

JANUARY 19, 2020

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JESUS THE LAMB OF GOD**

Last week we had the “Greatest Contest of our Time” on the popular program “Jeopardy” hosted by the beloved Alex Trebek. James, Ken and Brad amazed us with their knowledge, awareness, expertise and timing. In the game of Jeopardy, the answer is in the form of a question. For example, “An animal that is small, cuddly, gentle and loving”. The answer would be “What is a lamb.”

For us Catholics, the phrase in today’s gospel “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world” expressed by John the Baptist on seeing Jesus, is very familiar to us. It is in fact a liturgical prayer and has deep roots in Sacred Scripture.

In the Old Testament, the prophet Jeremiah describes his persecution as being like a lamb led to the slaughter. The idea of a slaughtered lamb, provided the impetus for Isaiah to describe the suffering servant of God (Jesus) whose death pays for the sins of people. “As a Lamb led to the slaughter, like a sheep before the shearers, silent and not opening its mouth” *IS 53:7*, these references from the Old Testament emphasize the importance in God’s command to offer a lamb in preparation for the exodus from Egypt. Indeed, the Aramaic word “talya” means both servant and lamb.

Today we hear the words in the psalm “Ears open to obedience you gave me” and “Here I am Lord, I come to do your will”. The psalmist obviously is referring to Jesus, whose ears were always open to follow and do his Father’s will. It is very interesting, that when Jesus was announced by John the Baptist, John deferred to Jesus and stepped back and let Jesus take

the limelight. He then proceeded to announce Jesus as “Behold there is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” We Catholics recite these words every week. In fact, we say them so often that we may forget or not reflect on their deeper meaning.

John could have said “Look there is the man of God or there is the Son of God”, but he wanted us to understand that Jesus was “gentle and humble of heart with the warmth and the inner goodness of a lamb.” We hear the word “*lamb*” at least four times in every Mass. We recite it or sing it following the Lord’s Prayer and the priest recites “Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world” just before the reception of Holy Communion.

The word “*lamb*” also suggests a freshness and a newness. The house where I grew up is in a rural setting, overlooking green open fields. In the Springtime, I could look out the window and see the sheep with their lambs in the nearby fields. I remember one day a boy comes racing across the fields with excitement in his voice... “a new lamb has been born...the lamb is new”. The message of Christ the lamb is always new and brings us new life and refreshes our souls. It extends the presence of God within us and gives us new hope. We all need that hope within ourselves, in our homes and families and most importantly in our country and world.

Father Kevin



RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Journey with Us!

Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 PM in the
Russo Room
Fr. Joe is presenting.
All are welcome.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PREPARATORY

This week the faculty and students of Saint Philip Preparatory School attended their second full week of classes and look forward to a busy and productive future as they prepare for the new decade. The first-grade students are preparing for career day as they study jobs, services and volunteers. Congratulations to the second-grade students who celebrated the sacrament of reconciliation this past weekend. Students in fourth grade math class are each creating a sixteen-point compass as they learn about angle measures. Students in fifth grade will be welcoming their parents to gather for "Family History Celebration." Fifth graders will research a family story or family tradition and interview a relative, creating a timeline and narrative. Research, interviews and timelines will then be presented to family members and classmates. The sixth-grade social studies classes culminated their unit on ancient civilizations by constructing models of ancient Egypt (on display in the middle school hallway.) All middle school students traveled to Montclair State University to watch a presentation about the US Constitution.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Next Youth Group Meeting:

Sunday, January 26th at 11 am
in the Youth Room

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Schedule: Grades 1-6 February 2
Grade 2, 7-10 February 9

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

LEGION OF MARY

Weekly meetings **Mondays 9:45 am** in the Molloy Center.

For information call Veni Evangelista at 973-393-5120.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

Monday, January 27th at **6:00 pm** in Cerullo Hall in the Molloy Center. Come for prayer, socialization and meeting new friends.

SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

Next meeting **Tuesday, January 28th** at 7:00 pm in the Russo Room.

Please contact Erica Kunzig at 201-452-7972.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Upcoming meetings are in Marian Hall on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month.

St. Philip the Apostle - Knights of Columbus - Council 11671 will hold the annual "Monsignor Peter Doody Scholarship Beefsteak Dinner" on **Saturday, February 8, 2020** at 7 pm in the St. Philip Prep School Auditorium. This year Monsignor Kevin Flanagan will deliver a talk on "Catholic Education in the 21st Century". The cost of the dinner ticket is \$35. Please contact Jack Houston for tickets at 201-452-3817.

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2020 Free Throw Championship

Sunday – January 19, 2019 starting at 10:30 am.

COLUMBIETTES

The Columbiettes' Meeting will be held in Marian Hall on Thursday, **January 23rd** at 7:00 pm.



MARCH FOR LIFE - WASHINGTON D.C.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020

Join us for a "March for Life Bus" on **Friday, January 24, 2020**. St. Anthony's Parish, Passaic and St. Philip the Apostle, Clifton join together for the National March for Life in Washington D.C. The bus is sponsored by Mr. Michael Renda. There is no charge. Please call Jack Houston at **201-452-3817** to make a reservation. Departure at 7 am from **St. Anthony's Parish.**

Together we can make a difference. The March for Life is an annual event, but pro-life education and advocacy is important all year long.

Get Involved Today! Together, we "March for Life"

Please note change in departure location

PRAY FOR

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Lucas Dimitri Gorgovski, child of Dimce and Christina
Aleks Horton, child of Christopher and Vesna
Logan Scott Margo, child of Stephen and Lindsey

THE SICK: Maya Hilario, Christine J. Paglia, Louis Paparella, Eileen Kirchner, Kelly LoPresti, Kate Miller, Sandy Baker, Marge Sividio, Elise Krevis, John Herbakowitz, Theresa Evans, Albert Wasmer, Joe Audino, Peter Durso

THE DECEASED: Jeremiah Niblock

PARISH GIVING

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DECEMBER 25, 2018	\$86,629.00
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(TO DATE)	\$87,213.00
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SUNDAY COLLECTION: JANUARY 13, 2019	\$20,267.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: JANUARY 12, 2020	
Envelopes	\$12,457.00
Cash	\$ 1,355.00
Online giving donation	\$ 6,310.00
Total	\$20,122.00
SECOND COLLECTION: Project Faith	\$ 3,337.00

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: JANUARY 25 & 26, 2020

5:30 PM	Fr. Joe	8:00 AM	Fr. Joe
10:00 AM	Fr. Kevin	12:00 N	Fr. Kevin

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IS 49:3, 5-6; 1 COR 1:1-3; JN 1:29-34

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020

8:00 Helen Francis
Jennie Ciuppa

10:00 Stephen Salerno
Joan Polansky
Susan Sadvary-15th Anniversary
Eileen Sagui

12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020

7:00 NO MASS AT THIS TIME

9:00 Marie Wagner

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

7:00 Elizabeth Martelli

9:00 Jim Stokes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020

7:00 Antea Vece

9:00 Robert Brabston

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020

7:00 Sharon Tenza

9:00 Elaine Pallante

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020

7:00 Sr. Rene Donohue - 8th Anniversary

9:00 Michael Hreha - 21st Anniversary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

9:00 Russell Corona

5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

8:00 Laura Mikalojczak
Linda Christiansen

10:00 Special Intention: Sy & Regina Kahn
Sadie Kosinski
Evelyn Caswell
Alice Nancarrow

12:00 Kenneth Tahan
Joseph Fallano

