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May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ To The World!

February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

You are the Salt of the Earth

You are the Light of the World

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

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Kelli Wittman, Office Manager

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Angela Bowers, Organist

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jesus used ordinary images, such as salt and light, to convey extraordinary truths that transform our minds, hearts, and lives. What does salt and light have to teach us about God and the transforming power of his kingdom? Salt was a valuable commodity in the ancient world. People traded with it, like we trade with valuable goods, such as gold and stock. Salt also served a very useful purpose, especially in warmer climates before the invention of electricity and refrigeration. Salt not only gave rich flavor to food, it also preserved food from going bad and being spoiled. Jesus used the image of salt to describe the transforming effect of God's work in our lives - and how the Holy Spirit wants to work through us to bring the power and blessing of God's kingdom to others. As salt purifies, preserves, and produces rich flavor for our daily food, we, too, as disciples of Jesus, are "salt" for the world of human society.

What did Jesus mean by the expression "if salt has lost its taste...it is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot" (Matthew 5:13)? Salt in the ancient world was often put into ovens to intensify the heat. When the salt was burned off and no longer useful it was thrown out on the ground where it would easily get stepped on and swept away (Matthew 5:13). How can we lose our "saltiness?" When we allow the world, sin, and Satan to corrupt us. The Lord wants us to preserve our "saltiness" - through virtuous living and rejection of sin - not only for our own sake but also for the sake of others. Do we allow the fragrance of Christ's love, truth, and holiness to permeate every area of our life, our thoughts, words, actions, and relationships?

Today's Readings

Isaiah 58:7-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

Next Sunday's Readings

Sirach 15:15-20

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37



Shown here are some of the members of the Ladies Guild preparing the pepperoni rolls which were sold last weekend. The ladies made and sold 500 pepperoni rolls, an annual event on Super Bowl weekend which has become their biggest fund raiser.

Thanks to everyone who helped make it successful, and special thanks to all of our Ladies Guild members for the many ministries they provide to our parish and our community.

Pepperoni Rolls

500

Pepperoni

72 pounds

Mozzarella Cheese

30 pounds

The Pepperoni Roll ... State Food of West Virginia



The pepperoni roll was invented by Giuseppe Argiro who came from Italy in 1920 to work in the coal mines in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

When he first traveled to America, Giuseppe left his pregnant wife, Teresa, behind. Within a few years, he had earned enough money to return to Italy and bring his wife and young son back with him to Clarksburg. Giuseppe soon left the mines and moved his growing family to Fairmont, where he started a soda pop bottling business. Then, in 1927, he opened People's Bakery - now the Country Club Bakery - where the pepperoni roll was born.

The inventive Argiro got the idea for the pepperoni roll directly from his experiences in the mines. They made an excellent meal for coal miners because they had protein and fat for energy and they did not require refrigeration, making them easy to tuck into a pack or pail and take to the mines with no other preparation needed.

Source: www.wvculture.org

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, February 8

4:00 p.m. - Carmela & Larry DeMasi †

Sunday, February 9

8:30 a.m. - Jim Bell †

Monday, February 10

No Mass

Tuesday, February 11

No Mass

Wednesday, February 12

No Mass

Thursday, February 13

No Mass

Friday, February 14

No Mass

Saturday, February 15

4:00 p.m. - James DeMasi †

Sunday, February 16

8:30 a.m. - Herman Wise †

Collections & Attendance: February 1-2, 2020

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3367
Loose Contributions.....	\$558
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$500
Votive Candles.....	\$25
Poor Box.....	\$9
Total.....	\$4459
Saturday Attendance:	104
Sunday Attendance:	127
Total.....	231

January 2020 Balance Sheet

January Income	\$15,169
January Expenses.....	\$10,912
Balance	\$4,257

God Bless You Fr. Giles!

We extend our sincere thanks to Fr. Giles for celebrating our weekend Masses while Fr. Thomas has been away. We appreciate you being here!

Prayers for Fr. Thomas

Please keep Fr. Thomas in your prayers as his vacation comes to a close and he begins his travels back to West Virginia this week.

Tax Statements

Tax statements for 2019 offertory amounts have been mailed. If you have not yet received yours, please contact the Parish Office. And thank you for your generous contributions last year!

If you do not have offertory envelopes for 2020 and would like to begin using them, please contact the Parish Office.

Cold and Flu Season Continues

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has issued the following recommendations regarding Mass participation in times of illness.

During the cold and flu season, we ask that everyone be mindful of others when attending Mass.

If you are sick and believe you are contagious, stay home. The obligation to attend Mass is not required if you are ill.

If you have cold or flu like symptoms, do not feel that you have to exchange the Sign of Peace with others. Simply wave or nod your head to your neighbors.

While it is normal in our Diocese to receive the Eucharist under both sacred species, refrain from drinking from the chalice if you feel ill. You are still receiving the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Lord.

This Week at Assumption Parish...

SUN	2/9	9:30 am	Donut Sunday
		9:30 am	CCD
		3:00 pm	CCD Bowling
MON	2/10	1:00 pm	Bible Study
TUE	2/11	11:00 am	Walking Group
		5:00 pm	Cantor Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
WED	2/12	11:00 am	Walking Group
THU	2/13	11:00 am	Walking Group
FRI	2/14		Valentine's Day ♥
SAT	2/15	3:00 pm	Reconciliation
SUN	2/16	8:30 am	Youth Mass
		9:30 am	CCD
		9:30 am	Sweetheart Breakfast for K of C members

Have an event to add? Please call or email the parish office.



It's Donut Sunday!

Stop by St. Mary's Hall after Mass this Sunday, February 9, to enjoy a donut and a cup of coffee, sponsored by the parish and hosted by the Ladies Guild.



Prayer List

To have a name added or removed from the list, please call or email the parish office.

Jennifer Boling	Viola Huffman*
Wanda Bruno*	Tom O'Connor
Diana Cooper	Tom Rutherford*
Bobby Dorsey	Sue Spotts
Joe & Barbara Gratto	Wilma Turner
Sue & Mick Greco	

*Piney Valley resident

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, February 8, 4 p.m.

Lector	Sue Harber
Extraordinary Ministers	Mitch Durst Kathy Finnell Rosalee Freeman
Altar Servers	Melissa Stanislawczyk Alan Taylor

Sunday, February 9, 8:30 a.m.

Lector	Jada McGann
Extraordinary Ministers	Kara Breedlove Mike Landis Tina Stephen
Altar Servers	Abby Del Signore Libby Del Signore

Saturday, February 15, 4 p.m.

Lector	Molly Bloom
Extraordinary Ministers	Sue Harber Charlie Junkins Mike Landis
Altar Servers	Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, February 16, 8:30 a.m. (Youth Mass)

Lector	CCD Students
Extraordinary Ministers	Julie Alt Kelley Kuhn Nancy Starcher
Altar Servers	CCD Students

NOTE: Please arrange for a replacement if you will not be able to fulfill your scheduled time.

