



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time * January 14, 2018

"He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah.'" After spending the day in the company of Christ, Andrew took action. He shared the good news! Instead of keeping his newfound friendship with Jesus all to himself, Andrew invited his brother into the fold. Andrew found Simon and "brought him to Jesus." This was no small matter because Simon would become Peter, the first pope! How important it is to bring others along with us to meet Christ!

Yet, how often do we reach out with the kind of confidence that Andrew had? Are we ready and willing to share our faith with our family and friends? Do we consider our relationship with Jesus a gift to be shared, or a fact to be safely hidden away in our personal prayer corner?

Part of our call as Christians is to evangelize others, to share with them the good news of salvation. Loving Jesus and following his moral commands is essential, of course, but it is not the end of the story. The Gospel message is meant for all people, and we are meant to be its messengers. Sometimes this requires us to step out of our comfort zone. It may mean speaking up when we'd rather be silent. It may mean inviting someone to Mass when they might say no. But it might also mean a conversion for someone we care about. It might mean a new minister for the Church. Ultimately, it might mean another saint in heaven.

None of that is up to us, however. What we can control is only whether we share our faith joyfully and extend the invitation to others to experience the peace that comes from knowing Christ.

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule: Refer to bulletin

Weekday Mass Schedule: Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.

No 8:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Daily: 9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism is celebrated Sundays at 12:15 p.m. Parents are required to attend a Preparation Class prior to the Baptism.

Sick Calls: Notify the Rectory for hospital visits or Communion to the sick or shut-ins.

Bulletin deadline: Monday at Noon

Child Abuse Line: 1-888-808-1235



A Year of Hope (And Uncertainty)

By Fr. Bob

As we move into 2018, the New Year brings with it lots of hopes as well as uncertainties for all parishes and priests in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, as we begin the implementation of the On Mission For the Church Alive! With Fr. Boyle's retirement it has meant a new team of clergy being already assigned to take care of our current grouping of St. Francis, St. Isaac and St. Benedict. The big date right now is April 27, 2018. This is when Bishop Zubik will announce the final groupings of parishes as well as the clergy assignments to staff the groupings. I am very happy taking care of St. Francis and have enjoyed the past couple of months getting to know you. I'd like to think that our grouping has already been determined and that we have our team of clergy in place. However, at this point I simply do not know. Again, the big date when all of us will find out is at the end of April.

The final groupings and clergy assignments will take effect on October 15. On October 15, each parish will remain an individual parish within the grouping but will be assigned either a 2-year, a 3-year, or a 5-year period to form one "active" parish. This doesn't necessarily mean forming a parish with one church building. A parish will be able to have multiple "missions" — as the buildings will be known. It will be up to the grouping to see how many buildings they actually need.

While most peoples' minds are focused on the buildings, the real focus needs to be on the word "active." What constitutes an "active" parish? How many precious resources go into buildings which could be better used for ministries and activities to meet peoples' spiritual needs and help them on their faith journey? What about resources for reaching out to those fallen away from their faith? What about resources for forming young people and keeping them in the faith? To me, these are all integral pieces of an "active" parish.

Then, there's the question of who and how many priests will be assigned to each grouping. Not every priest will move. But every priest should be prepared to move. We priests have gone through two rounds of interviews with the diocese. The bishop hopes to pair the best of what each priest has to offer with the needs of the groupings. There's a nervousness among us priests simply because of the uncertainty at this point. Will we stay or will we move?

A year of Hope cont'd.

It will be an interesting year. There's reason for hope in the future and all of us being part of an "active" parish. But to get there involves short-term uncertainty and, undoubtedly, change along the way. For ongoing updates, Fr. Sam Esposito writes a weekly column in *The Pittsburgh Catholic* entitled, "Looking Up...Moving Forward," which is worthwhile to read. And keep praying that all of us, parishioners and priests alike, will be open to where the Holy Spirit wants to lead us and guide us.

A Family Perspective - Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

Next Weekend January 20/21 we will have a second collection for St. Anthony School and DePaul School for the Hearing and Speech. Our Diocese of Pittsburgh is known nationally for these two educational programs.

St. Anthony School Programs provides Catholic special education to children with developmental delays and autism in five elementary/intermediate classrooms, two secondary classrooms and one college-age program located on the campuses of Duquesne University with training sites at the University of Pittsburgh and Carlow University. St. Anthony's also offers an academic component to the curriculum through Carlow University for qualified post-secondary students.

DePaul School for Hearing and Speech provides Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) education to children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Without the use of sign language, DePaul students learn to listen and speak and successfully transition to their neighborhood schools alongside their peers with typical hearing.

This second collection is credited to our Parish Share Program assessment, please be generous.

Super Bowl Hoagie Sale

Beginning next weekend, January 20/21 and 27/28, the Knights of Columbus will be taking orders for their famous hoagies. They will be available for pickup Saturday, February 3rd. See the flyer in today's bulletin to place an order, or call the Parish Office 724-348-7145.



Ministry Schedule - January 20/21**6:00 p.m. Saturday**

Ministers: Foster, Weisdack, B. Lewis, Brucker,
Checque, Delullis, Wietrzykowski

Lector: S. McCormick

Servers: T., T., & T. Smida

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Dishong, Yesionek, Hirsch, Jurofcik,
Banahasky, Sherred, Schirra

Lector: L. Obringer

Servers: J. Pisarcik, C. & E. Rega

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Bublak, Battaglia, A. & S. Parker, Pitzer,
Folz, Hamilton

Lector: L. Kenavey

Servers: Z. & Z. Bublak, V. Lombardi

Bingo - Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will be \$1,175.00 in 55 numbers. The Magic Number will \$250.00, and a 2nd Magic Number will be started. The 'All Nighter' game will be \$1,190.00 until it is won. Early Birds begin at 7:15 p.m., regular games at 7:30 p.m. This may be your lucky night.

Free Income Tax Assistance is available again this year beginning Monday, February 5th through Friday, April 13th, 2018, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Bible Chapel, 300 Gallery Dr., McMurray, PA 15317. (Closed Good Friday, March 30th.) Located 5 miles south of South Hills Village, west side of Route 19, adjacent to South Hills Chrysler-Jeep. Follow signs 0.4 miles to VITA entrance. Do not call the Bible Chapel. Questions, call IRS 1-800-829-1040. Volunteers will assist taxpayers with Federal, PA, and local wage tax returns, real estate/rent rebates, and PACE applications.

Must bring: **Last year's tax return:** ID for yourself and spouse. Social Security numbers and birth dates for yourself, spouse and dependents; all W-2 forms, 1099's (including Social Security 1099) 1095 health care statements, and property tax receipts, and all other income and interest forms. Totals of itemized deductions. Both spouses are required to sign joint returns. A voided check for direct deposit of refund.

Marriage Moments - "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:18) A common complaint among couples is, "You're not listening to me." When is listening hard for you? If you're busy or tired, ask for a better time. Is there a conversation you've been avoiding?



Today, January 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Diane DiPiazza - Kathy Vercoe

8:00 a.m. Gloria Petrone - Rick & Mary Jane
Jurofcik

11:00 a.m. Bill Miller - Henry & Mary Ann
Lassige & Family

Monday, January 15, Weekday Mass

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22

8:30 a.m. William Andrewson - Ellen
Andrewson

Tuesday, January 16, Weekday Mass

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28

8:30 a.m. Jack Peart - John & Chris Seiler

No 8:30 a.m. Mass Wednesday, January 17**Thursday, January 18, Weekday Mass**

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12

8:30 a.m. Anita Davin - Rose & Ray Collins

Friday, January 19, Weekday Mass

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19

8:30 a.m. Ruth Rellis - Jeannie Obringer

Saturday, January 20, Weekday Mass

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

8:30 a.m. Dixie Neff - Todd, Denise & Maddox
Miller

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily

Sunday, January 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) James Tonecha - Dan Levi

8:00 a.m. Brandon Wright - Karen Jaki

11:00 a.m. Marie Pietruisinski - Columbiettes

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week **"In Memory of Nancy Lang"** requested by Steve & Mary Parish.

Home With Christ - Please pray for the souls of **Mark Jasko**, son of Margaret Fechko Jasko and Robert (Kelly) Jasko, and for **Nancy Lang** of our Parish. *May they rest in peace.*

"TO THE GLORY OF GOD"

The Flowers on our Altar today are presented

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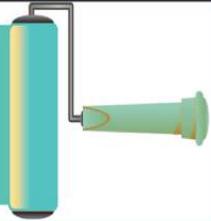
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