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## *Upcoming Dates & Events*

Sat. Feb 11 -	Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. We begin a Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes starting with First Friday Mass February 3rd throughout all the weekday Masses until Feb 11th – the Feast Day.
Sun. Feb 12 -	Adult Formation class following 9:00 am Mass
Wed. Feb. 22 -	Ash Wednesday - Masses 8:00 am & 7:00 pm (Fast & Abstinence)
Fri. Feb. 24 -	Stations of Cross each Friday evening of Lent at 7:00 pm

### **URGENT - PEOPLE OF FAITH CALLED TO RESPOND!**

"Christ has no body but yours, no hands, feet on earth but yours," St. Teresa of Avila

Cardinal-designate Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) reacted strongly to a January 20 announcement by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that will force Catholic-run institutions to cover in their healthcare plans, drugs and procedures that violate their conscience. In a two-minute video posted on the USCCB website, Cardinal-designate Dolan calls on Catholics to let "elected leaders know that we want religious liberty and rights of conscience restored and the administration's mandate rescinded."

U.S. bishops have asked the Catholic community to contact their Congressional leaders and let them know they support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act recently introduced in Congress (H.R. 1179, and S. 1467). For more information and to view Dolan's video, go to [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). Click "Urgent Action Alert" to learn what you can do and how to contact your representatives.



# February 5, 2012

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases" Mark 1:29-39

### **Mass Intentions for Week of February 4th to February 10th**

Sat 02/04	5:00 pm	†Paul A. Voitasek by Etta Hanigan
Sun 02/05	9:00 am	†Barbara Meister by Tiso Family
Sun 02/05	10:30 am	†Frank and Peter Giambrone by Lois Giambrone and Family
Mon 02/06	8:00 am	†Donald Gardner by Jim Barden
Tues 02/07	8:00 am	†Anthony DiCiervo by Angie Valentino
Wed 02/08	8:00 am	Grace DeMarco (Sp. Intentions) by Angie Valentino
Fri 02/10	8:00 am	Frank DeMarco (good health) by Angie Valentino

### **Mass Intentions for Weekend February 11th and February 12th**

Sat. 02/11	5:00 pm	† Donald Gardner by Umhey and Payette Families
Sun. 02/12	9:00 am	†Joseph P. Menkowski by Barbara Ahouse
Sun 02/12	10:30 am	Veronica and Alfred Grace by Frank and Harriet Rauchut

**Weekly Collection Update:** Regular Sunday collection: \$852.00 Fuel \$45.00

The 2nd collection today is the Monthly Collection

**God's Blessings for your continued support!**

**Collection Envelopes:** To request parish envelopes, please call the rectory at 688-5617

### **Weekly Scripture Readings:**

Mon.	1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56	St. Paul Miki and Companions
Tues	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13	
Wed.	1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23	
Thur	1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30	
Fri.	1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37	St. Scholastica, Virgin (Memorial)

### ***Please Remember These People in Prayer***

Russell Abbrecht, Kay Aspinall, Joe Aversa, Lauren Aversa, Kathleen Biondo, Sheila Madera-Brown, Baby Liam Casey, Baby Olivia Grace Childs, Ben Cole, Cathy Connell, Marc DeCosta, Ernest Fudge, Sr., Rose Fudge, Dorothy Gorman, Maureen Gormley, Chris Hall, Lois Higgins, Jackie Lay, Joan Lyons, Tess Menkowski, Ellie Monachelli, Rebecca Monachelli, Helen Morelli, Tony Morelli, Gerry Nilsen, Judy Pavone, Florence Palmer, Linda Peyrat, Judie Rank, Claude Ravetier, Franca Ravetier, George Rinaldi, John Rossett, Michael Ryder, Zoila Santa, Ronald Santicola, Marr Snyder, Maureen Swezey, Dorothy Sylak, Michael Tiso; Sue Tiso, Fr. Phil Tran; Howard Umhey, Angie Valentino, Stephanie Vesely, Ellen Watson, Sr. Bernadette Westman, Mary & Ron Westman and Catherine Whitelaw, Marianne Winfield. *Pray for our men and women in military service throughout the world.* (Contact Rectory 688-5617 to add or remove names).

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, February 6th** following 8:00 am Mass. We pray the 7th day of the Novena. “Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of Sinners, pray without ceasing for us, who have recourse to you.”

**Second Collection:** The 2nd collection today is the Monthly Collection.

**Youth Faith Formation:** The February classes are today, **February 5th, February 12th and February 26th**. Please come and join the celebration of the 9:00 am Mass followed by class. Classes will last one hour. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mathew or our Faith Formation Coordinator, Gerry Nilsen at 687-9769.

**Adult Faith Formation:** The next session will be **Sunday, February 12th** after the 9am Mass in the Fr. Gorman Hall. Facilitator: Sr. Catherine Gormley. Topic: *Some Questions of Jesus*. We will explore two of the questions Jesus asks of us. A pivotal question for our lives is: *Who do you say that I am?* So much of our spirituality depends on the answer to this question and we will try to look at it in depth. Another question is: *Who are my mother and who are my brothers?* This is also an important question for us to consider. When Jesus’ family comes seeking him, this is what he asks. Does he ask the same question of us? All are welcome to attend.

**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: The weekend of February 11 & 12**, we are celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. At your arrival at the Church, get your Rose flower, please go directly to the statue of Our Blessed Mother, and offer it with your prayers. At the end of each Mass, the flowers will be blessed and given back to you as a special gift from our Blessed Mother. Invite your friends and neighbors for this special celebration. If you’d like to make a donation towards the expense please do so; our Lord will give back to you in hundred-fold through our Blessed Mother.

**Saints from New York State:** In mid-December, Pope Benedict XVI signed decrees recognizing the miracles needed for canonization of two upstate women, Blessed Marianne Cope of Molokai and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

Born in Germany in 1838, Blessed Marianne joined the Sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis in Syracuse in 1862. In 1883, she led the first group of sisters to the Hawaiian Islands to provide nursing care for leprosy patients. She arrived on Molokai only a few months before the death of St. Damien and succeeded him as the settlement’s guiding force.

Known as the Lily of the Mohawks, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was born in Auriesville in 1656 to a Christian Algonquin mother and a Mohawk father. At the age of 4, she survived a smallpox epidemic that claimed the lives of her parents and brother. She was baptized by a Jesuit missionary in 1676, at which point she took a private vow of virginity and devoted herself to prayer and service to the Caughnawaga community. Source: Catholic New York

**Feast Day of St. Agatha celebrated February 5:** Born in Sicily in the early centuries of the church, St. Agatha was martyred about 251. She is only one of seven women, excluding the Blessed Virgin Mary, remembered by name in the Canon of the Mass. “Through the Intercession of Saint Agatha, Pray for Those Who Live with Breast Cancer or Those Who Have Died from the Disease.” Sources: Catholic.org/Archdiocese of New York.

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Weekly Scripture Reflection

Mark 1:29-39

**He left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.**

As I carefully walked through these words, listening to stories of Jesus’ healings, I was moved by his early rising to go into solitude. It was for the sake of prayer that he rose early. Moving through the words, I began to think, “Ah, perhaps this is the key to his healing.” Prayer Power!

Might this also be a key for us to discover? Not just prayer, but the constant faithfulness to prayer! Maybe faithfulness to prayer is the key we must all discover.

In reflecting on Jesus’ gift of healing, I am reminded of the story from Matthew 17:21 when the disciples asked Jesus why they could not heal the man possessed of his demon. Jesus told them that this kind could only be driven out by prayer. I think Jesus was referring to a life absorbed in prayer, soaked in God—not just saying a few prayers now and then. Perhaps if we could be more immersed in this soaking kind of prayer our own presence would become a powerhouse of healing for others. I would like that. I suspect you would too.

*How would I describe my prayer life? How would I describe life as a result of prayer?*

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### Father Phil Tran Visits Parish

Parishioners at last weekend’s 5 pm Mass were treated to a wonderful surprise. Former Parish Administrator, Fr. Phil Tran, joined his cousin, Fr. Peter Vianney, in concelebrating Mass. Fr. Vianney offered our weekend Masses while Fr. Mathew was on retreat in the Holy Land as guest of Cardinal-elect Archbishop Dolan. Fr. Phil and family members posed with joyful parishioners after Saturday’s Mass. On Sunday morning, St. Francis de Sales parishioners extended their thanks and appreciation to Fr. Vianney who traveled from Hyde Park to serve our parish community.

