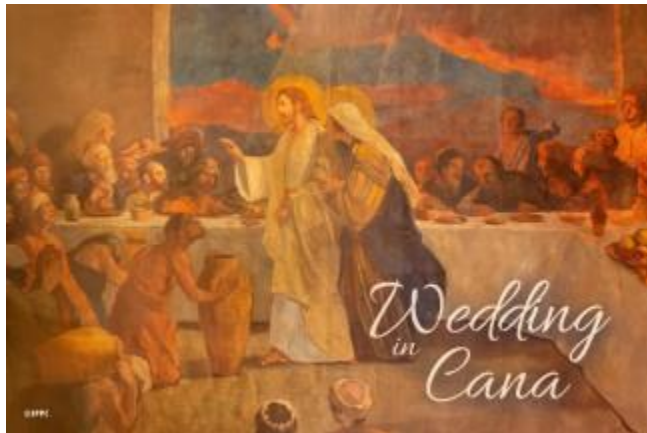


# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 16, 2022



## MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Lorraine Kalafut, Gilberthe Senou and Marilyn Keener

10 a.m.: Michael Faso, Frank Giganti and Larry Lewis

## GOSPEL OF LUKE DISCUSSED

A Scripture Discussion Group of the Gospel of Luke will take place from 10-11:15 a.m. Mondays on Zoom, beginning February 7.

The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible manual will be used, which can be ordered from Ignatius Press (1-800-651-15312) or through Amazon.

From the USCCB's website: "Luke's story of Jesus and the church is dominated by a historical perspective. This history is, first of all, salvation history. God's divine plan for human salvation was accomplished during the period of Jesus ... This salvation history, moreover, is a part of human history."

For more information, call Gail VanTassel at 845-457-3432.

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*"It is with the smallest brushes  
that the artist paints  
the most exquisitely beautiful pictures."*  
- St. André Bessette

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2-9: Totaled \$ 5,254.51

Envelopes: \$ 1,301.00 – Online: \$ 3,953.51

THANK YOU!

## YOU BELONG TO GOD



At issue here is the question: "To whom do I belong? God or to the world?"

Many of my daily preoccupations suggest that I belong more to the world than to God. A little criticism makes me angry, and a little rejection makes me depressed. A little praise raises my spirits, and a little success excites me. It takes very little to raise me up or thrust me down.

Often I am like a small boat on the ocean, completely at the mercy of its waves. All the time and energy I spend in keeping some kind of balance and preventing myself from being tipped over and drowning shows that my life is mostly a struggle for survival; not a holy struggle, but an anxious struggle resulting from the mistaken idea that it is the world that defines me.

As long as we belong to this world, we will remain subject to its competitive ways and expect to be rewarded for all the good we do. But when we belong to God, who loves us without conditions, we can live as He does. The great conversion called for by Jesus is to move from belonging to the world to belonging to God.

*Henry J. Nouwen*

1932-1996



*"I hear he turned water into wine, but it was a rather poor-quality Mesopotamian Cabernet."*

## A CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

James T. Keane, a senior editor at America, the Jesuit Review, wrote last Tuesday: "As we commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. this coming Monday with a national holiday, it is important to recognize that the Catholic Church (including the Society of Jesus) has its own shameful role to play in our nation's long and painful history of racism. At the same time, in the 1960s the editors of America found themselves simpatico with the aims and dreams of the civil rights movement to a degree that would not have been possible without the pioneering work of a longtime editor at the magazine and a major figure in the struggle for civil rights:



John LaFarge, S.J."

Fr. LaFarge, who founded the Catholic Interracial Council in New York of 1934, argued that human rights were natural to all people regardless of race, class or creed; the rights of individuals were not bestowed by governments, but were merely protected by them.

"The argument found an enthusiast in Pope Pius XI, who in 1938 asked LaFarge to help write an encyclical on racism," writes Keane.

For easy access to this article, visit our website, [www.stpaulsbullville.org](http://www.stpaulsbullville.org), click on "Read More" under "A Call to Social Justice" on the home page and double click on the article(s) you wish to read.

## A DAY ON – NOT A DAY OFF

The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on January 17 is the 27th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the civil rights leader's life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in January as "a day on, not a day off," MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. **The church office will be closed.**

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
HOLIDAY

EVERYBODY  
can be  
great.  
Because  
ANYBODY  
can  
SERVE.  
You only  
need a  
HEART  
full of  
A grace.  
SOUL  
generated  
by LOVE.

REMEMBER! CELEBRATE! ACT!



## SPREAD THE WARMTH

The Greater Middletown Interfaith Council's Warming Station provides a safe space for up to 30 homeless men and women nightly through April 7.

Clients receive a hot meal upon their arrival, as well as a bag of nonperishable breakfast items in the morning. If you are able to assist with food, visit the website [TakeThemAMeal.com](http://TakeThemAMeal.com) (type in "The Warming Station" for the recipient's last name, and the password is "Meal"). There you will find details and a sign-up schedule. In particular, comfort foods such as hearty soups, stews and casseroles – enough to generously feed 30 – are requested. For more information, email Peg at [peglazzari@yahoo.com](mailto:peglazzari@yahoo.com).

Volunteers – either for the period from 8-10 p.m. or overnight – are also needed. The next training is 7 p.m. January 19. For more information, contact Marilyn at [midduce@hvc.rr.com](mailto:midduce@hvc.rr.com)

And monetary donations are always welcome to help with operating expenses. Checks should be made payable to GMIC and mailed to the Middletown Warming Station, c/o Rev. Paul Denault, O.Carm., GMIC treasurer, P.O. Box 883, Middletown 10940.

To learn more about the warming station, visit [www.middletownwarmingstation.com](http://www.middletownwarmingstation.com)

## HELP WITH HEALING

Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley has a mission of offering solace to those struggling with their grief after the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. This ministry is recognized by the Archdiocese's Office of Family Life and has scheduled the following:



**Coping With Life Alone:** A multi-session remote program held from 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays beginning January 30. Registration is required. Please contact Denise at 845-325-3147 or Victoria at 860-993-5469.

**Healing Weekend:** A 48-hour in-person weekend retreat April 22-24 at St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon. For information or to register, please call Denise at 845-325-3147 or Janice at 845-490-7466.

Men and women of all ages and faiths are invited to both programs.

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK



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