

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 14TH, 2018.**

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? Andrew and (probably) John were disciples of John the Baptist. They were two good men seeking a better understanding of a way to make sense of life. They sought meaning. John the Baptist pointed them in the direction: *Behold, the Lamb of God.* And so, Andrew and John trustingly followed Jesus.

Perhaps at our Christmas family gatherings, a high school senior or college-age student was cornered by uncles and cousins with questions: *What are your plans? What are you looking for in life?* In today's gospel, John permits us to see and hear Jesus speaking to every one of us, no matter the age. *What are you looking for?*

For some of us the aim or goal is material security. In itself, not a wrong aim, but a low one. Another response may be to find a role in life that matches an individual's skills or level of competence. To be successful, to be able to work productively. If the aim here is to satisfy personal ambition, it's a bad goal. If the use of personal gifts is to serve others, to improve the condition of the world, it is a high one. But not high enough. The scope of any talent is limited by time and circumstances.

What are you looking for?

Andrew and John, two young men, answered: *Where are you staying?* Their hope was to find peace. Their minds were searching, their hearts were longing. They were hoping to achieve a peacefulness of mind and heart within themselves, among others, and a closeness with God. John the Baptist pointed to Jesus. They knew they wouldn't be satisfied with a brief encounter. They wanted to stay with Him. Whether we admit it, or even understand it, we are all seeking peace of mind and peace of heart, which can only be found in Jesus Christ. We find that peace when we linger with Him, not as an acquaintance or short-time counselor. We stay with Him. We live with Him in His house – all the time.

Come and see. See Jesus in the Church, in every member, see Jesus in the sacraments, hear His voice and feel His embrace. Jesus always stands and waits in the road when we seek Him. He initiates the invitation. He opens the door for us to just walk through.

FATHER RICARDO

FATHER RICARDO'S DESK:

DOMUS DULCIS DOMUS

Thank you so much for your prayers and good wishes for my trip to Cuba. I have returned safely and gratefully. I was permitted to visit my little town for the first time since I have been ordained. To be among old friends and relatives was wonderful. I love Cuba, but when I became an American citizen, it was a new birth for me. Freedom is God's great and precious gift. Pray for God to preserve it every day.

ONE LAST THANK YOU

In Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, a character makes the point that the Christmas season is painful for some of us when we can't participate in the abundance that makes the holiday so exciting. This year, once again, our parish GIVING TREE has been the instrument of alleviating some of that hurtfulness. Florence Kensek and Shirley Hall orchestrated your plentiful donations of gifts for children and supermarket gift cards. You caused 10 families and 15 children to experience a more joyful Christmas. My thanks to you and to Florence and Shirley. Christmas is about the gift of giving, you are experts at this loving task.

Claire Elleo

LEGION OF MARY

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue is available for you to take to your home for a week. To sign-up, call the parish office.

LAST CALL

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND SHRINES IN SPAIN
MAY 21-29, 2018. We are in the final preparation of our pilgrimage please don't miss this opportunity to visit Lourdes and Spain. If you are interested, please call the parish office. We have a limited number of seats that are available.

PLEASE BE AWARE

The Diocese sent the following instruction: ***Because of the danger of the influenza A virus (H1N1) and our inability to predict what will happen, it would be prudent not to join hands at the Our Father. Please know that it is not necessary to shake hands during the Sign of Peace at Mass. A simple bow and greeting would suffice. Please remember that anyone who receives the Body of Christ receives the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ and is in no way deprived by not receiving the Precious Blood from the cup. If you feel sick or have been exposed to the virus and suspect you have been infected, you are under no obligation to attend Mass. Please use common sense. Wash hands frequently and dispose of tissues carefully.***

WELCOME

Please join me in welcoming into our Christian community Amelia Taylor Rashford who will be baptized in our parish today. Please keep her and her parents and godparents in your prayers



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY JANUARY 14th
 8:00 Intentions of Larry and Joan Bono 60th
 Wedding Anniversary req. by Barbara Crum
 9:30am +Mary Patricia Brennan req. by Jerry and Cathy
 Calcagno
 11:00am +Claire Readie req. by The Van Gorder Family
MONDAY JANUARY 15,
 8:45am +Frank Tritak req. by Joey Helmrich
TUESDAY JANUARY 16
 8:45am +Annamae Hearn req. by Fred and Dianne Kelly
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17
 8:45am +Margaret Perrine req. by Kathy Golden
THURSDAY JANUARY 18
 8:45am +Mabel Loughren 6th Anniv. req. by Family
FRIDAY JANUARY 19
 8:45am +Agnes Rudolph req. by Tom and Cathy Kelly
SATURDAY JANUARY 20
 8:45am +Geraldine Nuckel req. by Brian & Paula Kloza
 5:00pm Rev. Ricardo Ortega req. by Legion of Mary
SUNDAY JANUARY 21
 8:00am +Vincent Ventriglia req. by Parish Staff
 9:30am +Andrew Van Dyke req. by Richard and Brenda
 Dexter - Grandparents
 11:00am +Mary Margaret McGovern req. by Bill & Eileen
 Aquino

Sun. 11:00am - Gather the Children”
 12:10am Confirmation II 6-8 pm
 2:30pm - Baptism
Mon. OFFICE CLOSED – HOLIDAY - MLK
Wed. 7 pm Choir Practice
Thur. 10:00am Legion of Mary - Hall
 6:30pm Legion of Mary - Chapel
 7:30pm Adult Antioch Meeting
Sat. 8:45am to
 11:15 – CCD Gr 1 and 3 to 6 - LH
 CCD 2ND Peace Day 8:30 -12
 Church Hall

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Aidan Alvarez, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews, “Baby”, John Apgar, Artie, Madeline Beirne, Ray Bonomini, Maddy Brancato, Jerry Calcagno, Tina Contento, Mike Cordes, Aibhlinn Coyle, Elizabeth Copeland, Paul Corbutt, Doug Crum, Nathanael Davenport, Jean Marie Day, Alice DeLorenzo, Courtney Dignan, Eileen Donahue, Katie Drago, Roseann Dundon, Jim Ecker, Barbara Etzel, Debbie Fuentes, Kay Gallo, Mike Gallo, John Gonzalez, Florence Guilfoyle, Barbara Hellwig, Christopher Hoehl, Bob Hojer, Joanna Horn, Jean Jones, Melissa Klimaszewski, Julianna Klinger, Carly Kosen, Rick Reuter, Emily Lewis, Brian Linke, Henry Mancuso, Rose Martis, Fran and Larry Marsh, James McAlary, Patty McDermott, Robert McDermott, Kathy Nestico, Jennifer Oldham, Janis O’Neill, Eleanore O’Marra, Maura Reagan, Mary Reynolds, Linda Ross, Ron Shelly, Lou Pra Sisto, Father Patrick Sullivan, Alexander Truong, Mary VanDyke, Pat and Jim Van Gorder, Debbie Ventriglia, Russy Wright, Nick Zayatz

The Sanctuary Lamps are offered this week in Loving Memory of Alfonso Sanchez by the Cawley Family.



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The next Maintenance Collection will be January 27-28