



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

February 13, 2022

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can “turn up the heat” in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening “because they do.” They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It’s easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It’s there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God’s existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it’s too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life’s ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life’s heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life’s ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God’s friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus’ message so intriguing! Don’t give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one’s faith. But it’s the only way to deepen it.

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## LIVE THE LITURGY -

The human heart will always find itself wanting unless it finds its rest in God. Many people haven't yet figured out that pursuing purely secular ideologies and interests and side stepping their relationship with God causes them to fall short of their potential. When we seek our satisfaction, seek our strength, and establish priorities based entirely on the things of this world, we come up empty. There is never enough and we are always reaching for more. We develop distorted senses of justice, lose our moral axis, and lower our benchmarks for change, growth, and development. That is why knowing the beatitudes and God's vision they contain is so important. They remind us that our consumption, success driven lives can actually hurt and exploit others; quickly moving us away from God's idea of how things need to look. God ultimately will set things straight. We can assist in that mission now by trusting, hoping, and looking to God for our cues for how to live, set goals for ourselves and discern the best way to share this world with our brothers and sisters.

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -

### Planted Near Water

We all know that there are times when life can feel, as Jeremiah writes, empty and wasted. There are moments when we think we resemble a barren bush, thirsting in the desert sun.

That's why it is imperative for us to know the location of our water source. I promise you, it's closer than you think. God never planted a seed in barren ground.

For me, it's the Mass. Going to Mass is where I find total peace and renewal. I don't have any great theological explanation for this — Mass is simply where I can truly rest in God for a time, where nothing and no one in the world can touch me. And wouldn't you know it, it's in the toughest times that I need Mass the most — that my roots stretch harder for that water.

Woe to the rich, says Jesus — woe to the popular, to the content, to the happy. It's not because He hates to see us smile. It's because He knows our humanity. He knows our limitations. He knows that when things are going really well, we often stop looking for God.

What replenishes you as a disciple, as a steward, as a Christian? If it feels far away or hard to reach, why is that? How can you bring it closer?

We are all trees planted near water, to yield our fruit in due season. Let's pray for the strength to know where our water source is, and to seek it both in good times and in bad.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### **Priests & Marriage Counseling**

**Question:** How can a priest counsel people about marriage when he has never been married?

**Answer:** If a marriage counselor is in a bad marriage does that mean that he or she will be a bad counselor? If one's counseling ability depended upon first-hand experience, would that require counselors to be perfect before they can help others? Obviously not. Some of the skills necessary to help others do come out of personal life experience. But you don't need personal, first-hand experience in order to understand something. We would not think that a doctor, who is an oncologist, would not be able to treat cancer because he himself has never been sick. We also would not expect every doctor to treat cancer. It is the same with priests.

Essentially marriage is a relationship and we've all been involved in different kinds of relationships: in our family, with our friends, and with God. And so counseling people about marriage is really helping them to look at the issues that really are part of their relationship, finding ways to better understand themselves in relationship to one another and in relationship to God. In many ways a priest's training, background, and experience, as well as his personal knowledge of many different relationships in families and couples, gives him a broad background from which to draw upon. Most priests are quite capable of helping couples prepare for marriage and discussing the issues that are important as they begin their life together. And they do not do it alone. With the help of married couples and specially trained counselors, most parishes offer a very good preparation for the sacrament of marriage.

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## **T**he Tradition of **St. VALENTINE**

“The emperor Aurelius had imprisoned Valentine in 272 AD for continuing to marry Christian soldiers, despite royal decree (Aurelius needed them to fight his wars). In prison, the bishop cured his jailer’s daughter of blindness and the pair fell head over heels in love (quite literally ‘love at first sight’.) Ultimately, their desires were frustrated as the bishop was executed on February 14 the following year. On the eve of his death, the condemned man sent a passionate letter to his beloved, signed simply ‘**your Valentine**’.”

From <https://www.countrylife.co.uk/>

**Jesus, meek and  
humble of heart,  
make my heart like  
unto Thine!**



**Happy  
birthday  
Gracie & Annie**

**FEBRUARY 14th! Valentine's Day! Yes they were both born on February 14th—so was Shadow, the dog that came with me from Holy Name. A happy, Happy Birthday with many, many more!**

**at the heart of it all**





# Lampstand

As a youth, I attended a small Methodist church near our farm in Clarksfield, Ohio. I went with my grandparents once or twice a month. (Grandpa said every two weeks was enough.) I participated in the services, but didn't understand what it all meant. At home, I read parts of the Bible, and tried to understand, but without success.

At college, I took a course in the philosophy of religion, covering everything from St. Anselm to David Hume. My questioning continued, and eventually I took Catholic instruction from Fr. John Kilcoyne at Newman Hall on the Western Reserve Campus. I learned a lot, but couldn't make the commitment.

I started dating Jean, whose family were devout Catholics. I considered converting, but I had to be sure my faith was right. I spent a year struggling with that. Eventually I made the commitment, and we got married in the Catholic Church – the best thing that could have possibly happened to me.

We have had a blessed life, but for years I wasn't a very good Catholic. I followed the church's rules, attended Mass, etc., but never felt close to God. I watched others who seemed so devout – I felt like an outsider. I prayed for a sign from God to show that He was close to me, but nothing happened.

After I retired, I began to do a lot of work at the parish shrine and grounds – maintenance, gardening, watering, weeding, etc. It was peaceful, especially in the morning, and I often prayed while I worked. No one but God knew that I felt this need, but looking back, I was changing. I was doing small acts of kindness and paying attention to the needs of others.

One morning while I was watering the flowers, I was startled by a woman standing beside me. I don't recall what she looked like, except that she was very ordinary. We exchanged pleasantries, and then she asked if she could pray for me. She put her hand on my shoulder, and began asking God for all the things that only He knew were in my heart. I had never shared any of those feelings with anyone else, so was stunned hearing her pray to God for me. She told me that He loved me and wanted me to keep going down the path I was on. I was overwhelmed to think this could happen, and spent the ensuing ten years feeling amazed that He would send me a message.

But recently Lisa opened my eyes – the miracle wasn't that God had spoken through that woman, but what His message was - that the Holy Spirit was guiding me to continue to do good and spread that goodness to those around me – to use the talents He gave me to help others and do things that bring them happiness. And yes, when I go to Holy Communion now, I feel closer to Him because I feel like I am doing what He wants me to do.

Ken Hahn

**L**AMPSTAND  
IS CONTINUED ON THE  
BACK PAGE OF THIS  
BULLETIN.

## The story of Gracie and Annie and Shadow!

When I was assigned to St. Colette, I had a dog named Shadow that lived with me at the school. She was the hit of Holy Name. She was a Bearded Collie from Meadville, PA. She was a rescue puppy who had been found in, of all places, a school yard with her brother. Her brother was adopted but she was not. I adopted her on **Holy Saturday**. The shelter was not certain of her exact birthday but suggested it had to be on or around *Valentine's Day!* **Feb. 14**. When we came to the parish, Shadow only lived another year. Amazingly enough she died on **Holy Saturday!** The Lily came the very next day after a phone call from the Breeder. Thus she was the **EASTER Lily**. Over a year later I was given GRACIE– she originally was adopted for Ruth Landreth. I think secretly Ruth knew I wanted Gracie and I ended up with the Lily and Grace.

**Grace was born on Valentine's day, Feb. 14.** Before Lily died I had been looking up breeders and found one in Wisconsin, I truly deliberated and prayed about it....a big move for someone in his 70's. But I remember clearly the Breeder from Wisconsin telling me on the phone, "this Beardie was born on **Feb. 14th, VALENTINE DAY!!!** " a done deal! **Fr.k**



**WEDNESDAY** February 16 - Weekday  
11:00 AM Blessings to Fr. Damian & 'Evangelization Team A

**FRIDAY** February 18 - Weekday  
11:00 AM +John and Lena Krizner C

**SATURDAY** February 19 - Weekday  
4:00 PM Evelyn Miller /+ Helen Miller K

**SUNDAY** February 20  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00 AM +Averie Armour (K)  
10:00 AM for the Youth of our parish K  
11:45 AM +Lucille & Frank DiBlasi A



**Our friends and  
relatives who are ill.  
May God grant them  
Healing and strength.**

**These are remembered by Perpetual Help Prayer**

Frank Anderko, Mary Annibale, Ken B., Mary Alice Baker, Fr. Larry Bayer, Larry Bender, Carol Biggs, Karen Biggs, Trevor Biggs, Birschl family, Justin Boguki, Carrie Jean Bonacci, Barbara Bonza, Kristen Brell, Bill Briese & family, Patricia Burfield, David Cinerra, Fr. Ralph Coletta, Terry Connolly, Elaine Coreno, Rosemary Cross, Arlene DeFazio, Barb Deimling, Barb DelVecchio, Gloria & Len Demko, Chris Dipippa, Robert Dumke, Sr., Mary Dumke, Gene Egnot, Patricia Ferencik, Delores Fiffick, Sharon Fisher, John Gibboney, Celia Giganti, James Gresko, Jeannine Grimm, Carolyn H., Amy, Barb, Marilyn, Sandy Healy, Bill & Tina Healy, Brian & Kim Helle, Nancy Hopkins, Tom Hunt, Rita Jamison, John Kole, John & Elaine Kopniske, Patricia Korbel, Frank Kupetz, Gail Lipinski, Lincoln Lester, Molly McLaughlin, Mark Magda, Ron Meister, Mary Celine O'Leary, Siobhen O'Leary-Drlik, Paisley Palmer, Sally Panek, Ralph Parente, Kathy Petretti, Beverly Phillippe, Larry Pizon, Ronald Powell, Jesse Prybis, Ron & Pat Prybis, Elaine Rady, Pat Richie, Kelly Rico, Darlene Riggs, Tanya Ronsko Kasperek, Angie Schurger, Greg Shandor, David Shepley, John Siba, Diane Soboslay, Reynaldo Solis, Carol Spooner, Dolores Stanchina, Gerald Steinbrick, Norma Sutter, Lisa Szymanski, Bill & Carol Thompson, Joseph Tonderski, Fred Townsend, Tom & Marge Trobl, Ariana Trobl-Solis, Paula Ulas, Elijah Velez & family, Becca Vickery, Derek Vitas, Mike W., Carol Weiss, Anthony & Matthew Williams, Donna & James Woodyard, Marion Capra-Wesner, Jr., Debbie Woodyard, Sam Zummo, Fran Zvara & family

## WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

### Readings for the week of February 13, 2022

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/  
Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk  
8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk  
8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk  
8:34—9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4,  
8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/  
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

### Observances for the week of February 13, 2022

Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

Monday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Val-  
entine's Day

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St. Conrad of Piacenza | February 19

The history of St. Conrad of Piacenza is quite fascinating. A member of one of the most noble families of Piacenza, he was known for his utmost honesty. One day while out hunting with friends, he thought he saw some game in an area of brush and ordered his attendants to set fire to the brush in order to scare it out of hiding. Unfortunately, the dry brush quickly ignited, and fire started to spread. Soon, the surrounding area was engulfed in flames.

Unfortunately, a known arsonist happened to be in the same area as the fire. This man was later imprisoned, tried, and condemned to death for the damage. But on his way to his execution, St. Conrad of Piacenza, full of guilt, stopped the proceedings and confessed to the fire. To make restitution for the damages, Conrad had to sell all his belongings, which reduced him to poverty. Soon after, he decided to retire to a hermitage, where he became a hermit of the Third Order of St. Francis, and his wife entered the Order of Poor Clares.

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The next Sanctuary Candle will be lit in  
memory of

**Donald Boggs**



# Your WORD is a LAMP unto my feet, O Lord!

## Daughters of St. Colette

**THANK YOU** to all who helped make Valentines for Veterans! Because of such great participation, we have 116 creative Valentines to give to our Veterans!



*"Come as a stranger, leave as a friend."*

Join us for our next meeting

**THURSDAY, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>,  
11 am - Church Hall**

The guest speaker at our meeting will be  
**ERIN GOREY LUCKAY**  
who will speak on  
**Tips on Spring Cleaning**

**A-M please bring  
Valentine-theme snacks**



**DOSC Members please pick up your  
LENTEN BOOKLET at the  
Lilly Ann Grace Gift Shop  
by Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

## ST. COLETTE'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY



### HOLY NAME MEMBERS LENTEN BOOKLETS



**Stop at the Church Office  
to pick up your copy  
of the Lenten Booklet**



The Holy Name Society provides handyman services to elderly and disabled members of the parish

Examples include minor repairs that can be completed in a day or weekend

**HNS provides free labor but not parts and material — contact the church office to submit your request**

**Be sure to come and help at the  
RUMMAGE SALE on Feb. 25, 26 & 27**



**July 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-NOON**

**Pre-K through Grade 5**

Registration coming late spring! Adults and Teens, if you're interested in volunteering as a teacher, staff, or aid, please contact Sara at the Parish Office.

### Mass Intentions

The mass book is available to schedule a mass for the first half of the year (June 30, 2022). You can call the Parish Office to schedule or stop in during the week or after mass on the weekends.

The number of masses per person is 2. One weekday mass and one weekend.

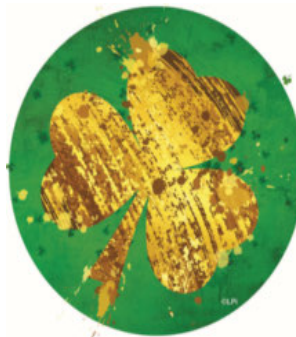
Our parish is growing and we need to allow for everyone to have a mass for their loved ones.

Thank you for understanding.

## Fish Fry News

Our First Fish Fry starts March 4th. Sign-up sheets will be in the atrium. We will have Dine-in and take-out this year!!! Please consider volunteering for 1, 2 or all 6 weeks. Any time you can volunteer is appreciated. Also **Bakers** pull out those wonderful recipes which were definitely missed last year.

## Sr. Christian Travelers



Invites all seniors to come together to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Wednesday, March 16th at noon in the Parish hall. Enjoy Food, Entertainment & Friendship. Reservation forms are available in the Parish office and need to be mailed to the address on the form.



# A warm Welcome to our Parish!

Mr. & Mrs. Bobby & Hallie Buher & family  
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Candi Cancilla  
 Ms. Ann Markowski

## Happy to have you with us

### Remembering with Love....

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the families of Charles Joy (brother of Tony), Raymond Parschen (brother of Karen Eippert) and Lillian Scoefea (mother of Laura Malinski) who was called to their Eternal reward. Please pray for them and all the faithful departed.

## Live in Light & Peace!

#### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00pm  
**Sunday:** 8:00-10:00- and 11:45  
**Wednesday & Friday:** 11:00am  
**Holy Day Vigil:** 7:00pm  
**Holy Day:** NOON and 7:00pm



#### WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

##### THANK YOU!!!

Sunday, January 30, 2022.....\$10,509.00  
 Capital Improvement Fund.....\$1,469.00  
 Children's.....\$5.75  
 Project Endeavor.....\$985.00

We sincerely & always appreciate your kindness & generosity!

*to help start and build an endowment fund, please remember St. Colette in your will.*

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 Sun. 8:30am-1pm



Please pray for those serving in the  
 Military



Joseph Adams	SPC Kevin McCarthy Army
MJR Sylvester Azap	PVT Rylee McIlvain Army
SrA Aimee R. Budzinski USAF	CDR Robin Murphy
GySgt. John Burrell	S/SGT Daniel Novak
E5/2nd Class Jacob Camper USN	1LT Mark Oswald Army
S/A-Dept/State Bradley Carlson	1LT Gwen Oswald Army Nat. Guard
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Please email updates to [kplumb@stcoletteparish.com](mailto:kplumb@stcoletteparish.com)



## WELCOME HOME!

SPC Kevin McCarthy, Army. Thank you for your Service! Blessings!

### LILY ANN GRACE - THE PARISH GIFT SHOP

Shop Hours: Mon - Thurs 9am-5pm,

Friday 9am-3pm,

Saturday 12 - 5pm and Sunday 8:30am - 1pm

Kathy Pellegrin-330-273-5500

### VALENTINE & ST. PATRICK GIFTS!!

To our friends 65+....Will you be our Valentine?



Join us for Corbie Lunch on Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup> after the 11am Mass! Please RSVP to the parish office by Monday February 14<sup>th</sup>. Looking

forward to seeing you there!

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine....."

In November of 48 I was born at a very young age. My Mom was Croatian and Dad was Slovenian and we were Catholic. We lived on Addison Road in Cleveland and at the young age of 4 we moved to Euclid where my memories really began. We belonged to Holy Cross parish where I attended grade school, but we would always go back to the "old neighborhood" for church; either St Paul's Croatian Church or St Vitus Slovenian Church and sometimes St. Paul's Shrine on 40<sup>th</sup> street. Church was always a journey for me. I would always pack a PB&J, some milk and Hostess cupcakes and off we'd go. The reason for going back was my mom's mom, my Gramma, she only spoke Croatian, so attending a Croatian mass was important to her. When I started grade school, I was introduced to Ursuline nuns and my religious formation began. We would attend mass once a week and I again packed my PB&J, milk and Hostess cupcakes (I had this part of mass down). Father McMonagle was our pastor and he would visit the classes on mass days and, I'll just say this, he loved to sing. Father Black was his assistant and his love for the Eucharist was inspiring. At the consecration the bells would ring, the incense would permeate the air and he would hold the Lord up for all to adore. In the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade a new young nun appeared, Sister Margaret Rose. Her energy, her spirit and her love for Jesus inspired me. She was a beautiful soul. Upon graduation I entered St. Joseph's High School and my Marianist education began. I joined the marching band and let's just say I carried a clarinet around for 4 years. I met many good Brothers and priests who influenced my life and spirituality. I have to say through all my years that prayer has been very important to me. I saw its importance to my mom who would pray with us every night and my Gramma who would walk to Holy Cross every morning for 6am mass. I felt its importance at our dinner table and all holiday celebrations. When my wife and I moved to Strongsville we were searching for a church and we prayed. We liked St. Colette, but was this where God wanted us to be? So, we prayed and asked for a sign. Just as an FYI, my son and daughter attended Holy Name.....So, Sunday mass, we walk into St. Colette's and what to our wondering eyes did appear, well, Father Krizner of course because God answers prayer and as Father says God is a God of miracles. So, thank you Jesus for bringing us to this special place and as my dear sainted mother would say..."Watch out what you pray for."

Fred Krizman

# Lampstand

THANK YOU!

## Ministers for the Weekend of February 19 & 20, 2022

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:45 AM
<b>LECTORS</b>	B Gottl	S Campbell	C Barth	E Rogers
<b>SERVERS</b>	E Sanders M Ptak	V & H Armstrong E Sanders	M McIntire / A Tymann E Dolan	L Sanders N Hovanscek
<b>USHERS</b>	R & J Maiorana G & T Stout	K Lynch / D Barefield J Rossborough	S Smith / V Carl P Bonanni / R Prospal	D Shell / G Madak J Kamenar / G Torbinski
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	F Augusta / S Emerson P Lewandowsky / E Pfahl E Saunders	V Joy / F & A Krizman T Siedlecki	J Bacik / P & J Cuglewski T Deegan /	J Pizon / T Polomsky M Shabbick / S Sheets M Stanislawczyk
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