

*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of the Sick
February 11, 2024*



Living Mass Intentions for the Week

OLPH: Mason Moeller engaged to Kaylee Althaus, Nathan Goebel engaged to Brie O'Sadnick, Elizabeth Widolff, Albert & Norma Jean Borell

SMA: Darlene Gehant, Mark & Judy Bresson, Charles Torri

St. Patrick: Riley Klein, Judy Sharkey



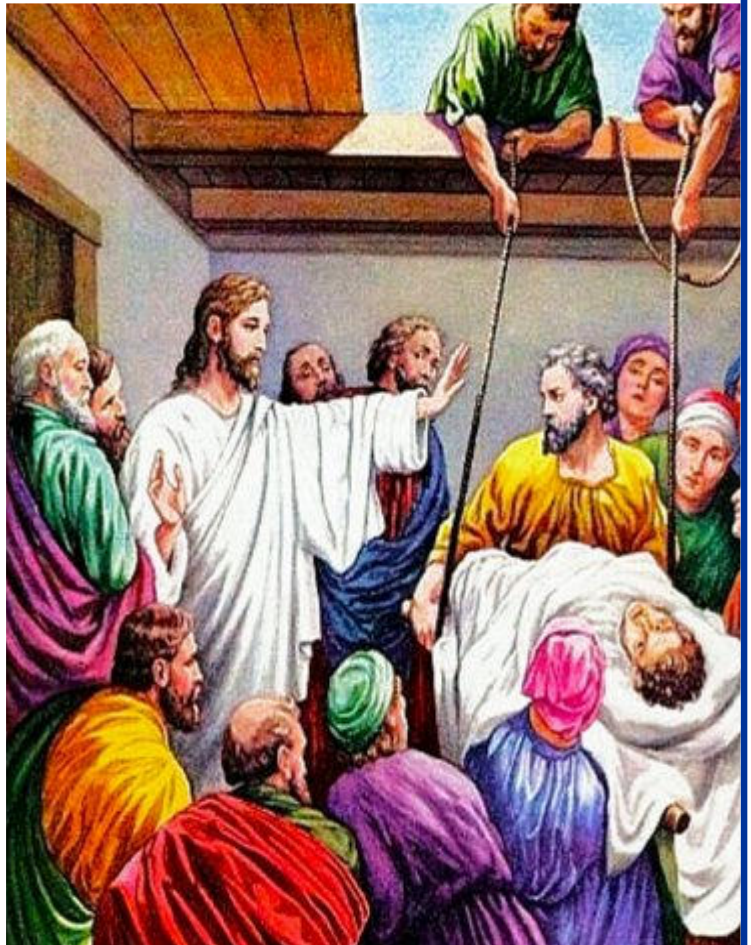
From the Gusset

One of **Job's** three friends was **Eliphaz the Temanite**. Though the three friends came to give **Job sympathy** and **comfort**, they each wound up speaking harshly against **Job**. **Eliphaz**, in particular said, **those who plow for mischief and sow trouble, reap the same**. That it is by the **breathe of God that they perish** – for what **innocent person perishes?** (**Job 4:7-9**) **Eliphaz** was saying that it was because **Job** was a bad

person that all these bad things had happened to him (**Job** lost all his livestock, his camels, and his **children** all in the same day, and then **Job** was inflicted with **bodily illness** as well). But remember, **Eliphaz** and the other two friends were both **reprimanded** by God in the end for not speaking **the truth**. You see, from time-to-time God's friends do get **sick**. Our **illness** is not due to some **sin** we have committed or because we have not **loved** God as we should. Remember, one of Jesus' friends was **Lazarus**, and the Scriptures say: **now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister, Martha**. His two sisters send word to Jesus saying, "**Master, the one you love is ill.**" (**John 11:3**) Notice that **Mary** and **Martha** don't say, "*Lord, come and heal him.*" They merely tell Jesus that their brother is **sick**. This is to remind each of us that when we are dealing with **a sick family member** or a **parishioner, who is ill**, that it is simply enough to make **known** our need for Jesus' help. We don't necessarily have to add a request to our statement to God. See, the sisters take a page out of **Mary's spirituality**. At **the wedding in Cana**, **Mary** doesn't tell Jesus what to do. No, **the Mother of God** just points out the fact that the couple has 'no **wine**.' Her concern for **the newly married couple** is all **she** makes known to God. You see, a person always '*wills the good*' of **a friend** or a **loved one**. We don't wish **illness** to creep into our **own bodies**; and likewise, we don't wish our **family members or our friends** to be **sick** either. Just by our telling God that someone we **love** is **ill** – that is enough for God to spring into action. Just your bringing someone who is **sick** to our **healing Mass** this weekend is enough. You don't need to pray, 'Lord, heal him,' or 'Jesus, take their cancer away.' No, just your bringing the sick to Jesus is all **the love** you need to show to both God and your **sick family member or friend**. For did our Lord not smile upon the men who brought **the paralytic** to Him by cutting off the roof-top and letting down the man on his mat?! God will **bless** with **the graces of anointing** all whom you bring to Him in our **Mass** this Sunday!

Yours on the Path

Fr. Randy



This coming Wednesday begins the Penitential Season of Lent. At the opening of our Mass on Shrove Tuesday (February 13th) in West Brooklyn, we will burn last year's palms, and then

Fr. Randy will seine them and use the ashes to mark the sign of the Cross on your forehead for the start of Lent. Please make several sweeps of your house to collect all the palms and leave them in the basket at the back of Church.



The Sisters will be selling Raffle tickets after all our Anointing Masses this weekend, the 10th and 11th of February.

This is the Sisters' big fund raiser for the year and goes toward supporting their ministries.

Please be as generous as possible.



Morning Mass is one of the benefits to being retired. That the gainfully employed may worship God after the work day is finished, we will be having a 5:30pm Mass on the Friday's of Lent. Confessions will be heard at 4:30pm and then we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 5:00pm. Our Masses will cycle through our 3 Churches beginning with Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Friday, February 16th.



The Art and Architecture of our Catholic Churches

How is it that the Catholic Church where one worships God —
can be so influential on one's Faith!

Our **Lady of Lourdes** is commemorated in the stained glass window in **West Brooklyn**, and her Feast Day of February 11th was chosen by **Pope John Paul II** to become **the World Day of the Sick**. **The Holy Father** urged us to celebrate the day by praying for the sick **and** their care givers. You might remember that **Pope Benedict XVI** used this day to announce his **resignation** – giving his declining health as his reason for retiring from **the Papacy**. The waters of the stream uncovered by **Bernadette Soubirous**, when she was encouraged to dig in **the mud** by our **Lady** have brought **miraculous healings** to so many thousands. Our beautiful window in **St. Mary of the Assumption's Church** shows the young **Bernadette** praying her **Rosary** at the feet of our **Lady of the Immaculate Conception** and the cascading **waters** of the grotto. **The humility** of **Bernadette** is revealed in nearly every page of her life, but none I think more than when



asked: 'why it appeared that **Mother Mary** had seemed to use **Bernadette** so prominently in the year 1858, but

then never again to have appeared to **the peasant girl**?' **Soubirous** replied, "**the Virgin used me as a broom to remove the dust. When the work is done, the broom is put behind the door again.**" **The Catholic Church** honors not only **the sick** with **the sacrament of anointing** on this day, but **She** also offers to **the caregivers** of the ill, the opportunity to be **anointed**. Maybe God is using you to bring the sick to Church for **Mass** and **the sacraments of holy anointing** and **Holy Communion** on **February 11th** – perhaps instead of just returning to your place of anonymity (**a broom** being placed behind the door) – you might consider receiving **the healing sacrament of Anointing** yourself, so that God might touch your **soul** and **strengthen** you for your **humble service** to the sick.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 10th

(+) Michael Brendel/ Fr. Randy & (+) James & (+) Geraldine Fronek/ Roger & Rick Fronek
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Delmer & (+) Joan Dinges/ Mary & Anita Vaessen

Sunday, February 11th World Day of the Sick/ Feast of our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Mary Helen Leffelman/ Mr. & Mrs. Mark Streit

10:30 am, **SMA** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Monday, February 12th

(+) Mary Zapf/ Leslie Motter & Fr. Kramer/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, February 13th Shrove Tuesday

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Dennis McCoy/ Mr. & Mrs. Jon Yambert

Wednesday, February 14th Ash Wednesday

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Carol Widolff/ Mr. & Mrs. Bob Jones & (+) Mike Widolff/Mary Kuebel

Thursday, February 15th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Quin & (+) Josephine Torri/ Torri Family

8:30 am, **OLPH** Fr. Kramer/ Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Wilson

Friday, February 16th

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Tom Sharkey/ Mr. & Mrs. Rick Cardot

5:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Jean Ritola/ Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Klein

Saturday, February 17th

Return to good health of Pauline Bulfer & (+) James & (+) Geraldine Fronek/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Donald Marschang, (+) Janet Wagner, & (+) Betty Prendergast/ Family

5:30 pm, **SMA** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Sunday, February 18th 1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Richard Cardot/ Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Wilson &
(+) Mary Ann Cardot/ May Township

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Ida & (+) Albert Borell/ Mr. & Mrs. Albert Borell

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