

GOOD NEWS

February 8, 2009

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Job's lament is one that fits our time as well as his.

Do we ever feel our lives are drudgery, with months of misery and troubled nights? Do we share Job's complaint that our days "are swifter than a weaver's shuttle"? Our lives too may seem to be fleeting, "like a breath."

Do we dare see the irony in the poignant cry of Job (and in ourselves)? Our days are long and hard--and they go by too quickly! (Do we dare laugh at ourselves?)

Though we get just a glimpse into Job's pain in today's text, a fuller reading of his turmoil places us beside him. We humans in all of our stories feel tossed around from several directions. Dare we ask God why? Job dares to do just that. We do well to realize that God's answer to Job is full of challenges and more questions. Job from his depths comes to recognize that no matter what mess he sees himself in, he is also in God's hands. Not a bad lesson. Not a bad place to be.

We do well too to see a difference between Job's lament and ours. Job in his pain cries, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and come to their end without hope." In God's strange explanations, late in the book of Job, Job learns he does not end his days without hope. For all of the connection to Job's testing we might find in our own lives, we are offered something now that Job learned late.

We know where even great pain can lead. We can know hope.

We read today the struggles of another servant of God. Saint Paul's days were filled with troubled nights, drudgery, and pain.

He doesn't deny they're a burden; he passionately denies they're meaningless. For the weak, he became weak, so they would recognize the Gospel of Christ.

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The Vandergrift Festa Italiana meeting will be held on Monday, February 9 at 7 p.m., Bari Social Hall. All officers and members are requested to please attend. We welcome new members. This is our 6th year for the Festa. Let's again make it another successful Banner Year.

Oblates of Saint Benedict ~ a series of monthly classes on Benedictine spirituality will continue on Sunday, February 15, from 3 to 4:25 p.m. in Brownfield Room 202 of Saint Vincent Seminary. The topic will be "The Eucharist in Benedictine Spirituality and Oblate Life," and Brother Elijah Cirigliano, O.S.B., assistant choir director for the monastery and a seminary student, will be the presenter.

The Oblates of Saint Benedict affiliated with Saint Vincent Archabbey will meet at 6:45 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, in Brownfield Room 202 of Saint Vincent Seminary. The topic of discussion will be "Silence," based on Chapter 5 of the book *The Path of Life* (the same topic as in January because of a snow storm and low attendance at that time). Those wishing to pray Vespers with the monks at 5 p.m. and then stay for supper should contact Fr. Donald at 724-805-2291 in advance.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD January 31 & February 1

Offertory Collection.....	\$7,042.00
Children's Collection.....	8.10
Loose Collection.....	386.00
Utilities.....	223.00
Eastern European Collection.....	1,070.60

May the Lord bless you for your financial sacrifice to your Parish.

MEMORIAL CANDLES

In memory of **George J. Nasser by his wife & family**

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of **William Naccarato by his wife & children**

IN YOUR CHARITY, please pray for the soul of Burl Slausenhaupt, father of Ann L. McDermott. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS who are hospitalized, invalids or seriously ill at home: Mary Purificato, Claudia Troiano, Theresa Zaccagnini, Patsy Palattella, Laura Vilsack, Linda Waros, Matilda Stonevice and all the sick who need our prayers.



**CHURCH HALL
SUNDAY
JACKPOT 55 #'S
DOORS OPEN 5:15 P.M.
PLEASE INVITE YOUR
FAMILY & FRIENDS**

EXPLORE! *Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be nun?* The Sisters of St. Joseph are hosting an **EXPLORE!** Gathering for eighth grade and high school girls who would like to learn more about the **life of a Sister**. **EXPLORE!** Will be held on Sunday, March 15, from 10 until 4 p.m. at St. Joseph Convent in Baden, PA There is no fee for this program. For more info or to register, contact Sister Marguerite Kropinak, CSJ, at 724-869-6585.

Readings for the Week of February 8, 2009

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20---2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31---11:1/
Mk 1:40-45

"FAITH in EVERY STUDENT"

Cardinal Maida Academy is starting a Pre School program. Classes will be on Tuesday's from 9 until 11:30 a.m. starting February 10. The cost is \$30. per month. Children must be 3 years old in order to attend. We need a minimum of 9 students for the program. If you are interested, please contact the school office at 724-568-3304 for an application.

HEALING MASS ~ there will be a Healing Mass at the Saint Paul Parish in Greensburg on Wednesday, February 11 at 7 p.m. Praise and worship will start at 6:30 p.m. and individual prayer will be available following the Mass. For more information, call the Parish Office at 724-834-6880.

The **SISTERS of CHARITY of SETON HILL** will hold their annual "Lenten Visit" on Sunday, March 1, at Caritas Christi, motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. The program will begin with visits and refreshments at 2:30 p.m. followed at 4 p.m. by solemn evening prayer in the Chapel of the Assumption. Greensburg Central Catholic High School students will join with the Sisters of Charity Community Choir and Bell Ringers in singing and praying Vespers. Reservations are requested, so please RSVP by calling 724-836-0406, ext 644, no later than February 23.

The CARDINAL MAIDA ACADEMY

~ **Campbell Labels**, please continue to save your Campbell labels. They help us to get educational materials for the school. Simply place them in the Sunday collection basket or drop them off in the school office.

~ **General Mills Box Tops For Education**, please continue to save the General Mills "Big G" Box Tops for Education box tops. You may place them in the Sunday collection basket or drop them off in the school office.

~ **Giant Eagle**, register www.gianteagle.com or 1-800-474-4777 for "Apples for the Students" program. Our school I.D. No. 1073. Every time you use your Giant Eagle Advantage Card, The Cardinal Maida Academy will earn points for computer software for our students.



Saturday, February 7, Weekday

4:00 p.m. †Leo Stoltz (An.)

Sunday, February 8, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. †Charles Golembiesky/Parish

10:30 a.m. †William O. Naccarato (An.)

Monday, February 9, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Donna "Chelko" Bono (An.)

Tuesday, February 10, Scholastica, virgin

8:30 a.m. †Dorothy Arteritano (An.)

Wednesday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30 a.m. †Frank Paolo

Thursday, February 12, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Elysse Uskuraitis (An.)

Friday, February 13, Weekday

9:00 a.m. †Charles Silvestri (An.)

10-12 N. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, February 14, Cyril, monk

8:30 a.m. †Barbara Mangifest (An.)

4:00 p.m. †Eugenio & Maria Iagnemma

Sunday, Feb. 15, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

10:30 a.m. †Angelo & Natalizia Bruno

February 14 & 15
SERVER'S SCHEDULE

4:00 p.m. -A. J. & Deana Callipare

8:00 a.m. -Amy & Eric Bennardo

10:30 a.m. -L. Emmerson & Zachary Jones