts to God's word. When we follow the commandments, we are not just following rules, we are choosing to put trust in God's wisdom. This is an everyday choice we must make; to trust in God and accept God's will. Jesus helps us to grow in our faith by serving as a perfect example of how to live a life of faith and service and acceptance of God's will. We are called to trust in God more deeply so that we can live as Jesus did. Each of the readings today offer this theme of knowing that the wisdom of following God's law can bring us peace.

In the first reading today, Sirach reminds us that God has given us the power to choose freely. He tells us that the choice to keep the commandments and pursue understanding the Lord's wisdom will save us. By keeping the commandments, Sirach tells us, "If you choose, you can keep the commandments, they will save you, if you trust in God, you too shall live." This helps us to develop a better understanding of free will. The person who chooses the path of doing good does so freely. The same is true of the person who chooses the path of evil. Sirach writes, "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses will be given him." Near the end of the reading Sirach reminds us that because of our gift of free will, God is not responsible for sin; it comes from us. "No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin."

In the second reading today, Paul is writing to the Corinthians about the wisdom of God. He explains that this wisdom does not belong to any political forces but is something that humans cannot attain on their own. It is bestowed upon those who believe by God. This wisdom Paul tells us had been hidden for ages but is revealed to us through the Holy Spirit. He uses the words of Isaiah that we have heard many times to explain this to the Corinthians, and us, those who believe, "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God."

In the Gospel, Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount which we have heard over the past few weeks. Many say that it is his deliverance of the "new commandments." This Sermon which begins with the Beatitudes is him illustrating his message that he is here to fulfill the laws and the prophets, and they are not new commandments. He says, "Do not think that I have come to abolish law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." In today's passage he is addressing the commandments involving murder, adultery, divorce, and lying.

Let's look at his explanation of the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." Jesus is teaching us that we have great responsibility. He tells us there is a deep responsibility to not simply refrain from evil actions but find and correct the causes for evil actions in the first place. This applies not just to this commandment, but to all the commandments and all of what we do in our lives. Jesus is clearly telling us that we must not only drop anger, but take away the deep cause of anger, so that we can live a life of love. To choose to live in Christ tells us to pay close attention to our actions and then also the emotions within us.

Jesus explains the responsibility we have in this way; "Therefore whoever breaks one of the least of the commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called the greatest in the kingdom." Even though this Gospel is a challenge for me, I just keep reminding myself to live out this responsibility, and to trust God and obey the commandments every day. It is time to explore extending those olive branches again.

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## **COURTYARD PALM BURNING PRAYER SERVICE FOR MARDI GRAS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST AT 8:10 AM IN COURTYARD K-8 (WEATHER PERMITTING)**

Requesting for anyone and your child(ren) to bring in old PALMS from last year's Palm Sunday to either the Church, Rectory or School anytime between now and no later than by Monday, February 20th. Make sure your child(ren) is dressed properly to be outside on that Tuesday.

### **Ash Wednesday Masses at St. Benedict Parish**

8:30 AM (with grades K, 5-8)

1:30 PM - Grades 1-4

4:00 PM - Prayer Service with Ashes, and 7:00 PM (Full Mass)



February 12, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20 | 1 Cor 2:6-10 | Mt 5:17-37

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Just the other day some of my friends agreed on a new way to approach the new year: Select one word, a kind of mantra for 2023. Ironically, even though I am indecisive to a fault, I had no trouble deciding on mine: "Choose." I often get stuck, whether it's deciding which online clothing purchases to return, what to order on the menu ... and don't get me started on major life decisions. Today's reading from Sirach reminds us of the choice that matters most: If we *choose* to keep the commandments, they will save us. "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." We are well into 2023, but it bears reminding that each day we have an opportunity to choose anew: To follow God's law, fulfilled in the words and example of Jesus. He will show us the way. "If you trust in God, you too shall live."

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We've probably all heard the term "quiet quitting" by now. It's a workplace phenomenon where employees do the bare minimum rather than going above and beyond. I thought of that phrase when reading Matthew's Gospel today. How many of us Christians have "quietly quit," doing the minimum required - going to Mass on Sunday, being faithful to our spouse, not resorting to violence when we get angry with someone. Jesus challenges us to go above and beyond the Ten Commandments. You shall not kill, but you should not stay angry either. You shall not commit adultery, but you shall also love your spouse with your whole heart. Today's readings challenge us to rediscover God's law and challenge ourselves to go "above and beyond" in our daily lives.

**PRAY** Pray today's psalm (119): "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!" How might you specifically follow the law of the Lord just a little bit better, or above and beyond, today? Each day?

"Blessed are  
they who  
follow the law  
of the Lord!"

(Ps 119)

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Sunday, Feb 12, 2023

### Create a genuine love story

No one ever said relationships were easy. Commitments, whether in marriage, religious life, or elsewhere, take spiritual insight to discern, patience to maintain, time to mature, and a whole lot of love to keep the engine moving on the tracks. Today's celebration of World Marriage Day is meant to support the development of a culture of life and love within our most fundamental relationships. As Pope Francis declared in *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love): "The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the church." Take the journey to joy and love. Work to make each relationship life-giving.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37 (76). "We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age."

Monday, Feb 13, 2023

### Make a petition, not a deal

It can be tempting, especially when we're desperate, to try to bargain with God: "If you do this one thing for me, I'll quit a bad habit forever and never miss Mass again." But that's not how our relationship with God works. For starters, Jesus told us not to bargain, but to simply ask for what we need (Matthew 7:7-11). God already knows what we need better than we do but wants us to ask anyway, persistently even—because a willingness to be vulnerable and share intimacy are central to any healthy relationship. For that reason, petitionary prayer isn't always easy. Open up with your longings and offer God your trust, rather than a deal.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13 (335). "Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation."

Tuesday, Feb 14, 2023

### Speak the language of love

More than 1,000 years before Vatican II—with its directive to translate the Latin liturgy into the vernacular—two missionary siblings, Cyril and Methodius, got the blessing of their pope to do the same for the Slavic people. In doing so, they created the Cyrillic alphabet. And as Pope John Paul II noted, they impacted not only the "history of the church, but also the civil and the political history of a great part of the European continent. . . . Cyril and Methodius [are] not only the apostles of the Slavic peoples but also the fathers of their culture." On this Valentine's Day, how can you translate love into your vernacular?

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL, MONK, AND METHIDIUS, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21 (336).

"Do you not yet understand or comprehend? Are your hearts hardened?"

Wednesday, Feb 15, 2023

### A pioneer priest who broke a color barrier

On this day in 1880, Augustus Tolton departed the United States on a holy mission: to enter a Catholic seminary as an African American. After several years of trying to become a priest stateside and experiencing rejection due to racism, Tolton's friends and allies successfully arranged for his passage to study at the Urban College in Rome, where he was ordained as the world's first openly African-American Catholic priest in 1886. He would return to his home state of Illinois, eventually settling in Chicago

where he founded the city's first black parish. He died of heat stroke in 1897 at the young age of 43 and has since been on the path to sainthood. In these times of continuing anti-black discrimination, may we look to his witness for hope and sustenance. Venerable Father Tolton, pray for us!

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 22-26 (337). "My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people. Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones."

Thursday, Feb 16, 2023

### Take the path of Saint Francis

Christian theology has often encouraged human domination over creation. Saint Francis of Assisi had another view, one that has become more prominent in the church as the climate crisis intensifies. Franciscan Sister Rose Dowling expresses one facet of it: "The Earth with which we are so intimate is our primary teacher about who God is and how God wants to relate with us. . . . I see a God who has set into being a creation that continues to grow, evolve, become more conscious, become more complex. I see that as a human I, like the rest of creation, have the potential to grow and become *more* . . ." How will you become more conscious of all of creation today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33 (338). "Peter said to him in reply, 'You are the Christ.'"

Friday, Feb 17, 2023

### To Mary, in times of sorrow

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order were 13th-century Florentine cloth merchants who banded together in prayer, solace, and community during politically tumultuous times. From the beginning, the Servites dedicated themselves to Mary, the Sorrowful Mother. Today their mission is to "gather in fraternal communion to be with those suffering and sorrowful." The Servites developed the three most common devotions to Our Lady of Sorrows, namely the Scapular of the Seven Dolours of Mary, the Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother, and the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows. In the closing prayer of the Rosary chaplet, we say, "Pray for us, O most sorrowful Virgin. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." That is certainly a prayer to remember as we face each day's trials.

MEMORIAL OF THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34—9:1 (339). "Whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it."

Saturday, Feb 18, 2023

### Good to be here

Were you ever so enamored of something that you just wanted it to last forever? That's what Peter was experiencing on the Mount of Transfiguration. But Jesus and his inner circle had to move on. They had to come down the mountain. There was more that needed to be done, people who needed to be served. In his 1967 encyclical, *Populorum Progressio* (On the Development of Peoples), Pope Paul VI wrote, "Genuine progress . . . consists in an economic order designed for the welfare of the human person, where the daily bread that each [one] receives reflects the glow of love and the helping hand of God." Pray that we become enamored by justice and help transfigure the world in Jesus' image!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13 (340). "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents."

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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## LIL' BENGALS PLAY & PRAY

Play & Pray with your young cub (6 months – 2 years old) at St. Benedict Preparatory School. Play & Pray provides you the opportunity to socialize, build community, and connect with members of our parish and school. Sessions are held in the Preschool Gross Motor Room with padded floors and age-appropriate play equipment. **Parents and children only please.** Questions? Contact Janet Gallagher, Director of Enrollment & Marketing at [jjgallagher@stbenedict.com](mailto:jjgallagher@stbenedict.com) or 773-509-3814.

St. Benedict Preparatory Preschool  
3901 N Bell (corner of Byron and Bell)  
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**ON FRIDAYS:**  
February 17, March 3, March 10 , and March 31

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## HAPPY 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL!

The 100th day of school in our Kindergarten presented an opportunity for the students to not only work on the number 100 activities and projects. The children and even our teachers also had some fun dressing up as 100 year old versions of themselves. God bless our "centenarians"!



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FOR 2023-2024.  
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## STOP BY THE GALA 2023 SPONSORED COFFEE STAND

at the Irving Park gate to the courtyard after the 10 am Mass for complimentary coffee. Meet our co-chairs and other members of the Gala committee. For more information regarding our largest fundraiser of the year click on the QR code or go to [one.bidpal.net/sbsp gala2023](http://one.bidpal.net/sbsp gala2023).

Can't make it Sunday? Stop by the school entrances on Monday during morning drop-off prior to 8 a.m. for complimentary coffee. Thanks to Green Joe Coffee for donating the coffee for these two days.





**TODAY!**

# The Magic of the Cello

**Sunday,  
February 12  
3pm**

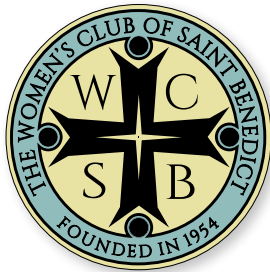
Featuring Matthew Agnew,  
Principal cellist of the  
Elgin Symphony



**Matthew Agnew** studied Suzuki cello from age four with Marilyn Kesler in Okemos, Michigan. In High School he had the benefit of orchestra instruction and guidance from Shirley Mullins, a Janos Starker student, and cello instruction from Jane Katsuyama of the Dayton Philharmonic. He attended DePaul University on scholarship and studied with William Cernota from the Lyric Opera Orchestra. In 2001 he won second place at the Lansing Matinee Musicale Richardson Awards.

Matthew is the principal cellist of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra, a position he has held since 2002. He also plays with several Chicago area orchestras, including Chicago Opera Theater, Music of the Baroque, Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra and the Joffrey Ballet. In 2005 he was awarded the assistant principal position with the Lancaster Festival Orchestra, a summer festival orchestra in Lancaster, Ohio.

For more information, Contact Director of Music Ministry, Scott Arkenberg at 773.588.6484, ext 5107



## THE ST. BENEDICT'S WOMEN'S CLUB

will hold its monthly meeting on  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 9:30am  
in the Pine Room. All women of the parish  
are invited to attend.

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## VOCATIONS EVENTS

Do you think you might have a calling?

Fr. Tim Monahan, Vocations Director, wants to connect with you.

**High school** men are invited:

St. John Vianney College Seminary visit, Feb. 16–18  
Quigley Discerners event, Feb. 25

**College** men are invited:

Seminary Sprint in Mundelein, Mar. 10–11

**Scan for details and sign up!**



## ST. BENEDICT HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS - DONUT SUNDAY UPDATE AND MORE

Due to circumstance beyond our control the Donut Sunday scheduled to be held on February 5th has been rescheduled for May 7th. If any member of the parish wishes to join the Holy Name Society or wishes to learn more about our HNS at St. Benedict's please call, text or email Deacon Dave at 773- 588-6484 or dreyes@stbenedict.com.



# Will Domestic Abuse Happen Again?

## How to tell if your partner has really changed or if they're likely to abuse again - Part I

From the Domestic Violence Outreach Team of St. Benedict Parish

Perhaps your partner hit you when they were drunk and has since apologized, promising it will never happen again. Or maybe you found out that your partner used to stalk their ex but swears they've changed. Is there any way to tell if abusive behaviors will repeat themselves?

The unfortunate truth is that domestic abuse doesn't tend to be an isolated incident. It's exceedingly rare that someone in a healthy relationship would hit their partner out of the blue and then never do it again, or use controlling behaviors on one partner but not the next. Abuse is a choice people make in order to wield power and control over another individual, and oftentimes this starts with nonphysical abuse, such as **coercion**, intimidation and **emotional abuse**, before escalating to violence. The difference between abuse and "just a bad argument" with a **healthy partner** is that abusers repeat their abusive behaviors again in the next fight, often escalating them, and typically don't accept blame or show remorse.

**Statistics** around arrests also tend to back this up. While just 10 to 18 percent of those arrested for domestic violence are arrested again within six months, 15 to 30 percent face a second arrest within 28 months, and up to 60 percent are rearrested within 10 years. And it's pretty safe to say these numbers only tell part of the story, considering most domestic violence is never reported to law enforcement.

### Can Abusers Change?

All that said, it is possible for some abusers to change. But it doesn't happen overnight, and it takes a lot of work—and counseling—to do it.

*"In order to change, the abuser has to consciously choose to change and take responsibility for being abusive, permanently,"* says Gretchen Shaw, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence associate director.

In other words, someone who hits you and then comes back a week later and says they'll never do it again is probably not telling the truth. It's best to move on from someone who's abused you or a previous partner. However, if you truly think a person might have changed but want to know for sure, here are some indicators that change is possible:

He or she has done more than counseling.

**Domestic violence is not something that can be controlled or resolved through therapy because abuse is a choice, not a mental illness.** Even though abusers can have mental health issues or a previous history of abuse in their past, which therapy can help them work through, their choice to continue a pattern of abuse toward their partner is something they must be held accountable for. Many abusers will use therapy as another way to manipulate the partners to stay, promising there is change coming because they're "getting help." **Couples counseling is not recommended** for those in relationships with abusers either because of the high likelihood the abuser will manipulate these sessions for their benefit.

*(Continues with Part II Next Week)*

### Domestic Violence Victim Services:

**Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Services:**

Various Locations:  
Please call  
1.312.655.7725

**Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline:**  
1.877.863.6338  
(Toll-Free. 24-hour. Confidential. Multilingual.)

**Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline:**  
1-800-4-A-CHILD  
(1-800-422-4453)

### PRO – LIFE ALERT LIST

Occasionally as the Pro-Life coordinator for our parish I get "alerts" from the Archdiocesan Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity. These alerts are in the form of requests to call our legislators to vote for or against legislation that impacts Pro Life issues. If anyone would wish to be on this Alert list to please send me your email address or if you don't have an email address your telephone number. I will Blind Copy the list so that your email address will be hidden. **Please send to dreyes@stbenedict.com.** As always please keep in your prayers those who work in the Pro-Life field and for the victims of "Pro Choice" policies.



# Coming Up at St. Ben's | February 2023

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| <b>12</b><br><b>6th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b><br>Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12pm Church   | <b>13</b><br>Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church<br><br>Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall<br><br>Ravenswood Orchestra Practice 7pm SS Library | <b>14</b><br>Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church<br><br>Tiger Scouts Den Meetings 5:30pm Beaven Hall<br><br>Parish Commission Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall | <b>15</b><br>Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church<br><br>St. Ben's Womens Club Meeting 9:30am Pine Room<br><br>Daisy Girl Scouts Kindergarten 2:30pm Beaven Hall<br><br>Cub Scout Pack 3865 4th Grade Meetings 5:30pm Beaven Hall<br><br>Advisory Board Mtg 7pm SS Library<br><br>AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall | <b>16</b><br>Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church<br><br>1st Grade Daisy Scouts 3pm Beaven Hall<br><br>Women's Book Club 7pm Beaven Hall                  | <b>17</b><br>Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church | <b>18</b><br>Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church<br><br>Bitty Basketball 8am Ackerman Center<br><br>Reconciliation 11am Church<br><br>Welcoming Weekend Mass at 5pm Church |
| <b>19</b><br><b>7th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b><br>Welcoming Weekend Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12pm Church<br><br>Dads Group Get Together after 10am Mass Beaven Hall<br><br>Mass at St. Kateri Center Convent Chapel 11am | <b>20</b><br>Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  | <b>21</b><br>Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church  | <b>22</b><br><b>Ash Wednesday Masses 8:30am, 1:30pm, &amp; 7pm Church</b><br><br><b>Ash Wednesday Prayer Service 4pm Church</b><br><br>Cub Scouts - Bears 5pm Beaven Hall<br><br>AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall  | <b>23</b><br>Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church<br><br>Gala Meeting 7:30pm SS Library<br><br>Cub Scout Pack 3865 Wolves Den Meetings 6:30pm Beaven Hall | <b>24</b><br>Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church | <b>25</b><br>Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church<br><br>Bitty Basketball 8am Ackerman Center<br><br>Reconciliation 11am Church<br><br>Mass at 5pm Church                   |

## Stewardship



### Sunday & Holy Day Offertory

#### Week of January 29


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| <p><b>Sunday &amp; Holy Day Offertory – Week of Jan 29</b></p> <p>Electronic Giving: \$6,280<br/>                 Envelope: \$2,170<br/>                 Loose: \$5,178<br/>                 Holy Day: \$0<br/>                 Total: \$13,628 (105% of goal)<br/>                 Weekly Goal: \$12,990</p> | <p>Fiscal YTD: \$389,844 (97% of goal)<br/>                 Fiscal YTD Goal: \$402,690<br/>                 Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$12,846)</p> | <p><b>Christmas Offertory – as of Jan 29</b></p> <p>FYTD: \$30,511<br/>                 Goal: \$55,000<br/>                 Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$24,489)</p> |
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**QUESTIONS? Contact our Director of Operations and Finance, Jeanne Anderson, at 773.588.6484 x5109 or janderson@stbenedict.com. Thank you for your remarkable generosity to the parish.**

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# Masses for the Week

## Saturday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes, BVM

8:30AM Special Intention for Suzanne Brewer  
5PM James Schneider - *Christa O'Keefe and Marge Lawlor*  
Joan Brunzie Stafford (Class of '74)  
- *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*

## Sunday, February 12 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Donald Luth (Class of '71)  
- *The St. Benedict Alumni Office*  
Helene Lorraine Wolfe - *Melissa Mulhern*  
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*  
In Thanksgiving for Rosita and  
Federico Perez and Family  
Timoteo Gotengco - *Corazon Lopez*  
Emmie Mole - *Juliet and Howie Kantoff*  
12PM In Thanksgiving for Jorge and Aurora Cortes  
Lilia B. Zabala - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*  
Nicolas G. and Consolacion D. Dabu  
- *Jesus and Lucita Barin*

## Monday, February 13 - Weekday

8:30AM David Fahey - *Family*  
Aura Luna - *Maria Luna Cabrera*

## Tuesday, February 14 - Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

8:30AM Birthday Blessings for Paz N. Endriga  
Linda Jouzaitis - *Mom, Gladys*

## Wednesday, February 15 - Weekday

8:30AM In Thanksgiving for Faustina Gruezo

## Thursday, February 16 - Weekday

8:30AM Special Intention for  
Beverly Berganos Johnson

## Friday, February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:30AM Special Intention for Bill Shaver

## Saturday, February 18 - Weekday

8:30AM James J. Dinchak - *Friends*  
5PM Tom Becker - *Family*

## Sunday, February 19 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Special Intention for Lucy Consing  
- *Daisy and Family*  
Wilfredo Guanzon - *Corazon Lopez*  
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*  
In Thanksgiving for Corazon Lopez  
Bill Cromwell - *The Cromwell Family*  
Fernando Gonzalez - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*  
12PM Silveria Sabijon - *Ceferina Sanchez Paez*

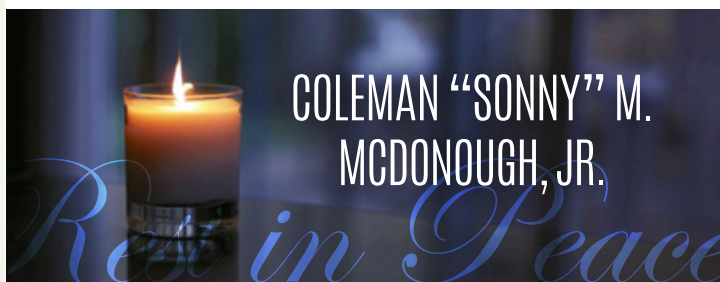
## Please Pray for Healing

Please call the Rectory at (773) 588-6484 to add your name or the name of an immediate family member for whom you would like the parish to pray for healing. The name of the person will appear quarterly unless otherwise instructed at the time the request is made.

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| Gloria Arsenia           | Ken McFadden                         |
| Beverly Berganos Johnson | Ronald O'Keefe Jr.                   |
| Suzanne Brewer           | Mary Pattison                        |
| Isabella Sofia Casillas  | Corazon Pizarro                      |
| Vincent Castellano       | Erlyn Publico                        |
| Carmen M. Clarin         | Julie Raheja-Perera                  |
| Mayden H. Eichendorf     | Alex Sandoval                        |
| Frank Flesch             | Cecilia Fell Schott<br>(Class of 72) |
| Anne Hoellich            | Bill Shaver                          |
| Marilyn Jerger           | Eden Sobrepena                       |
| Charlene Johnson         | Jim Strzalka                         |
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| Giorgio Marconi          |                                      |

## Baptisms

Lilly Virgo, daughter of Aaron and Jillian Wirtz



# Parish Information



If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your stay. We're glad you decided to join us in this celebration. If you are new to the St. Ben's community, welcome home! **To become a registered parishioner, complete a Registration Form on our website: [parish.stbenedict.com](http://parish.stbenedict.com).** One of our Ministers of Hospitality will be glad to assist you. If you are a former parishioner or a graduate of our schools, we are glad to see you back home. We hope you will return often. Contact Joe Accardi, Director of Alumni Relations at [jaccardi@stbenedict.com](mailto:jaccardi@stbenedict.com). Our weekly bulletin, The Steward, tells you about parish life. Submissions for the bulletin are generally due by Friday at 9 am of the week previous to publication. Electronic submissions are preferred via e-mail to [bulletin@stbenedict.com](mailto:bulletin@stbenedict.com). Flyers should be submitted in camera-ready format and will be used if space permits. If you would like to receive our online weekly newsletter-"The Block", please contact the rectory to be placed on our emailing list. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at (773) 588-6484. We look forward to hearing from you.

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### MASSES AND SERVICES

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