

## Please Pray For...

John Adams, Kevin Adrian, Mike Adrian, Kenny Barbao, Carlos Alexander, Ford Bartle, Julie Beavers, Bruce Bostock, Gayle Bogard, Andy Buchinger, Judy Buchinger, Rachel & Thomas Carter, Bob & Irene Carubia, Ken Chester, Samuel Douglas Chianello, Jim Childress Jr, Terry Craver, Madeline Crist, Cindy Cookingham, Lance Cooper Jr., Terry Cronin, Dick DeVan, Cynthia Dietrich, Rick & Londa Dodson, Cam Duncan, Tom Eades, Charlie & Bobbie Fischer, Chelaine Furgason, Ricky Gaspar, Mary Ellen Garvey Gilgan, Connie Giuffre, Adelyn Haines, Steve & Judy Hajash, Charlie Hall, Kristen Hansen, Ken Harris, Betty Hartman, Freddie Hernandez, Carol Himes, Benjamin Hixenbaugh, Troy Hixenbaugh Sr, Caroline Hosein, Tom Hudson, Bill Irwin, Billy Juma, Tom Kennedy, Chuck Kesner, Pam Kiler, Nora & Tom Kessel, Gary Kuncel, Marvin & Cindy Kurylo, Erino & Marianna Leone, Fr. Giles LeVasseur, Lance LeVasseur, Theo Lillie, Lincoln Lillie, Ed Lockwood, Pat Marsh, Andy Mason, Sandree Moger, Charlie Mullins, Milda Mullins, Milda Marie Mullins, MRGII, Dan Parise, Elisa Peralto, Don Peters, Bob Ramsay, Danny & Meaghan Reddick, Gary & Teresa Reddick, Rick Reddick, Danielle Resigno, Ralph Riccardi, Chris Richardson, Angela Rivera, Julie Robert, Barbara Roberts, Katy Rodriguez, Julia Maria Rodriguez, Julie Roger, Dale Rogers, Carrie Shrewsbury, Sherry Spangler, Linda Stephen, Lori Stickley, Joe Szabo, Jennifer Wolford, Maureen Wysopal, Trudy Trenton, Alex Yardley, Abigail Yardley, Benny & Kathy Young  
(To add or remove a name, contact the office or put a note in the collection basket.)

### Lent - Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on February 18th this year. Mass on Ash Wednesday will be at 12:00 noon with distribution of ashes. Fr. Giles will also be at the church at 6:00pm for distribution of ashes.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Only one meal is to be eaten that day and no meat. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat). Good Friday is a day of fasting (only one meal) and abstinence.

### Spaghetti Dinner - Date Change!

Knights of Columbus will serve a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 28th at 6:00 pm in Quinn Hall. The cost is \$10 per person (children under 12 eat free) and will include all you can eat spaghetti, salad, dessert and a drink. You may bring your own wine.

Seating is limited to nine tables so buy your ticket early from Knights Ed Rodriguez, Herb Adrian, or Joe Szabo, before or after Mass in the church foyer.

There will be music and dancing. 🎵 🎶 🎵

### What is Lent?

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-discipline through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.



Many know of the Lenten tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. (<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/lent/catholic-reflection-on-lenten-fasting>). In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

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February 8, 2026  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I am the light of the world,  
says the Lord; whoever follows me  
will have the light of life."  
(John 8:12)

*Sunday Mass*  
Sunday 11:00 am

*Weekday Mass*  
Tuesday 6:00 pm  
Wednesday at noon



*Next week's readings:*  
*Sirach 15: 15-20;*  
*Psalms 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;*  
*1 Corinthians 2: 6-10;*  
*Matthew 5: 17-37*

**Reconciliation:** 1/2 hour after Holy Mass Sunday  
Other times by appointment  
**Sacrament of Marriage:**  
Contact our office at least 6 months before the desired date  
**For other Sacraments contact Office**  
Office Hours: Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Church Secretary - Terry McGee  
\*\*Please use office entrance \*\*

## Sunday Message

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls His disciples to a life of influence and witness for the world. He uses vivid imagery, describing His followers as the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." These metaphors speak not only of purpose but of responsibility. Salt preserves and enhances flavor; it prevents decay. In the same way, Christians are called to preserve the moral and spiritual integrity of the world, to bring goodness where there is corruption, and to enliven society with the presence of God's love and truth. Likewise, light illuminates darkness, allowing others to see clearly. Jesus calls us to reflect His light through our words, actions, and choices. Our faith is not meant to be hidden or private, but lived visibly so that others may recognize God's presence in our lives. This calling challenges us to live with integrity, generosity, and compassion, becoming beacons of hope and guidance in a world often overshadowed by fear, selfishness, and despair.

Jesus emphasizes that our good works should shine not for human praise but to glorify the Father. Through our lives, others are drawn not to us, but to Christ, the true source of light. By embracing this vocation, we participate in God's redemptive work, influencing hearts and transforming communities. May this Gospel inspire us to examine our lives: are we preserving the goodness of the world, illuminating the darkness around us, and faithfully radiating the love of Christ to all whom we encounter? Let us strive to be salt and light, fulfilling our divine calling with courage, joy, and fidelity.

### Weekly Offering

February 1, 2026

General: \$ 1583.00

Building Fund: \$ 484.00

Poor Box: \$ 110.00

Attendance: 75

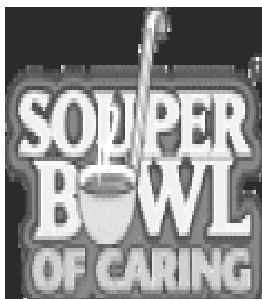
### Money in the Poor Box

In February the money will go to Catholic Charities Romney office. Thank you for your generosity!

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### Romney Food Pantry

Please remember that there is a basket in the vestibule for non-perishable food donations for the Romney Food Pantry. The Souper Bowl of Caring runs through February. Any monetary donations can be put in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Food Pantry". Please help those in our area who are in need of food.



### Catholic Charities

There is a need for personal care items to distribute to low income families. Men's and ladies' deodorant, toothpaste, razors and 75oz laundry detergent are needed. There is a box in the vestibule for donations.

Knights of Columbus meet fourth Sundays after Mass  
Ladies' Prayer Group meets Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



Feb 13 - Mark Mizin  
Feb 14 - Rose O'Hara

### Cleaners Still Needed!!

We are still in need of more people to help clean the church, hall and library on Wednesdays. Sometimes there are only two people cleaning everything. The cleaners begin at 10:00 am and are usually done by 11:30, if there is enough help. Sweeping, dusting, mopping and cleaning bathrooms are the jobs that are completed each week. Contact the church office (ologrvv@gmail.com, 304-822-5561) if you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer. It is a loving service to our Lord, and His parish.



### Grief Support Meeting - Communion Service

There will be a Grief Support Meeting on Monday, February 9th at 10:30 am. A parish Communion Service will follow at 12:00 noon.

### Attention Eucharistic Ministers!

There will be a mandatory meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers on February 15th immediately after Mass. This is a very important meeting, please attend.

### OCIA & Wednesday with the Word

OCIA classes are held each Tuesday after the 6:00 pm Mass.

Wednesday with the Word is every Wednesday after the noon Mass.

Visit our Facebook page: **Our Lady of Grace, Romney**. It is a private group, and you have to send a request to become a member. We livestream the Sunday Mass each week and post parish news and updates there.



### Holy Mass Intentions

<p><i>Sunday, February 8</i> <i>5th Sunday Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>11:00 am</p>	<p><i>Intention: La Rue Broderick †</i> <i>Req. by Margaret Broderick</i></p>
<p><i>Tuesday, February 10</i></p>	<p>6:00 pm</p>	<p><i>Intention: Sick of the Parish</i></p>
<p><i>Wednesday, February 11</i></p>	<p>12:00 pm</p>	<p><i>Intention: Helen &amp; Dom Ceroli †, Marlene Ceroli †</i> <i>Req. by Donna Davis</i></p>
<p><i>Sunday, February 15</i> <i>6th Sunday Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>11:00 am</p>	<p><i>Intention: Shirely Ramsay †</i> <i>Req. by the Ramsay family</i> <i>Intention: Robert Peshock †</i> <i>Req. by Kathy Steiner</i></p>

### Liturgical Ministers

February 15

Lector: Gayle Bogard

E.M.H.C.: Jim Alkire

Ed Rodriguez

Sue Alkire

Greeters: R. D. & J. Gumpper

February 22

Lector: Fr. Giles

E.M.H.C.: Deacon Larry

Kathy Young

Gayle Bogard

Greeters: E. & C. Rodriguez

