[The Lord] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name.  

— Psalm 147:4
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Sunday  
5:00 PM Saturday evening Vigil  
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, and 4:30 PM  
Weekday  
6:45 AM and 8:30 AM  
Saturday  
8:30 AM  
First Fridays  
6:45 AM and 8:30 AM

Baptism  
First and third Sundays of the month at 2:00 PM.  
Parents should call Deacon John Jurasek at (845) 365-3618 or email jurasek@optonline.net for an appointment and Baptismal preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 PM, and by appointment.

Marriage  
Couples should call the Rectory a minimum of six months prior to their marriage date to receive necessary information and preparation.

Anointing of the Sick  
Call the Rectory anytime for this request.

Parish Registration  
Every family living in our Parish is kindly requested to register at the Rectory.

Parish Devotions  
Miraculous Medal held after the 8:30 AM Mass on Mondays.  
Rosary following 8:30 AM Mass (Mon.-Fri.)  
Scriptural Rosary following 8:30 AM Mass on Saturdays  
Eucharistic Adoration  
In our Chapel on First Fridays following the 8:30 AM Mass until 7:00 PM when the Church will close.  
Prayer Group meets every Thursday afternoon at 1:30 PM in our Chapel.

Parish Religious Education Program  
Mrs. Audrey Angelini, Coordinator  
845-359-4014  
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845-359-4330  
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we’ve been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy.

Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of His new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons.

Notice that, after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day He rose before dawn to get away by Himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don’t just look for Him, they pursue Him, filled with the fervor that His ministry has incited.

With the self-sacrificing example He gave until the end of His earthly life, He tells His followers that this is His whole purpose.

Through Mark, He is also telling the early church, and He is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading
Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm
Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading
I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel
Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

’T AS C T N E W S

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN MCKIERNAN

The Pallottine Teenage Federation Conference held this past December was a rewarding and spiritually uplifting one for our parishioner, John McKiernan. John was elected by his peers as the new President of the Pallottine Teenage Federation and was among 200 youth who participated in the 56th Annual Conference. The Tappan Zee High School Senior, who attended the Conference for the fourth time, said, “It has strengthened my relationship with God, and I’m eternally grateful I had this opportunity. We hope to have a positive influence and spread God’s image.”

The Conference was sponsored by the Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate and was filled with spiritual activities.

All of us in St. Catharine’s Parish are extremely proud of you, John!!

All Confirmed Teens are invited to join TASC. TASC is a program “For the Teens, Run by the Teens.” It is a great way to grow spiritually, make new friends, develop leadership skills, improve our parish, community, and the world!

TASC members will be making Valentines for Veterans today, Sunday, February 4th from 5:30-6:45 PM in the Lower Church. Please join us!

CATHOLIC UPDATE

LIVING OUT LENT TODAY

Please take a copy of the latest edition of Catholic Update on the Ushers tables in the lobby of the Church. This month’s topic is Living Out Lent Today.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14 and ends on Thursday, March 29. The Lenten season gives us an opportunity to step away from familiar routines and see life from a new vantage point. It’s a chance to look inside our hearts and outside our comfort zones.

The more focused we are during the journey, the greater our joy will be when Easter arrives.
THE HISTORY OF THE “HAIL MARY” PLAY IN FOOTBALL

By Ryan Scheel

It is one of the most well-known terms and iconic plays in sports. But, how did a last second desperation play become known as a “Hail Mary?”

The story starts at the meeting place of Catholicism and Football – The University of Notre Dame, with the Four Horsemen of Notre Dame. The expression goes back, at least, to the 1924 Notre Dame backfield; the famed Four Horsemen – Quarterback Harry Stuhldreher, Halfbacks Don Miller, and Jim Crowley, and Fullback Elmer Layden. Riding the talent of the, perhaps, most fabled quartet in college football history, Notre Dame established itself as a football powerhouse, losing only 2 games in the 3 years college football history.

Jim Crowley often told the story of an October 28, 1922 game between Notre Dame and Georgia Tech in which the Fighting Irish players said Hail Mary prayers together before scoring each of the touchdowns, winning the game 13 to 3. According to Crowley, it was one of the team’s Linemen, Noble Kizer (a Presbyterian), who suggested praying before the first touchdown, which occurred on a fourth and goal play at the Tech 6-yard line during the Second Quarter. Quarterback Harry Stuhldreher threw a quick pass over the middle to Paul Castner for the score. The ritual was repeated before a third and goal play, again at Tech’s six, in the Fourth Quarter. This time, Stuhldreher ran for a touchdown, which sealed the win for Notre Dame. After the game, Kizer exclaimed to Crowley, “Say, that Hail Mary is the best play we’ve got!” Crowley related this story many times in public speeches beginning in the 1930s.

On November 2, 1935, with 32 seconds left in the so-called “Game of the Century” between Ohio State and Notre Dame, Irish Halback Bill Shakespeare found Receiver Wayne Millner for a 19-yard, game-winning touchdown. Notre Dame Head Coach Elmer Layden (who had played in the 1922 Georgia Tech game) afterwards called it a “Hail Mary” play.

Originally meaning any sort of desperation play, a “Hail Mary” gradually came to denote a long, low-probability pass attempted at the end of a half when a team is too far from the end zone to execute a more conventional play, implying that it would take Divine intervention for the play to succeed.

For more than forty years, use of the term was largely confined to Notre Dame and other Catholic Universities. An early appearance of the term was in an Associated Press story about the upcoming 1941 Orange Bowl between the Mississippi State Bulldogs and the Jesuit-run Georgetown Hoyas. The piece appeared in several newspapers, including the December 31, 1940 Daytona Beach Morning Journal under the headline, “Orange Bowl: [Georgetown] Hoyas Put Faith in ‘Hail Mary’ Pass.”

As the article explained, “A Hail Mary Pass is one that is thrown ‘with a prayer’ because the odds against completion are big.”

The Hail Mary Play that really cemented the term in the popular culture occurred December 28, 1975 in the Dallas Cowboy’s 17-14 Playoff Win over the Minnesota Vikings. With the Cowboys trailing with 0:32 to go, and the ball at the 50-yard line, legendary Hall of Fame Quarterback Roger Staubach connected with Preston Pearson for the game winning touchdown.

After the game, in the locker room, a reporter asked Staubach, a devout Catholic, what he was thinking during the play, and he replied, “I just closed my eyes and said a Hail Mary.” The next day, headlines read, “Hail Mary Pass Wins Game.” The national press ran with it, and the term has been part of popular sports culture ever since.

SOUP-ER BOWL OF CARING

SOUP COLLECTION UNTIL FEBRUARY 11

We will be collecting cans of soup until February 11. Soup will be given to Catholic Community Services of Rockland County to be distributed to the needy in our community.

ST. CATHARINE’S 2018 FASHION SHOW

DENIM & DIAMONDS

FRIDAY, MAY 4th, 6:30 PM

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Registration is now open for our 2018 Fashion Show. Forms may be found in the PREP Office, on the Parish website (www.saintcatharines.org, on the Home Page, find Forms may be found in the PREP Office, on the Parish website (www.saintcatharines.org, on the Home Page, find Events and Announcements), and on the Facebook Event Page.

PARISH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday Matinee, September 16 – “My Fair Lady” at the Vivian Beaumont Theatre at Lincoln Center. Hear songs like, “I Could Have Danced All Night,” “Get Me to the Church on Time,” “The Rain in Spain.” This Revival was hailed as one of the best musicals of the century. Seats in Loge 2 are sold out. We purchased 48 tickets in Rear Orchestra. Cost is $195 which will include lunch at Tony’s DiNapoli Restaurant. For this trip, Joe would like a $100 deposit by February 5, with the balance due by April 30.

Please call Joe Onativia (646) 648-0823 or via email to jogger3@optonline.net.
SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA
FEAST DAY - FEBRUARY 8

“Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!”

Josephine Bakhita was born in Sudan in 1869 and died in Schio (Vicenza), Italy in 1947. This African flower, who knew the anguish of kidnapping and slavery, bloomed marvelously in Italy, in response to God’s grace, with the Daughters of Charity.

“Seeing the sun, the moon and the stars, I said to myself, ‘Who could be the master of these beautiful things? I felt a great desire to see Him, to know Him and to pay homage to Him.’”

Her humility, her simplicity and her constant smile won the hearts of all the citizens. In Schio, where she spent many years of her life, everyone still calls her “our Black Mother”.

“Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!”

Divine Providence which “cares for the flowers of the fields and the birds of the air,” guided the Sudanese slave through innumerable and unspeakable sufferings to human freedom and to the freedom of faith and finally to the consecration of her whole life to God for the coming of His Kingdom. “I received the sacrament of Baptism with such joy that only angels could describe.”

As she grew older she experienced long, painful years of sickness. Mother Bakhita continued to witness to faith, goodness, and Christian hope. To those who visited her and asked how she was, she would respond with a smile: “As the Master desires. “I have given everything to my Master. He will take care of me. The best thing for us is not what we consider best, but what the Lord wants of us!”

During her agony, she re-lived the terrible days of her slavery and more than once she begged the nurse who assisted her: “Please, loosen the chains... they are heavy!”

It was Mary Most Holy who freed her from all pain. Her last words were: “Our Lady! Our Lady!” and her final smile testified to her encounter with the Mother of the Lord.

**PLEASE PRAY**

Please remember the names on our Parish Prayer lists in your own private prayers during the week.

Prayer is our most powerful tool for healing and we hope that this will allow us to more consciously remember our parishioners who are in poor health, have recently passed, or are in the Armed Forces. Thank you.

The Tabernacle Candle was donated by Marie Deremeik

In Loving Memory of Tony Gross

“For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.”

“A time to heal”

We pray for God’s tender mercy and loving kindness upon all of our loved ones who have experienced serious health issues. We also pray for all those who assist and care for the sick that God may continue to give them patience, compassion, strength and courage.


“A time to mourn”

Lord, welcome into your calm and peaceful kingdom those who have departed this present life to be with You.

St. Catherine Tahaney, Manuel “Manny” Vazquez, Gerard Martin, Jenna Benz, Catherine O’Brien, Jeanette Walsh, Daniel Samela, Pat Pacella, Mary Chamberlain, and Michael Moloney

“A time for peace”

O God, Our Heavenly Father, You have blessed us with brave men and women who are willing to defend our freedom. May your protection and grace surround them each day. Let your healing hand be upon those who suffer wounds and injuries. May those who have made the ultimate sacrifice rest forever in Your Holy Presence. Comfort the families who mourn and are left to remember the precious lives of their loved ones. Help us to honor and support them. Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made on behalf of the American people by our sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, and friends. Amen.
PETITION OF THE WEEK
We pray for peace in this troubled world
... Lord, hear our prayer.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56 – St. Agatha
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13 – St. Paul Miki and Companions
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30 – St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10 – St. Scholastica
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 -- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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Last week ..... $11,464
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PRESENTING THE GIFTS
If you have arranged an Intention of Mass, you may want to consider presenting the gifts of bread and wine during that celebration. Please inform an Usher before Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
5:00 Daniel Dinan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
8:00 Cathy O’Brien
9:30 Robert Reyes
11:00 Joseph Scaringe
12:30 Juan Cabusi
4:30 Celicia Dachille

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5
6:45 Mary Minichiello
8:30 Conor Grant

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
6:45 Patrick, Annie, and James Ridge
8:30 Joseph Onativia, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
6:45 Bee Rojas
8:30 Danielle Lynch

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8
6:45 Luis Romero
8:30 Joyce Higgins Edwards

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
6:45 Robert Vitale
8:30 Steven Tom

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
8:30 Liam McLaughlin - Living
5:00 Maureen Hornish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
8:00 Ferrara and Rispoli Families
9:30 Anne Baer
11:00 Joyce Edwards
12:30 Kivlehan and McNama Families
4:30 Frank Francabandera

FEBRUARY PURIFICATOR ASSIGNMENT
Helen Schwarzler

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

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