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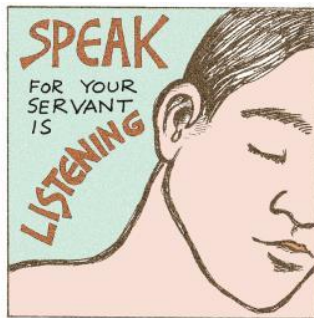
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

FIRST READING: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

SECOND READING— Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

GOSPEL— The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10). In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening." God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

| | | | |
|----------|------|--------|-----------------|
| MON | 1/15 | | |
| TUES | 1/16 | | |
| WED | 1/17 | | |
| THURS | 1/18 | | |
| FRI | 1/19 | | |
| SAT | 1/20 | 3:00PM | Confession |
| Next Sun | 1/21 | | |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Jan 15th - Jan 21st)

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| MON | 1/15 | 7:30AM | + Nancy Schultz – (Eleanor Blair) |
| TUES | 1/16 | 7:50AM | + Rosemary Kolega– (Gritzer Family) |
| WED | 1/17 | 7:50AM | + Peter Kuzmiak - (Gritzer Family) |
| THUR | 1/18 | 7:50AM | + James Marshall – (Patricia Gritzer) |
| FRI | 1/19 | 7:50AM | + Sophia Mulvehill – (Joan Spampinato) |
| SAT | 1/20 | 4:00PM | + Nick Subich – (Wife, Roseann) |
| SUN | 1/21 | 7:30AM | + Pro Populo |
| | | 10:30AM | + Joe Gula – (Best friend Joe Hochstein) |



Sunday Jan 14, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: Our readings today focus on the vital attributes of being a disciple of Christ. Our First Reading from Samuel unfolds the relationship between Samuel and the Lord. If we put ourselves in Samuel's shoes, we can wonder how many times the Lord has spoken to us but we did not recognize His voice. God's voice might already be present in the quiet of our hearts, in Scripture, or even in speaking through someone else. He speaks to us in various forms, but to recognize that it is Him, we must give Him a portion of our time by being still and listening to what He is calling us to do or not do. Our journey as disciples of Christ is an ongoing adventure. To grow on this journey, we can seek first the Kingdom of God, listen to God's voice in our lives, and be good stewards of what He has gifted us. With that, the Lord will respond with "Come, and you will see!"

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Jan 6th & Jan 7th, 2024)

Weekly \$ 2,273.00
Building Fund \$ 175.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.



Blessing of Homes... If you would like Fr. Bernard to bless your home in the New Year, please call the Rectory Office @539-7633 or put a note with your name, address and phone number in the collection basket.

God Bless
This Home and All Who Enter

St Therese Ground Hog's Day ticket

We will be selling tickets starting this weekend in the vestibule, for our Ground Hog Day Ticket.

Tickets are \$20. for 5 numbers.

Winning determined by the PA Pick 3 evening number on **February 2, 2024.**

Winning number will take home **\$1500.00**

\$250 for the number above & below.

You can buy your tickets before Mass or you can stop by the rectory during normal business hours
Mon -Fri 9-2

2024 Envelopes & Calendars- Adult & Children's envelopes & calendars are available at the rectory. Please stop by and pick up your envelopes. IF you have a friend or neighbor unable to pick them up, please drop it off for them.

We are asking during the month of January to write your name on your collection envelope to assist in posting. Thank you

Families and the Gospel - (John 1: 35-42)
Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

Community News & Events

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI YOUTH EVENT - St. Francis of Assisi Parish is hosting a Youth Event for High School students in grades 9 - 12. The Youth Event will be held on Saturday, January 20th from 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center at 134 Barron Ave, Johnstown, PA 15906. The event features a six-piece band, a variety of games, snacks, and beverages! Admission is \$2.00 per person!!

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This Day's Greatest Gift

We can't change the past...
But we can gather up
It's lessons and move on,
Stronger and wiser.

We can't control the future...
But we can send our dreams Ahead of us
To help prepare the way.
We can live each moment...
Heart and soul,
And cherish this day's Greatest gift

...
The gift of now.
May peace with the past
And faith in the future,
Gently guide you through each
Precious moment of Today.

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