



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 21, 2018
SAINT MARY'S & SAINT ELIZABETH'S CATHOLIC CHURCHES

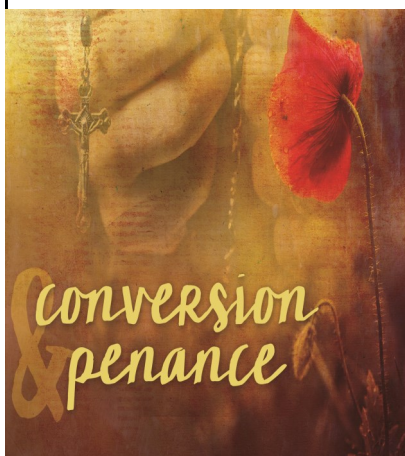


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“When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, He repented of the evil that He had threatened to do to them; He did not carry it out.”

When faced with the wrath of God, the Ninevites repented *immediately*, and in His mercy, God relented. He changed His own threat of destruction into an act of forgiveness. As we look at the world around us, with its terrorism, wars, and attacks on the unborn, now would be a good time for the whole world to imitate the example of the Ninevites; we should fall on our knees, repent, and beg for God’s mercy. Yet, despite the wholesale conversion of the Ninevites, normally real repentance comes just one person at a time, in response to the fervent prayers of God’s holy people, who pray for the conversion of our world one day at a time.



A Sad Day in Our Nation’s History

PRO-LIFE

This Monday, our nation remembers with great sadness the 45th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand. It is a frightening reality that was created, for if a government can decide that one group of human beings are not persons, it can decide that for other groups. If we justify violence against babies in the womb, then we can soon justify violence against anyone. The abortion battle, then, is not a matter of “pro-life wins or pro-abortion wins”, but rather “pro-life wins or nobody wins.”

Calling Our Women to an Opportunity to Grow in Holiness

**Women's
RETREAT**

To the women of our parishes, please mark your calendars for our *Women’s Spiritual Retreat*, which will take place on **Saturday, February 3rd**, from **8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at Saint Mary’s Parish of New England. The guest speaker is Sister Thomas Welder, the President Emeritus of the University of Mary. Sister Thomas Welder will give three talks throughout the day: Simplicity, Prayer, and Compassion. You will love her presentations, because she combines great wisdom with great wit. In addition, that day, we will have the celebration of the Holy Mass, time for music and fellowship, the prayer of the Holy Rosary, and lunch. The cost per person is \$25. Bring a family member or a friend as well! Please contact Bonnie at 701-579-4312 to sign up, by January 29th. We will see you on February 3rd, a day to spend with the Lord for the benefit of your souls.

A Blue Light Special at Saint Mary’s

In our continuing effort to declutter our school building and more wisely utilize the rooms, we are giving away some items: five church pews in the hallway leading to the cafeteria; a collection of diner seats in the library; a number of old library books, on pews lining the basement hallway; an old home pipe organ (which does not function); and a whole array of religious goods from our “Saint Mary’s Mart” that have not sold for years. If you wish to have any of these items, feel free to make an offering and then take them into your homes. You can also barter, in the form of homemade pies for the pastor. That’s better than money any day!

On the Lighter Side—An ocean liner was sinking and the captain yelled, “Does anyone know how to pray?”

A priest on board said, “I do.”

“Good,” said the captain. “You start praying. The rest of us will put on life jackets. We are one life jacket short.”

MASS & ADORATION SCHEDULE

Monday, January 22

7:30 AM SM—Communion Service

Tuesday, January 23

7:30 AM SM —+Peter & +Mary Ficek by Jan and Joel Ficek

6:00 PM SE—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 PM SE—+Paul Schiwal by Ed Pechtl

Wednesday, January 24

7:00 PM SM— Rosary & Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

7:00 PM SM— +Father Tom Dignan by Father Gary Benz

Thursday, January 25

7:30AM SM— Family of Victor & Dianne Binstock by Victor & Dianne Binstock

Friday, January 26

7:30AM SM— +Andrew Dosch by Larry Tinjum

12PM-3PM SM— Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 27

8:30 AM SM --+Jeanne Kovar by Maggie Kathrein

5:00 PM SM - +Irene Benz by Father Gary Benz

Sunday, January 28

8:30AM SE +Keith Herold by Fran & Cindy Martin

10:30AM SM-Pro Populo

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Andy Prokop, Henley Johnson, Duane Grundhauser, Pete Schaefer, Alice Candrian, Marilyn Jacobs, Leo Heck, Ross Thomas, Arlene Rohr, Brenda Barton, Elven Kaufman, Suzette Printz,, Linda Reisenauer, Rose Krebs (SE), Russ Lefor, Lori Lefor, Herbert Emmil, Reggie Gentz, Cindy Martin, Tim Theil, Howard Schiwal, Theresa Decker, Alyssa Binstock, Yvonne Fettig, Dale Reindel, Kim Kuhn, Don Miller, Shari Obritsch, Charlotte Krebs, Eugenia Stagl, Bart Rohan, Katherine Splichal, Bonnie (Krebs) Dick, Dorothy Kohl, Colleen Churchill, Thresiamma (Fr. Biju's mom)

Assisted Living and Nursing Home Residents: Charlotte Krebs, Harvey Herberholz, Archie Jalbert, Benny Benz, Joan Binstock, Joe Wandler, Sylvia Koppinger, Mike Urlacher, Leona Gordon, Ardelle Kovar, Joan Madler, Cecelia Jung, Donnella Koppinger, Marilyn Jeske, Willie Emmil, Frances Heick, Dale Schroeder

Our Deceased Loved Ones + Keith Herold, +Carla Rohan+Alvin Rotering +Jeanne Kovar +Bridget Urlacher, +Laura Grundhauser, +Florian Urlacher +Paul Schiwal, + LeRoy Jacobs +Victor Roller +John Herold, + Viola Martin + Viola Neprash +Maggie Schoch, +Rose Lefor, + Mary Ficek + June Stockert +Adeline Bogner +Vern Honeymann

A Point to Ponder- *Conscience is God's built-in warning system. Be very happy when it hurts you. Be very worried when it does not.*

And a Good Time Was Had by All

Thank you to Adrienne Kathrein, our chaperone, and our young men and women who went on a one-day retreat to the Assumption Abbey this past Sunday and Monday. It was a blessed time and we had a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the quiet, the peacefulness, and the prayerfulness of the Assumption Abbey. We also had great spiritual conferences, great discussions, and graced times of prayer. Thank you for taking time from your busy daily schedules to spend time with the Lord. It is an investment that will provide you with graces for years to come.

St. Mary's Liturgical Assignments January 27 & 28

MINISTRY	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 10:30AM
Lector	Diane Binstock	Dan Gardner
Mass Servers	Leonard G./Zack J.	Matthew B./Brock E.
Eucharistic Ministers	Toni J./Richard W.	Jim K./Kent M.
Gifts	Connie Jalbert Family	Helen Koppinger
Rosary Leader	Martina Stagl	Maureen Gardner
Greeters	Connie Jalbert Family	Helen Koppinger
Homebound Minister	Toni Jung	Toni Jung

Collection Report St. Mary's January 13 & 14

	Adult	Youth
\$	902.00	Envelopes \$ 24.05
\$	87.00	Loose Plate \$
\$	1013.05	Total \$
\$		Month \$

St. Elizabeth's Liturgical Assignments January 28

Lector	Elvin
Mass Servers	Stetson
Eucharistic Ministers	Arlene & Trish
Gifts	Debbie
Greeters	Trish & Craig
Ushers	Elvie & Dennis W.

Collection Report St. Elizabeth's January 14

	Adult	Youth
\$	305.00	Envelopes \$ 4.00
\$	79.00	Loose Plate \$
\$	388.00	Total \$
\$		Month \$

Catholic Devotions, *The Angelus*

In the renowned painting, the *Angelus*, by the French impressionist painter, Jean-Francois Millet, a French farming couple working in the fields cease their labors for a time to pray at noon the Catholic Marian prayer, the *Angelus*. In the distance, you can see the spire of their local Catholic church. The prayer is well suited to the artist's subject matter: two humble Catholics paying homage to the Lord and His Blessed Mother in the *Hail Mary* and in the Gospel verses recalling His Incarnation as the Word of God who entered into our world. These two spiritual components form the time-honored prayer of the *Angelus*, which gets its name from its opening words in Latin, "*Angelus Domini, nuntiavit Maria.*" The *Angelus* prayer is as follows:

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed are Thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. May it be done to me according to thy Word.

Hail Mary . . .

V. And the Word became flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

V. Pray for us O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

This beautiful prayer has its roots in the monasteries of Europe, with the final component of the Divine Office, Compline, which is prayed at the end of the day. Compline closed with three *Hail Mary*'s, followed by the ringing of a bell. The *Angelus* prayer transferred the ringing of the bells and the *Hail Mary*'s, along with the accompanying Scripture references, to three times of the day: morning (6:00 a.m.); noon; and evening (6:00 p.m.). It was then prayed by monastics, clerics, and lay people alike.

The *Angelus* pays tribute to a crucial aspect of Mary's role in the Incarnation, when it quotes from Luke's Gospel, "Be it done unto me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38). The wonderful event of the Incarnation could not have happened without Mary's consent, which is known as her *Fiat*. By saying "yes" to God in allowing herself to become His mother, she showed us the ultimate example of trust in the Creator.

We should ponder the ways God calls each of us in daily life. Do we say "yes" when Jesus wants to work through us in showing His love for others? Or when He asks us to trust in trying situations? Prayer and meditation on God's Word in Sacred Scripture can help us to do His will with greater trust and ease.

In regards to God's Word, the *Angelus* completes its short summary of the Incarnation with its moving reference to our Lord from John's Gospel, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). At the heart of the *Angelus* is this necessary daily reminder: Jesus came to earth to show His love for us. The *Angelus* allows us never to forget the love of God which came down to earth, to lift us up one day to the eternal love of heaven. Jesus loved us enough to die for us so that we might live for Him eternally. When we pray the *Angelus* with humility and love, we are emulating Mary's faith in His goodness. We are blessed in that we can ask both God and His Blessed Mother for their assistance on the journey towards eternal life.

