Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

February 5, 2023

Masses for the Week

Sunday, February 5, 9:00 AM

+ Joseph Miller
+ Joseph Konyar, Sr. (28th Anniversary) &
+ Donna Konyar (3rd Anniverary)

Tuesday, February 7, 8:00 AM + James Wert

Thursday, February 9, 8:00 AM + Theresa Lucas

Sunday, February 12, 9:00 AM + Bob (Tiny) Troutman

> The Parish Office is open Monday – Thursday from 10 AM to 5 PM. <u>Masks are encouraged when visiting the</u> <u>Parish Office.</u>

TITHING REPORT Collection: 1/29/2023: \$1590.00 Debt Reduction: \$40.00 Christmas Offering: \$20.00 Offering to Defray Heating Costs: \$50.00 Memorial Fund: Harold Yoder, \$100.00 Memorial Fund: Tiny Troutman, \$225.00 Votive Candles (July-December), \$690.00 Eastern Church Offering, \$10.00 Maintenance Fund, \$160.00 A **Blessed Mother Candle** burns in loving memory of **Donna Konyar (3rd Anniversary)** from Konyar Brothers & Sisters.

A Blessed Mother Candle burns for Brody Campbell (Health) from Anita & Family.

The **Saint Joseph Candle** burns in loving memory of **Joseph Miller** from your son, Ron.

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9:00 AM Liturgy

The 2nd Collection today is the Membership Drive for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Through the Propagation of the Faith, we can reach those at work at "the ends of the earth" as we help to support the Church's evangelizing work.

9:45 – 10:45 AM Religious Education Classes at OLOH

> <u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>Sunday, February 12</u> Lector: Ray Bednar

Extraordinary Minister: Deacon Bob Wislock Altar Server: Bill Long

BLESSING OF THROATS will take place following today's Liturgy.

Announcements

<u>Sunday</u>, <u>February 12</u> The 2nd Collection today is the **Poor Missions Offering**.

9:45 AM First Penance/Communion Meeting

A meeting for all parents of the First Communion Class will be held on February 12, 2023, at 9:45 AM in Our Lady of Hope Chapel in the Parish Center. This includes Our Lady of Lourdes and Religious Education students. Registration will be available to those students who have not yet registered. Information about First Penance/Communion and the retreat will be distributed at this time.

4-6 PM Teen Life Night

at Our Lady of Hope.

Pierogies....

will be made on Monday, February 13. Please call the Parish Office to order.

<u>Tax Time</u>.....

Please call the parish office if you would like a copy of your 2022 contribution statement. If you requested a copy of your statement it is available in the front vestibule of the church.

Mark Your Calendars:

February 18 – Frostbite Festival, Our Lady of Mercy, Slabtown – Food and Raffles....Pierogies, Hot Dogs, Potato Cakes, Beef BBQ and Soup...Call 570-336-4771 to order.

February 19 – Divine Redeemer Pork Dinner Take Out only 11 AM to 12:30 PM \$10.00 Call 570-339-3450 for tickets

February 24 - Our Lady of Hope Annual Crab Cake Dinner Take Out only...4 – 6 PM... \$12

February 24, March 10 & 24 – Holy Rosary Lenten Fish Dinners Take Out only \$11.00 Pick-up 4 – 5:30 PM

Deacon's Corner

The memorial for Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs, will be celebrated on Monday, February 6. In 1549, St. Francis Xavier brought the Good News to Japan. Many individuals in Japan became Christians. In 1596, the Japanese leader, Hideyoshi condemned

to death Paul Miki, two Japanese Jesuits, six Franciscan friars and 17 Japanese lay people, all who loved Jesus and the Holy Church. They were charged with attempting to harm the government. These individuals were tortured and forced to walk 300 miles to the city of Nagasaki. Along the way, they preached the Gospel, sang hymns and prayed the rosary with the people. Near Nagasaki, on a hill now called the Holy Mountain, they were crucified. While on the cross, Paul Miki said, "The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine

of Christ. After Christ's example, I forgive my persecutors. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow man as a fruitful rain." Instead of frightening the people, the deaths of these martyrs gave courage to the people to proclaim their faith. May we pray, "Lord, source of all strength, you

led Paul Miki and his companions through the suffering of the cross to the joy of eternal life. Show us your way through the suffering of the cross to the joy of eternal life. Show us your way through difficult times in our lives and help us in these trials."

<u>March Lottery Calendars</u> Lottery Calendars for the month of March are now on sale – Sundays before mass – and at the Parish Office during office hours. We need <u>EVERYONE'S</u> help with this fundraiser. Please consider taking some calendars to sell to friends and relatives.

Congratulations to Abby Menko! Abby was the winner of the January 28 Lottery drawing.