

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 24, 2019

The Scarlet & The Black

This limitless love of God is what changes hearts; it's what changes the world. In 1983 a movie came out called "The Scarlet and the Black." It starred American legend Gregory Peck & Christopher Plummer. The movie is based on a true story of World War 2. It told the story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, an Irish priest working in Rome at The Vatican when Rome was occupied by the Nazi troops. This monsignor organized a secret underground network to hide and protect Allied soldiers who had been shot down & Jews who were being persecuted. The drama of the story comes from the ongoing battle of wits between Monsignor O'Flaherty and the German Commander of the occupied city, Colonel Herbert Kappel--the Black meaning the color of the Msgr's clothing, the scarlet meaning the traditional Red color of military officers. The Vatican Monsignor outsmarts the Germans long enough to save thousands of lives, but many others are lost. When the Allies reach the outskirts of the city and the Germans are penned in, Colonel Kappel arranges a secret meeting with Monsignor O'Flaherty. He asks the Monsignor to use his underground network to take the Colonel's own wife and children to safety in Switzerland. The Monsignor is flabbergasted that this unscrupulous enemy would have the gall to ask for such a favor. He chastises him for his evil ways and walks off. Only later, when the Colonel is captured and under interrogation by the Allies does he discover that the Monsignor **had** indeed successfully saved his family. While the German Colonel was under arrest in Rome for the remainder of the war, Monsignor O'Flaherty visited him regularly. Eventually, Colonel Kappel repented of his sins and crimes and was received into The Church. This is one example of the power of God's limitless love. He never gives up on us, because he knows that he can save us, change us, and lead us closer to him.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



to the Rev. Dr. Father Kevin Kennedy & St. Gabriel's Choir for visiting Nativity last weekend. Father Kennedy will be at Nativity each month this year.

Black History Month



Mother Venerable Henriette Díaz DeLille (March 11, 1813- November 16, 1862) was an Afro-America French Creole woman from New Orleans, Louisiana, who founded the Roman Catholic order of the Sisters of the Holy Family in that city. Composed of free women of color, the order provided nursing

care and a home for orphans, later establishing schools as well. They taught slave children when such education was prohibited by law. The order grew in number in the late 19th and the first half of the 20th centuries, reaching a peak of 400 sisters in 1950. In 1988 the order formally opened the cause with the Holy See of the canonization of Henriette Delille. In 2010 Pope Benedict XVI declared DeLille to be Venerable. A miracle attributed to her intercession was approved by a medical board in 2013, advancing her cause. In the 21st century, the order operates facilities for the poor in four states and Washington, DC, in the United States, and has a mission in Belize.

Catholic Appeal. The theme of the 2019 Appeal is "Our Faith. Our Hope. Our Mission." and is much different from a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, today, payable over ten months that will help support the ministries and mission of all our faith communities of the Church of Washington. Please find the Annual Appeal brochure and Frequently Asked Questions in your pew for your review. A gift to the Annual Appeal will touch the lives of thousands of people in a very positive way. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

February 23 – March 2, 2019

Sat. 2/23	8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Marion H. Evans, Jr. & family
	4:30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 2/24	8:00am	Catholic Daughters
	10:00am	+Schultz family
	1:00 pm	+Deceased parishioners
Mon. 2/25	12:00	No Mass*
Tue. 2/26	12:00	No Mass*
Wed. 2/27	12:00	No Mass*
Thu. 2/28	12:00	Evelyn Lowey
Fri. 3/1	12:00	No Mass*
Sat. 3/2	8:00 am	Sick & homebound parishioners
	4:30pm	Joseph Evans (birthday)

***Week day masses will be celebrated off campus.**
Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

Rest in Peace
Mrs. Wanda K. Chimiak, 92, mother of Rev. Msgr. Karl A. Chimiak. Died on Tuesday, February 5th
"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her Oh Lord!"

Dollars and Diapers outreach Ministry 2019. Please place all monetary donations into provided envelopes (also next to the altar) and be sure to only place the donation into the Sunday collection. Diapers may be dropped off at the front vestibule of the church in the labeled collection containers.

ATTENDANCE REPORT	
2/10/19	2/17/19
Attendance: 408 souls	418 souls
Offerings & Tithes: \$5,520	\$5,989
Spanish Mass: \$232	\$270
Utility fund: \$70	\$544

Tax statements request: Forms are located at both entrances of the church. Complete the form and put it in the collection basket or mail it to the Rectory. Tax statements will be mailed.

Question of the week: How am I showing mercy, my humanity to others? Am I witnessing to the God-given Spirit within me?

Attending Mass in inclement weather. When inclement weather occurs, we wish to remind the faithful that Masses in archdiocesan parishes will still be celebrated as regularly scheduled, however, dangerous traveling/road conditions are legitimate excuses from fulfilling the Sunday Mass obligation. Those who cannot safely attend Mass in person are encouraged to watch Mass, which airs at 10:30 am on CW50. God bless and stay safe

40 Days of Lent mark a time of discipline, increased prayer, fasting, reparation in preparation for the Passover of the Lord - His Passion Death and Glorious Resurrection-using his 40 days in the desert as the foundation for our own fasting. All Catholics and Orthodox are required to fast on Abstain from Meat on Fridays, and fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. "Giving up" things during Lent is a must for all of us---a reminder that children are NOT required to Fast, they need to eat--they can fast from TV computer time or other activities. Note: the average teenage male in USA now spend 7 hours plus per day on "screen time." 21% of US children are living in poverty, even in DC and Montgomery County it is estimated that 10% of children and youth only eat one meal per day. Our prayer and discipline and sacrifice for others are the call of Christ and His Gospel.



Future Saint!

The canonization cause for Father Augustus Tolton is just one step away from going to Pope Francis for the priest to be declared "venerable." Fr. Tolton was the first enslaved American to be ordained a Catholic Priest. On Feb. 5, the feast of St. Agatha, a nine-member Vatican theological commission unanimously voted that Father Tolton's cause be moved forward to the cardinals and archbishops in the Congregation for Saints' Causes for a final vote to send a decree of the priest's "heroic virtues" to Pope Francis for his approval.



Lenten Fish Fry. Starting on March 8th at 6 pm in the Lounge. This event will occur every Friday during Lent except Good Friday.

Dinners are \$10, sandwiches \$5. Proceeds provide grants, scholarships, and awards for parish activities. More information call Stephen Hawkins 202.285.6356 or Peter Gervais 202.494.7347

Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 6th

8:00 AM	English	SGDC
Noon	English	Nativity
7:00 PM	Bilingual	SGDC
7:30 PM	Bilingual	Nativity