

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 14, 2024



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

**Second:** 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

**Gospel:** John 1:35-42

**FOCUS:** *The Lord invites us to come and stay a while with him.*

What are we looking for in Jesus? Are we looking for a teacher, as the disciples were? A problem-solver? A miracle-worker? Whatever it is that our hearts are seeking, the Lord, the Lamb of God, present here in the Eucharist, invites us to come and stay a while. If we dare do so, we, like Andrew, might come to know who Jesus truly is and be transformed by his presence.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The Lord calls Samuel for the first time, but Samuel does not know him. Eli recognizes what is happening and tells Samuel how to answer: "*Speak, for your servant is listening.*"

Paul exhorts the Corinthians to avoid immorality, reminding them that they are united to Christ and their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, John the Baptist directs two of his disciples toward Jesus, who invites them to stay. Andrew, one of the two, seeks his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**5 p.m.:** Sonia Del Pilar, Rose & Mariano Cannone and Laura Dinnen

**10 a.m.:** Charles Schwope, Mike DiMarzo and Eileen Kelly

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Mary Skorka upon the death this week of her husband, Frank. Please keep them in your prayers.

## HELP US HELP THE HOMELESS

Our **Youth Ministry** is participating in a program to assist those who have fallen on hard times and are homeless. It's not uncommon for people to arrive at the Guild of St. Margaret Soup Kitchen in Middletown outside its hours of operation. Take-away bags, then, can make all the difference for those who are trying to survive brutally cold temperatures.



Our kids will be assembling bags on Friday, **February 2**, and each must contain similar items. The goal is to fill at least 40-50 bags. Here's what's needed:

**Small hand sanitizers**

**Healthier snacks**

**Socks**

**Lip balms**

**Toothbrushes**

**Small bottles of water**

**Gloves**

**Packets of tissues**

**Hand warmers**

**Travel-size mouthwash**

A collection box can be found in Deacon John Hall. Thank you for all that you do!

## CARMELITE ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Yes, there's still some availability, but you'll have to act quickly. Easter will be here before you know it!

Fr. Justin Cinnante, O.Carm., and Carol Bezak, tour coordinator and director at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, are hosting a **Pilgrimage to Italy** during Easter week, March 31- April 7.

There will be stops in Rome, Vatican City, Naples, San Giovanni Rotondo and Bari. Along with free time for independent exploration - or maybe a wine tasting - the itinerary includes a visit to the Pietà, an audience with Pope Francis if he is in residence, and trips to the birthplace of Saint Padre Pio, a new church dedicated to him, Mass that day at his tomb and much more!

The cost is \$4,159 per person, double occupancy, and includes airfare from JFK, hotels, two meals daily, tips and taxes. For more information call Carol Bezak, at 845-343-1879, Ext. 22 for more information.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

**January 1- January 7: \$ 5,936.18**

Envelopes: \$ 715.00 – Online: \$5,221.18

*THANK YOU!*

## LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday – 90

Sunday – Snow

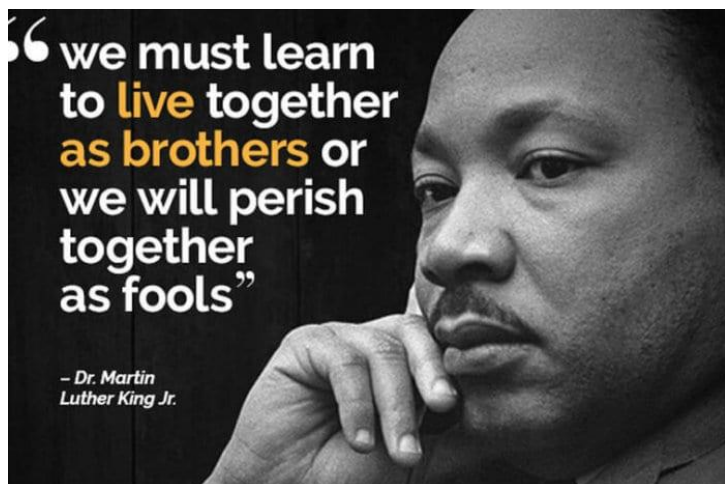
## IN THE LOOP



A reminder that the **Scripture Discussion Group** will reconvene its Zoom meetings beginning 10-11:15 a.m. next **Monday, January 22**. Everyone is welcome to this session, the Book of Hebrews. The study guide is available through Gail Van Tassel. Call her at 845-457-3432.



The next **Game Night** will be ready to roll at 7 p.m. **Friday, February 16**. There will be a recap of the inaugural evening in next week's bulletin.



### A DAY ON – NOT A DAY OFF

#### **MLK DAY OF SERVICE 2024 THEME:**

*"Living the Dream: It Starts with Me - Spreading Hope, Courage and Unity"*

The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on **Monday, January 15**, celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and legacy. It is observed each year on the third Monday in January – which this year falls on the civil rights leader's actual birthday – and is hailed as "a day on, not a day off."

MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service. The intent is to encourage all Americans to take action to improve their communities, whether working toward causes of social justice and equity or by volunteering to mentor a child, clean up a public park or help those with food insecurities.

**The church office will be closed Monday.**

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK



## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

**January 18-25**

2024 Theme: *"You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself." - Luke 10:27*  
From the USCCB website

*We pray, O gracious Trinity:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
that we all may be one as you are one.  
In your community of complete unity,  
we have our beginning and our end.  
To you we pray, asking for the gift  
of visible unity among all who believe  
in your Christ.*

*As we commemorate this  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,  
we are reminded by your Word  
that all human beings are our neighbors  
and that we are to love them  
like ourselves and in the same way  
we love you. Help us to overcome  
the barriers and divisions  
we have nurtured against your will.  
Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love  
and solidarity that we may proclaim  
your good news to all of creation.  
We ask this through your Son,  
Jesus Christ, who with you  
and the Holy Spirit are one God,  
for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

#### **10 Ways to Love Your Neighbor**

- Learn your neighbors' names. ...
  - Hear what they say ...
  - Remember details. ...
  - Share a meal. ...
    - Give a gift. ...
    - Serve. ...
- Allow your neighbors to serve you. ...
  - Spend time together.

