

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 26th, 2020 ~ Bulletin No. 5 ~ Vol. XXXVI

CALENDAR ~ January 25-February 2, 2020

Sat 25	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Dr. Robin Pendleton by Dianna Pendleton
Sun 26	9:00am 11:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Mary Athougies by Amideu & Monica Athougies Mass for ROS Richard Feldmeth, Jr. by Claire Feldmeth Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, Parish School Bldg; call 289-6336 for information
Mon 27	9:00am 7:00am	Communion Service Men's Prayer Group
Wed 29	7:00pm	Mass for Special Intention by Alicia Lane
Thurs 30	12:10pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Mass for ROS Pete & Marie Cilone by Andy & JoAnn Cilone Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel Rosary and Benediction, Chapel
Fri 31	12:10pm 7:00am	Mass for ROS Robin Pendleton by JoAnn & Andy Cilone Men's Prayer Group
Sat 1	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Dr. Robin Pendleton by Dianna Pendleton
Sun 2	9:00am 11:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for Living & Deceased Members of the Colhouer Family by Karen Greene Mass for ROS Patricia Ann Sansing by Her Niece Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, Parish School Bldg; call 289-6336 for information

Announcements

Today's Celebrant is Father Geoffrey D. Wirth from Food for the Poor. He will speak at all Masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time has been instituted by Pope Francis as THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD. He wrote: The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This *Sunday of the Word of God* will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the *Sunday of the Word of God* has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity. May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. For as the sacred author taught of old: "This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance" (Dt 30:14).

Reminder: *Reading Through the Bible Historically. A Ninety-Day Plan* ~ Copies are still available in the Narthex

First Confession for the sacramental class is Wednesday January 29th. Please meet in the CHAPEL at 5:30. Contact Karen Lugo with questions 828-980-0602

Bishop's Annual Youth Pilgrimage to Belmont Abbey— Saturday April 4, 2020. This year's theme is "Be Holy" (1Peter 1:16). This "Spiritual Youth Fest" is centered on the Holy Eucharist, and is an opportunity for the youth in our diocese to meet and to make good memories. Online group and family registration as well as more information on the event is available at www.GoEucharist.com

The February 15, 2020 Day of Reflection sponsored by the Knights of Columbus ~On the Seven Mansions of the Interior Castle requires pre-registration. The registration form is located in the Narthex. Please indicate whether you will be attending the AM session (Mansions 1-3), **and/or** the PM session (Mansions 4-7). Please bring a potluck to accompany the sandwiches provided by the Knights.

Bible Study: "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion" ; Filmed in the Holy Land. Sessions for the bible study will begin on Wed. Feb.19. Sign up sheet is available in the narthex.

Next Sunday is *Yokefellow Sunday*. Our item to contribute is cooking oil, smaller sizes (12oz—24oz)

From the Holy Fathers

"If we are not on fire with love for Jesus Christ, then none of our good intentions matter."
~ Pope Benedict XVI ~



Wisdom of the Saints

"It is fitting that the end of all our desires, namely eternal life, coincides with the words at the end of the Creed, "Life everlasting. Amen."



~ St. Thomas Aquinas ~
Feast January 28

For Annulment Information Contact:

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Meetings

Today: 10:15am St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting, Mary's Library

Today: 10:30am Mystical Rose of Carmel Lay Carmelite Meeting, Chapel Offices

January 27: 7:00pm Ladies' Guild Auxiliary in the Parish Hall.

Knights of Columbus meeting for February is scheduled for Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 7pm. Adoration will be held in the chapel at 6:30pm.



the narthex. Sign up for what you want to bring.

Parish Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 16th. A request for supplies and baked goods is being made. Please check the list of items needed in the narthex. Sign up for what you want to bring.

Our **Knights of Columbus** council is now selling **state raffle tickets** until the middle of April. Prizes are \$5,000 1st place, \$4,000 2nd place, \$500 for 3rd and 4th place, \$400 for 5th and 6th place and \$200 for 7th place. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any Knight or in the Narthex. Tickets must be properly filled out and the information stub and the payment deposited in the locked black box on the table in the narthex.

Mark your calendars:

Women's Emmaus retreat is March 27-29

Diocesan Youth Conference for high school students is Friday-Sunday April 24-26th.

Collection Information:

January 12, 2020

Regular Offering: \$6,623.00

January 19, 2020:

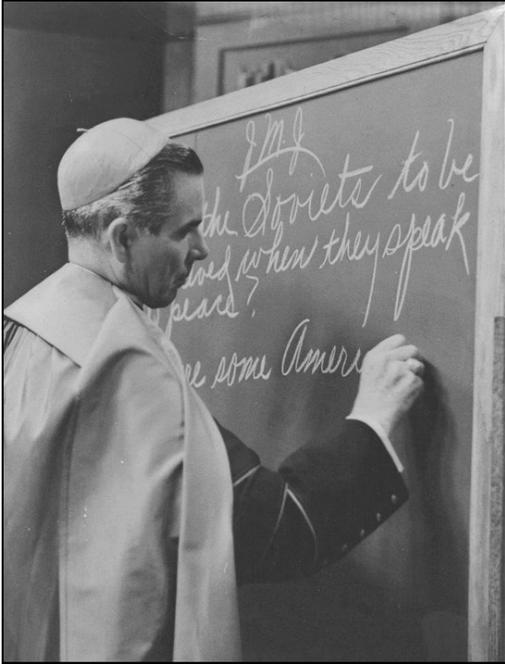
Regular Offering: \$6,625.00

Building Fund: \$3,060.00

Combined Missions: \$2,064.00

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Venerable Fulton Sheen



The next important person on Father Burke's list is Venerable Fulton Sheen. Father Burke has spoken of the influence Bishop Sheen had upon his life many times, and for many of us who grew up with Bishop Sheen, many would say some of the same things.

Fulton Sheen was born in El Paso, Illinois on May 5, 1885. He was one of four sons of Newton and Delia Fulton Sheen. His family were farmers, but from a very early age, Fulton wanted to become a priest. He was ordained in 1919 in Peoria, then went on to advanced education in Belgium, Rome and Paris. He went on to teach in St. Edmund's College in England and Catholic University in the United States. Sheen was gifted both as a teacher and public speaker. He was charismatic and through his gifts, he assisted many to join the Catholic faith.

Much of his priestly career was spent working in the media. From 1930 through 1950 he conducted the Catholic Hour on national radio. He was the most prominent spokesman of the Catholic Church in the country.

From February 12, 1952 through April 26, 1955 he starred in the Dumont Television Network weekly show *Life is Worth Living*. Each episode of the show addressed current issues of the day. In the early 50s those issues included communism and socialism. He had no script, never used notes, wrote on a blackboard, and was never paid for his shows.

The popularity of the show was so great that he surpassed Milton Berle and Frank Sinatra

in ratings. In 1952 he won an Emmy Award for *Most Outstanding Television Personality*. In an interview, Milton Berle said Sheen got the award because "He had better writers-Matthew, Mark, Luke and John."

As important as his radio and television work was to the spread of the Catholic faith, Sheen's sixteen years as director of the Propagation of the Faith influenced even more millions of people as he worked tirelessly raising money to support the missionary activity of the Church.

In 1951 he was appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York, followed by a 1966 appointment as Archbishop of Rochester. Some say this was a promotion; some say it was a move meant to take him out of the limelight and neutralize him for what were considered by some to be progressive policies; other say it was the result of retribution from Francis Cardinal Spellman. But all would agree that Sheen was among the most influential Catholics of the 20th century.

He wrote at least 66 books, appeared on radio and television, gave retreats, did major fundraising for the missions, never took a vacation, and in all his years as a priest, he never missed his daily holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament. Here lies the heart of his spirituality and his inspiration.

He is quoted as saying: "The secret of my power is that I have never in fifty five years missed spending an hour in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. That's where the power comes from. That's where sermons are born. That's where every good thought is conceived."

In October 1979 during his visit to New York, Saint Pope John Paul II told Sheen that he had "written and spoken well of Our Lord Jesus Christ...you are a loyal son of the Church." Sheen died two months later on December 9, 1979 while sitting before the Blessed Sacrament in his chapel.

A miracle has been approved by the Holy See that brings him one step closer to being beatified.

