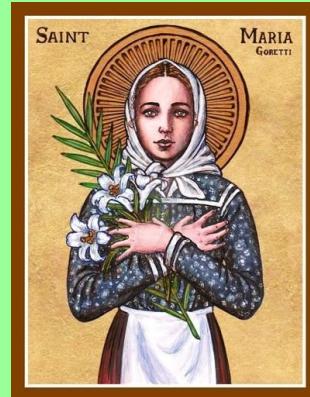




# HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

February 12, 2023  
The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



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**Nancy Ryan, Parish Nurse**

**Weekend Mass:** Saturday—4:30pm, Sunday—9:30am, 11:30am

**Weekday Mass:** Monday—Thursday at 8:30am

**Holy Day Masses:** 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

**Confession (Reconciliation):** Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm

**Baptisms:** Celebrated once a month at 1:00pm

**Contact the rectory to register as a new parishioner or to schedule a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or Anointing.**

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

In my homily last weekend, I had said that I would not be speaking about the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) from the pulpit this weekend because I will not be here – but I never said that I would not write about it in my bulletin article again!

Even though you won't be hearing about the ACA in church this weekend, that certainly does not mean that the ACA is over, or that you cannot still make a pledge. Again, the 2023 ACA lasts until the end of January 2024. So, if you have already made a pledge, you have an entire year to pay it off. Or, if you're on the fence about donating, you still have plenty of time, as you can make a pledge at any time. Let me again offer some reminders about how the ACA works:

1. The Archdiocese sets a goal for every parish. Our 2023 ACA goal is \$22,431. As always, every dollar that we collect beyond our goal comes directly back to HVM Parish. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we've been able to exceed our goal for many years.

2. You can always make a pledge to the ACA at [www.annualcatholicappeal.com](http://www.annualcatholicappeal.com), or click on the ACA link on our parish website at [www.hvmparish.org](http://www.hvmparish.org). Please remember to designate Holy Virgin Martyrs as the parish where you want to credit your gift so that your donation will count towards our parish's goal.

3. There are brochures in church that discuss the ACA and how the funds are used. You can also visit the ACA website to find more information about the Appeal.

4. There are two baskets at the back of church that have ACA pledge envelopes. If you're not pledging now, but you decide to pledge later, you can always fill out one of these envelopes and drop it in the Sunday collection.

As always, thank you very much to all those who support parish and Archdiocesan ministries through the ACA!

On another note, the Lenten season will be here before we know it! We just finished the Christmas season last month, we have a brief stretch of the season of Ordinary Time right now, and in a little over a week we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday. There will be more information in next week's bulletin about Lent and our parish activities during the season. For now, please make note of the Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Masses on that day will be at 8:30am, 12:00pm, and 7:00pm.

And since I'm talking about Ash Wednesday, let me address a question that our rectory staff receives every year when people call the office about Ash Wednesday. The question is usually phrased something like, "What time during the Mass will ashes be given out?" This is a common question every year, and, sadly, it implies that some people are mainly concerned with receiving the ashes, but not as much with attending the rest of the Mass. And of course, one of the essential aspects of the "rest of the Mass" is the Eucharist, which is the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

So, while ashes are an important penitential symbol that help us enter into the spirit of Lent, we should remember that sacramentals (like ashes) are not as essential to our faith life as the sacraments themselves (like the Eucharist).

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you.

Fr. Rob

## THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

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## OUR FASCINATING FAITH THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

On February 17 we honor the seven founding saints of the Order of the Servants of the Virgin Mary. Bonfilius, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene and Buonagiunta were a group of merchants of Florence who, upon experiencing an apparition of the Blessed Virgin in 1233, renounced their businesses, left what was necessary for their families, and distributed the rest among the poor. They then dedicated themselves entirely to the veneration of the Virgin Mary, going to live on an Italian mountain, each assuming the life of a hermit—prayer, extreme fasting and penance. Sometime later, at the request of the pope's delegate, all but one were ordained priests. Brother Alexis, considering himself unworthy of the priesthood, decided to remain as a brother. They were all canonized in 1888. Their feast day, originally February 11, now falls on the 17th, the date of the death of the last of the seven founders. Brother Alexis died at the age of 110.

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## Readings For The Week

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| Monday:    | Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;<br>Mk 8:11-13                 |
| Tuesday:   | Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,<br>9c-10; Mk 8:14-21        |
| Wednesday: | Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19;<br>Mk 8:22-26                     |
| Thursday:  | Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;<br>Mk 8:27-33                        |
| Friday:    | Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1                                    |
| Saturday:  | Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13                                 |
| Sunday:    | Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;<br>1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48 |





# Mass Intentions

## Sunday—February 12th

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family  
Lester Fippinger, req. Mary Ann Williams  
Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco  
Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky & Family  
Albert Parcero, req. Family  
Matthew O'Brien, req. Family  
Roger Alva, req. Family  
Thomas Griffin, req. Family  
Anna Polizotto, req. H. Kilian  
Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family  
Elaine & William Cyplick, req. Debbie Cyplick  
Henry Ching, req. Confhita Ching  
Regina Kasper, req. Family  
Mary Olender Alt, req. Evelyn Olender  
Len Olender, req. Evelyn Olender  
11:30—Mathew & Ida Hendle, req. Family  
Rocha Family, req. Richard Rocha  
Bernice Kirchen, req. Zerlina Kirchen

## Monday—February 13th

8:30—Carol Kensek, req. Pat Argyrakis  
John Grabert, req. Women's Club

## Tuesday—February 14th

8:30—Poor Souls in Purgatory, req. Heidorn Family  
Auntie E. Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family  
Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco

## Wednesday—February 15th

8:30—Joe Cunningham, req. Family  
James Cunningham, req. Family

## Thursday—February 16th

8:30am—Elaine Heidorn, req. Bob & Elaine Boston  
Bernard Fuectmann, req. Ministry of Consolation  
Elizabeth Magnone, req. Ministry of Consolation

## Saturday—February 18th

4:30—Franklin Losacco, req. Fran Losacco  
Joseph Ferrara, req. Family  
Bill Bonacci, req. Women's Club  
Beverly Kozubek, req. Ted Kozubek

## Sunday—February 19th

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family  
Lester Fippinger, req. Jerry Hoss  
Albert Parcero, req. Family  
Matthew O'Brien, req. Family  
Mary Olender Alt, req. Julie Parkinson  
Roger Alva, req. Family  
Eleno Mayol, Jr. req. Family  
Eleno Mayol, Sr. & Calexta Mayol, req. Family  
Ray Solare, req. Albert & Cynthia Gaultier  
Thomas Griffin, req. Family  
Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family  
Eleanor Vogel, req. Women's Club  
Henry Ching, req. Conchita Ching  
Regina Kasper, req. Family  
Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky & Family  
11:30—Mathew & Ida Hendle, req. Family  
Rocha Family, req. Richard Rocha

February 18th & 19th			
	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Lenard
Lector	Joan Golembiewski	Melanie Hohmeier	Moses Diaz
Communion Ministers	E. Melnitzke C. Widuch M. Widuch	R. Kraft K. Lima M. Morgan	L. Louis—Charles B. Kirchen Z. Kirchen
Altar Servers	L. Trischan S. Hohmeier	T. Cychosz S. Cychosz	A. Herrera

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# WALKING ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS



2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

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# Religious Education News

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## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, February 11th

9:00—11:00am—Special Sacraments Class

### Saturday, February 18th

9:00—11:30am—Religious Education Class  
Sponsor Commitment Forms are Due!

### Tuesday, February 21st

6:00—8:00pm—Religious Education Class  
Sponsor Commitment Forms are Due!

### Saturday, February 25th

9:00am—5:30pm—Confirmation Retreat

### Saturday, March 4th

9:00am—11:30am—Religious Education Class

### Sunday, March 5th

11:30am—Family Mass  
The 3rd Grade will be  
Reading and bringing up the gifts

### Saturday, March 11th

9:00—11:00—Special Sacraments Class

### Tuesday, March 14th

6:00—8:00pm—Religious Education Class

### Saturday, March 18th

9:00—11:30am—Religious Education Class  
ALL MASS & SERVICE HOURS DUE

## Congratulations

I'd like to congratulate our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
and Special Sacraments Students  
who experienced the merciful love of God  
for the First time in the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation on February 8th.

*Julian Alamillo  
Aleah Arabshian  
Gianna Bernabei  
Melanee Castaneda  
Camila Chaidez  
Landon Del Zotti  
Michael Galizia  
Ramona Krieter  
Yareli Mora  
Yesceli Mora  
Alexander Rozycski  
Sophie Solava  
Ashton Thorson*



## Holy Virgin Martyrs Checks

Because we have our new Tax Id number you can now make checks to **HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS PARISH**  
Please discontinue making checks to "St. Beatrice" or "St. Maria Goretti"  
As we will be closing those accounts in the future.

### Catholic Prayer Corner

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

If you would ever like to bring up the  
Gifts during Mass, please simply  
let the ushers know before Mass.  
Anyone is welcome to be a gift bearer.

## Hypod Winner

February 6, 2023

\$100 Winner—Lisa Piekarz

Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week!

## Weekly Offering



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#### Week of February 4th & 5th

Weekly	\$6,334.18
Maintenance	\$426.00
Fuel & Heat	\$73.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$15.00
Ash Wednesday	\$21.00
PayPal	\$1,953.12

**MANY THANKS!**

#### Second Collections:

The second collection on February 19th  
is for Fuel & Heat  
Please be as generous as you can.

saint snippets

I will never give in!  
Long live Christ  
the King!

### St. José Sánchez del Río

14-year old martyr who refused to deny his faith  
in Christ during the Cristero War in Mexico

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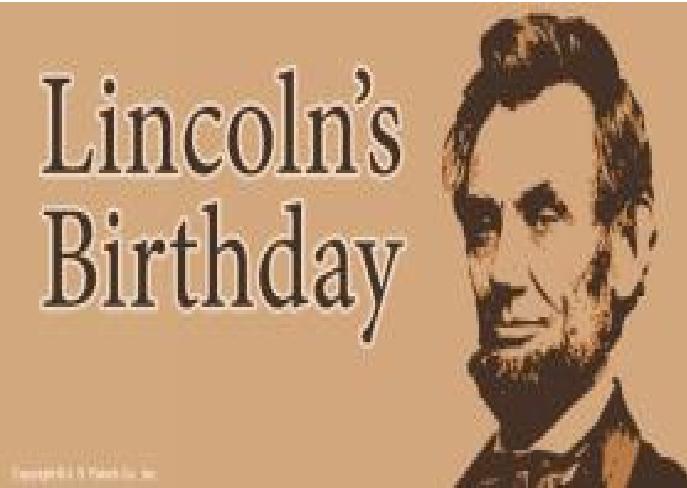
February 10

**Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick:**

Betty Bajzek  
Char Banyai  
Terrie Boie  
Sonia Bonacci  
Frank Bosco  
Pat Brandolini  
Gus Campeotto  
Bernie Cwan  
Angela DeFranco  
Claude & Phyllis DiBenedetto  
Sandi Duszynski  
Joseph & Beatrice Giannone  
Dora Gibellina  
Rose & Pat Glasso  
Baby Glasgow  
Judy Golab  
Howard & Carol Heidorn  
Laura Gardeck &  
Jeff Hinz  
Jerry Hoss  
Michael & Vivian Jennings  
Brian Kelly  
Joyce Knauss  
Leonard Kuffer  
Marguerite Kramer

Ted & Joan Lester  
Vicky Majewski  
(nee Julitz)  
Ann Macey  
Carole McCreery  
Brian McIntyre  
David Medo  
Peter Meyer  
Barbara Miller  
Mike Morello  
Pat Morgan  
Peter Morgan  
Lois Neilsen  
Julie Parkinson  
Deacon Ron Pilarski  
Leroy Plier  
Joseph Powyszynski  
Barbara Rodgers  
Kathy Sassolino  
Cathy & Steve Schreiner  
Susan Siekierski  
Joe Stendebach  
Sarah Tripoli  
Rev. Michael Valenti  
Joan Weichbrodt  
Karen Weichbrodt  
Jean Wesolowski  
Nancy Wright

Names placed on the sick list will be listed for 4 weeks, if you would like the name to be on the sick list longer than 4 weeks, you will need to contact the rectory.



**Please Pray For Those in the Military:**

Sergeant Michael Bavone  
Private Christopher Bavone  
US Army Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner  
U.S.A.F. Sergeant Michael Keaty  
HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy,  
U.S.M.C. Gunnery Sergeant  
Osvaldo Rodriguez  
U.S.M.C. Kyle E. Ruth  
Omar Vee, Jr.  
First Lieutenant Justin Hunt  
US Army Michael Gutierrez

***The Cure***

*The only known cure  
for fear is faith.  
—Lena K. Sadler*

***Weighty***

*An ounce of practice is worth  
a pound of preaching.  
—John Ray*

***Presidential Gardening***

*After I die, I want it said of me  
that I plucked a weed and planted  
a flower wherever I thought a  
flower would grow.  
—Abraham Lincoln*



### Baptisms

*Through the living waters of Baptism the following were welcomed into the People of God:*

**Michael Santino Galizia, Son of Michael & Christine Galizia (nee Wiberg)**

# Ministers of Care

### Receive The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion

HVM Ministers of Care can bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who are Homebound or Sick. If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, or would like to know more about this rewarding ministry, then please contact Nancy Ryan (parish nurse) either by leaving a message at the rectory or email at: [anne.ryan@ascension.org](mailto:anne.ryan@ascension.org).

### VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY BAR SALE

February 11 & 12

The Holy Virgin Martyrs Women's Club is having a Fannie May Candy Bar Sale  
the weekend of February 11 & 12  
after all masses.

Individual bars \$2.00

or

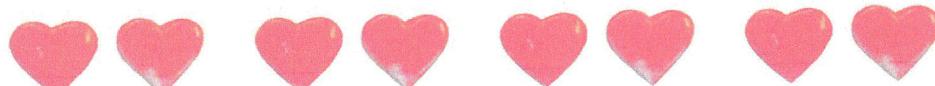
3 for \$5.00

Assorted flavors will be available

What a perfect time to pick up something sweet for someone special in your life or to satisfy a sweet tooth before Lent starts.

As always, proceeds from this sale will go to support the needs of the Parish.  
Thank you in advance for your support

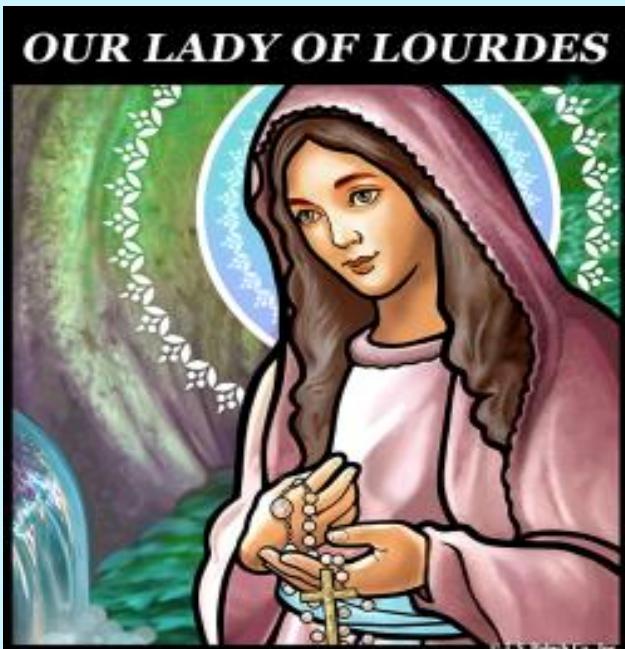
The Holy Virgin Martyrs Women's Club





### *A Musical Note:*

***Our Lady of Lourdes*** is a Roman Catholic title of Mary, mother of Jesus, venerated in honor of the Marian apparitions that occurred in Lourdes, France with the first being February 11, 1858, we honor her with our Offertory selection this week.



FEBRUARY 12, 2023  
SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Amen, I say to you,  
until heaven and earth pass away,  
not the smallest letter or the  
smallest part of a letter  
will pass from the law."*

MATTHEW 5:18

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# THE 2023 MASS BOOK IS OPEN!

FILL OUT THIS FORM WITH YOUR MASS INTENTIONS AND  
EITHER DROP IT OFF AT THE RECTORY OR PUT IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.  
THE MASS STIPEND IS \$10.00 FOR EACH INTENTION.

OUR MASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

DAILY MASS-MONDAY—THURSDAY AT 8:30AM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY AT 4:30PM AND SUNDAY AT 9:30AM AND 11:30AM

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE—8:30AM, 12 NOON, AND 7PM

IF WE CANNOT SCHEDULE YOUR INTENTIONS AT THE TIME AND DATE REQUESTED, WE WILL SCHEDULE THEM AS CLOSE TO THOSE TIMES AS POSSIBLE.

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YOUR NAME

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PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL

INTENTIONS

DATE AND TIME PREFERRED

