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February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

PSALM: Happy are those who observe God’s commands (Psalm 119).

SECOND READING: God’s wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

GOSPEL: Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today’s readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God’s law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God’s commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God’s ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both “hidden” and “revealed.” God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew’s Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God’s law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	2/15		
MON	2/16		
TUES	2/17	8:00AM	Peel potatoes for piroghi project
WED	2/18	4 & 6:00PM	Prayer service and Ash Distribution
THURS	2/19	8:00AM	Piroghi Project
FRI	2/20	4:00PM	Stations of the Cross
SAT	2/21	3:00PM	Confession
NEXT SUN	2/22		



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Feb 16th – Feb 22nd)

MON	2/16	7:50AM	+ Ronald Gombar – (Gritzer Family)
TUES	2/17	7:50AM	+ Martin Simcic – (Family)
WED	2/18	7:50AM	+ Sr. Catherine Paff – (Patty Marshall)
THUR	2/19	7:30AM	+ (A) Josh Shank - (Family)
FRI	2/20	7:50AM	+ Betty, Carl, Ed & Marie Pavlosky - (Sister, Annamae)
SAT	2/21	4:00PM	+ Living & Deceased Members of the Gentile/David Family
SUN	2/22	7:30AM	+ (A) Pauline Pappas– (Sons)
		10:30AM	+ (A) Betty Rozich Kinnel – (Bill & Barb Tollis)



Sunday, Feb 15, 2026

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card - or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?

The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is not meant to be a mere external exercise in which we participate on an occasional basis. It is meant to be embraced as a way of life that involved a continuous conversion of heart.

Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others. In the week ahead let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then will we experience it's true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Feb 7th – Feb 8th, 2025)

Weekly	\$	2,422.00
Building Fund	\$	115.00
Energy	\$	347.00
Easter Flowers	\$	25.00



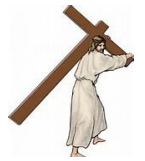
This Wednesday, February 18th is the start of our Lenten Journey. There will be **morning Mass at 7:50AM, distributions of ashes**, then a prayer service at **4PM & 6PM and distributions of ashes.**

Fasting and Abstinence

Wednesday, Feb 18th, when the Church begins the forty-day journey toward the Triduum (the Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying, and giving alms. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 3rd** are days of **fast and abstinence** along with all **Fridays during lent**. Fasting refer to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all during the day. The church directs the holy Fast to all those 18 years until their 60th year.

Blessed Candles - for your home are available in the back of the church. They are \$3 for a box of two.

Stations of the Cross - will be held every Friday during Lent at **4PM**.



Chrisitan Mothers will be taking orders for **"RADA" thru the month of February**. Catalogs can be found in the back of Church. Please submit your order with payment in the collections jar, or to any Christian Mother. If you have any questions, please call Helen Sorchilla 535-1141. They make great

Lenten Piroghi Project - begins Feb 19th and will continue each week through March 26th(6 weeks)

Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week. Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, eggs, potatoes, and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

A sign up sheet will be in the vestibule this weekend **Feb 14th & 15th** or you can phone the office Monday **Feb 16th** between **9-11AM**. **No orders will be taken after 11. Price is \$8.50**



If you have any spare time and would like to help with the Piroghi Project, please feel free to stop over. **No Experience necessary!!!**
New volunteers are always welcomed!!



Holy Name Society will be taking orders for pies from the Pie Shoppe in Laughlintown. There will be order forms attached in this week's bulletin as well as in the back of the Church from Feb 14th thru March 15th.

Orders and payments can be placed in the collection basket. Checks should be made out to the **Holy Name Society**.

Last day to order is March 15th.

Pies can be picked up after all Mass March 28th & 29th in the church hall.

Looking for a Personal Caregiver?

I am a Licensed LPN with over 40 years of experience. References upon request.

Please call Teresa @ 814-410-7024