

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 14, 2024

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH
SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 POLISH

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child.

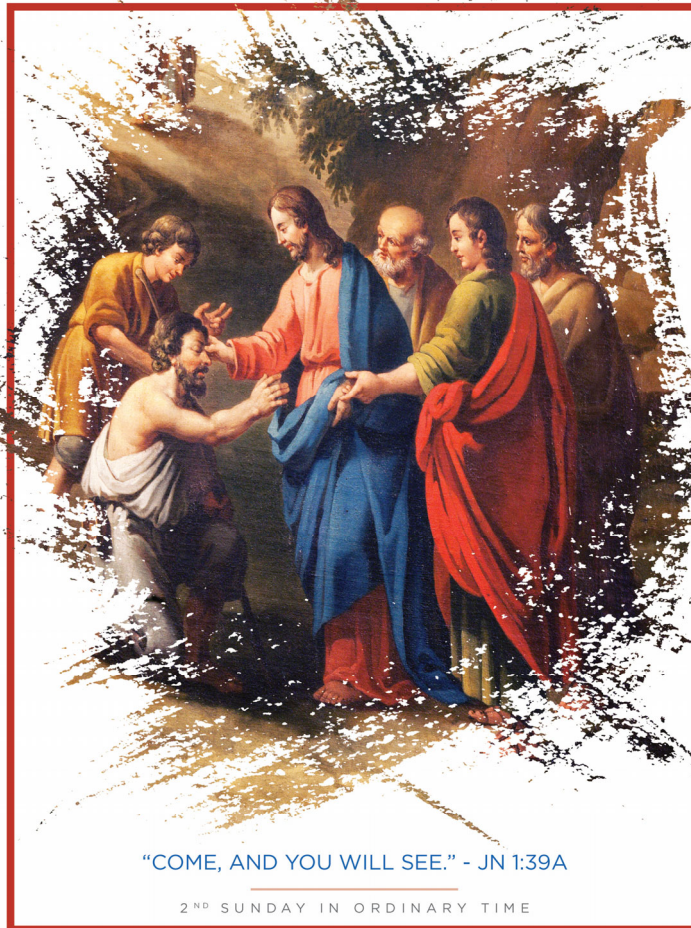
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least six months prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM
and
THURSDAYS BEFORE
FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS
7:00 AM
SATURDAYS
8:00 AM
SATURDAY
EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS
8:00 & 9:15 AM
10:30 AM (Polish)
12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

TUES. 1 to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION

2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITE CHAPTER

1ST SAT. AFTER
8 AM MASS

Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Sanctuary Lamp

Frank L., Bertha M. & Frank L. Jr. Ostroski

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

5:00 pm + Peter Kruszon
+ Thomas and William Tyree
+ Jimmy Zaleski
Blessings for Karen and Mark Heppner

2ND SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 14, 2024

8:00 am + Susan Frick
9:15 am + Marian Drozd-Denyse
10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
(PL) + Teodora and Stanislaw Szejter
+ Wieslaw Luniewski / + Tadeusz Cichy
O Boze blog. dla Jadwiga Wiszowata i rodziny
12 Noon Intentions of the Rosso Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

7:00 am + Dominick Tagliareni (A)
O szczeniwa podroz do Polski dla Waclawy P.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

7:00 am Blessings for the Bielski Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

7:00 am + William P. Mader (18th A)
Birthday Blessings for Waclawa Polak

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

7:00 am + Marian Kodaski
Birthday Blessings for Fr. Krzysztof on the day
before his birthday

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

7:00 am Birthday Blessings for Fr. Krzysztof
Blessings for Sandy Bertolotti

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

8:00 am + Phyllis Gadzinsky and Roman Wilinski
+ Frank Lettieri (A)
+ Helen Baumann

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
+ Robert Taylor
+ Nettie Gayda
+ Domitrz Family
Birthday Blessings for Fr. Krzysztof
+ Richard Kane

3RD SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 21, 2024

8:00 am + Joseph Bobinski
9:15 am + Peter Kruszon
10:30 am + Aurelia, Stanley, Ziggy and Roman Wilinski
(PL) + Stanislaw Koziol
W intencji Bogu Wiadome
W intencji Alex i Jadwiga Radlinski
+ Henryk Sokol / + Stasia Grabowski
12 Noon + John Kujawski, Jr.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 15, 2024

Office Closed—MLK Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Adoration 12 to 1 PM
Millions of Monicas 1 to 2 PM

Friday, January 19, 2024

Reparation Prayers 4 AM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1
Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*James J. De Rosa
Mary A. Boyle*



St. John Paul II Regional School
Serving Grades PreK3 through Grade 8

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28th / 11 am to 1 pm
515 Marcy Ave., Riverhead

For more info, call 631-727-1650
Or visit us at sjp2regional.org

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Corinne Clark * Madeline Galka * Stanislaw Andrychowski * Grazyna Pawlak * Gillen Family * Christina Donovan * Blythe Fickenwirth * Gilbert Lebron, Sr. * Irene Monahan * Jody Breitfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Perniciaro * Sammy * Brodie * Bob Rozanski * Dolline Welch * Joe and William Hiskey * Sue Brooks * Cathleen Mickaliger * Joseph Stepnoski * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Eleanor Nystrom * Margaret McCarthy * Jan Suchta * Justin * Mike Smithwick * Dakota Harmon * Courtney Altman * Cole Faller * Claire Latour * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Joan Kielkowski * Anthony Naglieri * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Denise Babinski * Michael Alperti * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Tom Wisniewski III * Jean Reyes Carroll * Jeffrey Clark * James, George and Barbara Jaeger * Ernest and Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthall * Michelle Giaccone * Gloria Keller * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Connie Giordano * Krzysztof Olszowski * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Eleanor Koller * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angle * Marta Andreotta * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Grefe * Helen Condzella * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * The Huntley Family * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * Marcjanna Stolarzewicz * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Barbara Fenn

Has anyone you know recovered and can be removed from our prayer list? Please give us a call and let us know.

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:

1st Lt. Nicholas Santorelli, Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Brendan Fitzgerald, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

COLLECTIONS

Today, January 14th: Sunday and Debt Reduction
Next Week, January 21st: Sunday and Annual Fuel

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
December	\$ 28,453	\$ 29,068
Christmas	\$ 40,514	\$ 46,197

Thank you for your generosity!



Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction

“My daughter, do not fear harsh winter storms, because to the extent that winter is harsh, so much more will the spring be full of flowers and the harvest more abundant. Whatever the tempter says or does, God is accomplishing His wonderful purpose for you, which is to complete your full transformation in Him. My dearest daughter, do not believe the malignant whisperings and shadows of the enemy. Hold firm the truth of what I declare to you with clear conscience in my authority as your spiritual director. Being afraid of casting yourself into the arms of divine goodness is even stranger than a baby being afraid while it is held tightly in its mother’s arms. Banish whatever doubts or anxieties you have, even though infinite charity can permit them for the same reason I mentioned above.”

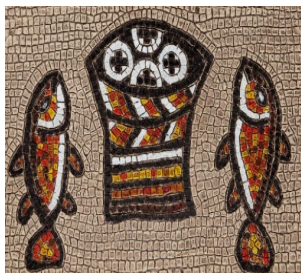
To Antoinetta Vona, May 21, 1918



Today we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Paul the First Hermit, patriarch of the Order of Pauline Fathers. Therefore at the 9:15 and 10:30 AM Masses, we will have a special blessing for children. Sweet gifts for the children will be provided at that time.

Zbliża się Uroczystość Św. Pawła I Pustelnika duchowego Ojca Zakonu Ojców Paulinów. Uroczysta Msza św. z błogosławieństwem dzieci będzie odprawiona w niedzielę 14 stycznia o godz. 9:15 i 10:30. W trakcie Mszy św. wszystkie dzieci otrzymają specjalne z tej okazji błogosławieństwo oraz słodkie upominki.

What Ordinary Time Means in the Catholic Church And Why Is It Called That?



Because the term *ordinary* in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

Why Is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

Why Is Green the Color of Ordinary Time?

Likewise, the normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time—for those days when there is no special feast—is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

When Is Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

The Church year begins with Advent, followed immediately by the Christmas season. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the first Sunday after January 6, the traditional date of the Feast of the Epiphany and the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This first period of Ordinary Time runs until Ash Wednesday when the liturgical season of Lent begins. Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season. This second period of Ordinary Time runs until the First Sunday of Advent when the liturgical year begins again.

Why Is There No First Sunday in Ordinary Time?

In most years, the Sunday after January 6 is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In countries such as the United States, however, where the celebration of Epiphany is transferred to Sunday if that Sunday is January 7 or 8, Epiphany is celebrated instead. As feasts of our Lord, both the Baptism of the Lord and Epiphany displace a Sunday in Ordinary Time. Thus the first Sunday in the period of Ordinary Time is the Sunday that falls after the first week of Ordinary Time, which makes it the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Why Is There No Ordinary Time in the Traditional Calendar?

Ordinary Time is a feature of the current (post-Vatican II) liturgical calendar. In the traditional Catholic calendar used before 1970 and still used in the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass, as well as in the calendars of the Eastern Catholic Churches, the Sundays of Ordinary Time are referred to as the Sundays After Epiphany and the Sundays After Pentecost.

How Many Sundays Are There in Ordinary Time?

In any given year, there are either 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time. Because Easter is a moveable feast, and thus the Lent and Easter seasons "float" from year to year, the number of Sundays in each period of Ordinary Time vary from the other period as well as from year to year.



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Is spiritual direction in a group a good way to get spiritual direction?

The essence of spiritual direction is the relationship between the spiritual director and the directee. The interaction and dialogue that happens in that relationship is deeply personal and personalized. **Discerning God's action and invitations in one's life requires that kind of intensely personal and personalized dialogue.** A group setting, with one spiritual director and a bunch of directees, would significantly change that essential dynamic. In my opinion, therefore, **group spiritual direction – strictly speaking – would not be able to fully substitute one-on-one spiritual direction.**

Fellowship Matters

A group setting can, however, provide many benefits for those who are seeking to grow spiritually. Most of our readers will be familiar with various forms of group faith-sharing and mutual encouragement. As Christians, we are called to live as members of Christ's Mystical Body; we are not Lone Rangers; we journey together through our earthly pilgrimage, and God loves to work in and through that kind of fellowship. As Jesus himself put it: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Sharing deeply with fellow Christians about the struggles and triumphs of our faith-journey is enriching, affirming, and necessary for growth and perseverance.

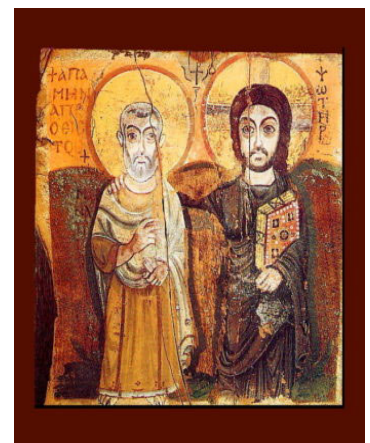
Spiritual Direction by Analogy

What some people may call "group spiritual direction" could be one form of doing that. I can picture a group of friends gathering with an experienced spiritual director to talk about particular themes in the spiritual life, to have a question-and-answer session, to pray together... I can also picture a similar group gathering to listen to talks or lectures about spiritual growth, and having time after the talk to ask personal questions and receive personalized advice. This type of dynamic could be extremely fruitful, spiritually. But I think you can see how different it is from the one-on-one dialogue and ongoing relationship that forms the essence of traditional spiritual direction.

A Lesson from History

Perhaps a comparison may help. Originally the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius were designed for a one-on-one style of retreat. Later, the Jesuits adjusted the original formula so that groups – groups of seminarians, religious, or priests, for example – could have a Spiritual Exercises retreat together. In this adjusted formula, one retreat director preaches and guides the whole group as a group, instead of just meeting one-on-one with a single retreatant. This adjusted method is still widely used in the Church and has born wonderful fruit, but it hasn't supplanted the original method. The two methods have different advantages and disadvantages.

God bless you! In Him, Fr John Bartunek, LC



OUR PARISH OUTREACH...thanks to all who generously took a tag from our giving tree this year. Almost all of the gifts were returned so, because of you, our families had a nice Christmas. We will share the thank you sentiments we receive as they come in. Thank you to all who donated food and/or money to help us spread the cheer.

You are all angels on earth!

“Thank you so much for your generosity. It is very much appreciated. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness.”

“Thank you all for the very generous selection of gifts cards. Forgive the delayed card, but know that we were busy visiting the various stores to utilize the cards.”

“My family and I wish to extend our sincerest thanks for your gifts enabling us to have a glorious Christmas once again.”

“Thank you very much for the lovely night gown and very generous gift cards for Walmart. Very much appreciated!”

“Thank you for the beautiful flowers in the summer time.
Thank you for the beautiful Christmas lights in the winter time.
Thank you for people that treat us so kindly.
Thank you for the good food that we receive every time we come.
And thank you for the Christmas gift cards.
God bless you.”

“Keep up the good work. Thank you for all the love and hard work you do. I also want to thank all the Church members. Without you, there would not be food and gifts to make our Christmas special.”

