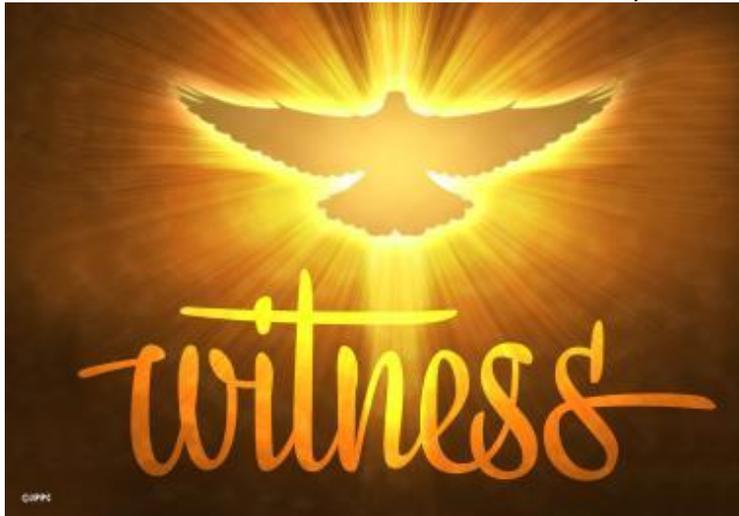


SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2023



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Second: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

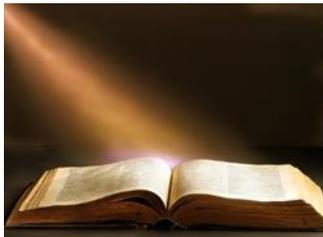
Gospel: John 1:29-34

FOCUS: *God's call is an invitation to service, honor and holiness.*

Today's readings center on God's call. All of those called – Isaiah, Saint Paul, Sosthenes and John the Baptist – have a special vocation from God to bear witness to his name and foster holiness among his people. God equips those so chosen with grace, honor and strength to carry out their mission. He calls and equips us, too.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Isaiah prophesies a servant who will restore Israel and be a light to the nations. In the second reading, Paul and Sosthenes send greetings to the church of God that is in Corinth. In the Gospel, John the Baptist sees Jesus and proclaims him to be the Lamb of God.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Rose & Mariano Cannone,
Anne "Nan" McCarthy and Mary Jean Geidel

10 a.m.: Domingo & Rosalina Rodriguez,
Ann Yanosh and Charles Watson

LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 64
10 a.m.: 200

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest condolences to Jeanann Schechter and her siblings upon the death of their mother and longtime parishioner, Mary Jean Geidel. Please keep the family in your prayers.

ST. ANTHONY ABBOT

JANUARY 12, 251 - JANUARY 17, 356

FEAST DAY: JANUARY 17

St. Anthony Abbot (also known as St. Anthony the Abbot, Anthony the Great, Anthony of Egypt, Anthony the Hermit, Anthony of the Desert, among other epithets) is generally considered the founder and father of monasticism and the first abbot, although he preferred to live the life of a true hermit, apart from any community, in the deserts of Egypt.

His parents died when he was about 20, and he inherited their 300-acre property and the responsibility for his younger sister. One day in church, he heard Matthew 19:21: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

From his biography written in about AD 360 by



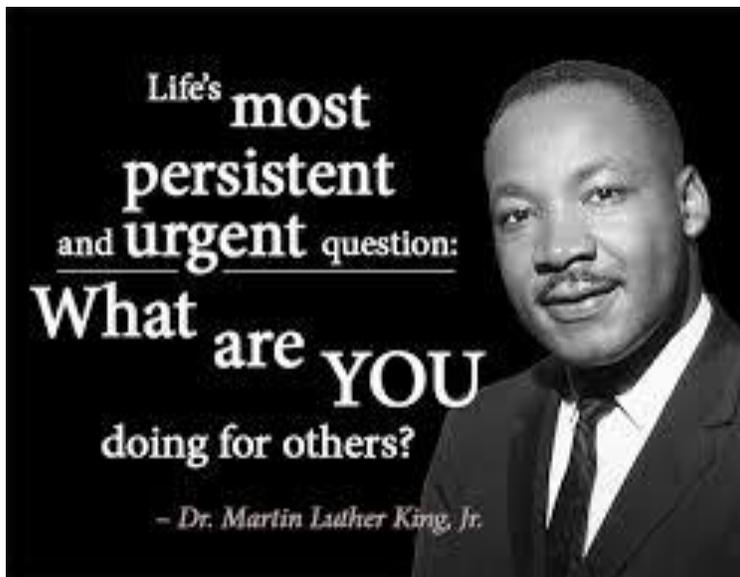
St. Athanasius, it was learned that Anthony was not content to merely meditate on Jesus' words; rather, he wanted to live them. He left church and immediately gave away all his

property except what he and his sister needed to live on. But then upon hearing Matthew 6:34: "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today," he gave away everything else, entrusted his sister to a convent and went outside the village to live a life of prayer and fasting.

Just as Anthony periodically left the wilderness to seek the influence of holy people, others came to him. Fearing he would get too proud and preferring solitude, he moved several times and ultimately into the desert. He lived sealed in an ancient rock-hewn tomb for 20 years – on bread alone provided by friends.

One day people in search of guidance broke in. Some were healed physically; others were comforted by his words. Those who stayed nearby are now regarded as the first monastic community. Through ascetic practices, they attempted to attain the same freedom from temptation that they saw in Anthony.

Anthony struggled with a series of assaults by the devil in the form of visions that ranged from what his life could have been to terrifying encounters with a ferocious beast - often a pig. Anthony always managed to triumph through fasting and penance. He died at the age of 105.



A DAY ON – NOT A DAY OFF

The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on **Monday, January 16**, celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and legacy. It is observed each year on the third Monday in January (which is near the civil rights leader's January 15 birthday) 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.

IN THE LOOP



The **Hooked & Happy** group will meet at 6:30 p.m. this Friday, **January 10**, in Deacon John Hall. Everyone is invited to an evening of crafting and camaraderie. Bring a project to work on.



Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries has scheduled a **Men's Retreat** titled: "What Can We Learn from the Early Followers of Jesus?" It will take place from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

on Saturday, **February 4**, at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center, 180 Sargent Ave, Beacon.

In the Gospels, Jesus encountered people from every walk of life and offered a path to peace, mercy and transformation. "As Jesus sought the apostles, he now seeks us" is the foundation of this retreat. The \$65 fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. Register online by January 28 at:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/capuchinyfm/event/862968>.

Find more info at:

<https://www.capuchin.org/cyfm/retreats/>



A warm thank all of you who support our very busy **Food Pantry**. We are now serving more than 100 people each month, and your donations are greatly appreciated!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR KIDS WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES

Did you know that there is a special education Catholic elementary school in our Archdiocese?

John Cardinal O'Connor School provides an affordable, language-based academic curriculum for kindergartners through eighth-graders with learning differences. JCOS empowers children of all faiths to thrive academically, spiritually, emotionally and socially in a supportive school community, says Sr. Jean Marie Humphries, OSU, Ph.D., the new principal.

The classes are small – between eight and 12 students – and are staffed with certified special education teachers and teaching assistants.

"You see students' confidence and abilities grow daily," says Sr. Jeannie. "Our school is very nurturing and really helps students learn."

JCOS is in Irvington, about an hour from Middletown. Students are bused to JCOS from school districts throughout the Archdiocese – after the family arranges for the transportation with the district, says Sr. Jeannie.



For more information:

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Or Sr. Jeannie at:

914-591-9330 or

sr.jeannie@johncardinaloconnorschool.org

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*Do not wait for leaders,
do it alone,
person to person.*

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1-8: Totaled \$ 7,009.60

Envelopes: \$ 3,069.00 – Online: \$ 3,940.60

Additional Christmas: \$ 675.00

THANK YOU!

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