## **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** Saturday, February 22

(St. Margaret of Cortona Penitent)

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

+Clifford Petterson

Sunday, February 23

(St. Peter Damian, BCD)

8:30 a.m. +Angelina Gentile-Renoux

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish 5:00 p.m.

+Stanley Pich

Monday, February 24

7:30 a.m. St. Scholastica

+Charles DuFour

Tuesday, February 25

St. Matthias

7:30 a.m. +Eileen O'Leary

Ash Wednesday, February 26

7:30 a.m. +Helena Subtil 6:15 p.m. \* +Juanita Madan

Thursday, February 27

7:30 a.m. +Laura Baccigalupi

Friday, February 28

Comm. St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, C

7:30 a.m. +Miranda Ortiaga

Saturday, February 29

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

+Zonkowski Family

Sunday, March 1 First Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. +Stanley Pich

10:00 a.m. +Owen & +Hanna Hollywood

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

\*Extraordinary Form



Stations of the Cross every Friday

beginning February 28th at 6:30 p.m.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

#### Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

### Stewardship – Time, Talent & Treasure

February 16, 2020 -\$ 5,334.00 Mail Donations \$ 820.00

Please remember Corpus Christi Parish in your will and estate planning.

#### **Week of February 22-28, 2020**

#### MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS

+Bread & Wine+ Joseph Hranowski Family



Please keep us updated on your loved ones. Roger Gregor, Janice Gowen, Phyllis Mason, Florence Unverzagt, Maria C Silva, Jean Obst, Luke Mayell, Bernadette Haase, Suzanne Boyce,

Patricia Ronan, Noel Gowran, Isabel Rendon, Helen Kovacs, Judi Zyskowski, Samuel Saloom, Jr, Debbie Canuso-Danley, Debra Doyle, Kathleen McGreevy, Michael Majewski, Christopher Haase, John Gregor, Karen Kleinschmidt, Debra Doyle, Josephine Dehlinger, Kristin Rein, Peggy Reynolds, Carol Ostrowski, Gloria Gregor-Hughes, Basilda Barbosa Fernandes, Joyce Hanula, Nancy Rouke, Emerson Harper, Joan Petersen, Susan Wiecek Shecter, Rebecca Rannazzisi, Louis Kadubic, Renee Giliberti

**MEMORIALIZING PEWS-** If you have not yet made arrangements for a pew but are considering it, whether a family name or In Memory of a Loved One, call the parish office to sign up or for more information.



Donation is \$500.00. Please note you may wish to make installment payments

#### Wednesday, February 26, 2020



**Ash Wednesday Schedule:** 

7:30 a.m. Mass. 12 Noon Service. 5:00 p.m. Service,

6:15 p.m. Low Mass

(Extraordinary Form)

7:30 p.m. Mass Portuguese Mass

# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2020

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well..



Would you like to recycle for a good cause? We are collecting 1lb. empty tin cans of coffee (lid included) and empty egg cartons

(made of paper), please drop them off in the usher's closet (red bin). These items will be used for a project sponsored by the Evangelization Ministry to help Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen and Faith Formation children's activities. For any questions, please contact Eliana @ 732-770-8245. Collection of recycled items will take place between Feb. 15-28th.



Volunteers needed to help CRAFT and/or BAKE on Saturday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm -2 pm in the Church Hall. We will be crafting beautiful

paper flower centerpieces for Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen. We will also be baking samples of our Irish Soda Bread for our upcoming fundraiser on March 15<sup>th</sup>. No skills needed, we have volunteers ready to help you learn. There will be light refreshments served in addition to fellowship and fun! Please call or text Ann Marie Karczmit at 732-801-3569 with any questions.

## Friday, April 17, 2020



Corpus Christi 2<sup>nd</sup> Pocket Book Bingo More info in future bulletins. In conjunction with the Pocketbook Bingo we

will be selling a SUPER 50-50 that will be drawn the evening of the Bingo. Winner need not be present. Tickets will be sold for \$10.00 and will be available shortly. Tickets will be sold after all weekend masses and at the parish office during regular office hours. Last year's winner received \$2,360.00. If you are interested in assisting with selling of tickets after masses, kindly call the parish office. Thank you in advance for your support.



# St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner Dance



Sunday, March 15, 2020 6-10:30 p.m.

Adults \$20.00, Children \$5.00 Table for 6 \$100.00 Tickets on sale after masses and at the parish office during regular hours.

## My Dying Wish: Don't Canonize Me at the Funeral Ken Foye

I am not planning on dying any time soon. I'm nearly 53 years old and life expectancy statistics tell me that I have at least another 20 to 25 years left on this Earth. And research shows that people of faith tend to be healthier and live longer than those who don't – about seven years longer, in fact, according to one study. That's not the reason why I believe, but it is a factor in my favor. But just in case things don't work out that way, there's one temporal affair I'd like to set in order right now. It involves my interment rites. Simply put, I don't want to be canonized at my own wake or funeral Mass. I'm putting it in writing now - - no milquetoast platitudes about how he's in Heaven now" or "he's in a better place." This is a person's soul we're talking about namely, mine - and it is not the time for such fluffy sentimentalities. This "eternal spiritual destination" stuff is far too serious business for that. Nothing to the effect of "he's in Heaven now" is to be said at my wake service; during the homily or any other part of the funeral; at any social gathering prior to my funeral or after it; or at any other time in the days, weeks, months, years, or even decades following my death.

Unless there are miracles occurring that are clearly and undeniably occurring due to my intercession, or unless I undoubtedly died a martyr for the Faith, nobody knows that I'm in Heaven. Well-meaning but hasty thoughts about me being in Heaven are not going to help my soul in the slightest. Instead, I'm asking now – and will this plea as many times as I have to, until I die – that everyone who remembers me assume that I am in Purgatory. And that means I will need prayers, and lots of them - not pronouncements of canonization, including ones that are meant to make my wife feel better, assuming that I "check out" before she does. It is a grave mistake to automatically assume that someone who's died is definitely in Heaven now. That may seem unkind or heartless, but in fact, it's uncharitable to assume that someone is already "set" eternally and that he doesn't need our prayers anymore. That's what "canonizing" someone by saying "he's in Heaven" or he's in a better place" amounts to. It's an act of concluding that we don't need to pray for him.

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