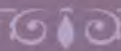




11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.” - Mk 4:30-32b

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Parish Pastoral Council:

Chris Bonacci; Shawna Bonacci; Andrea Neff; Eddie Odom; Amy Pollice; Joe Vivacqua; Tony Winterburn

7th Grade, Then and Now

As we waited in a long line of vehicles outside of St. Christine School to pick up two of our grandkids from their last day of 7th grade, my thoughts drifted back to June of 1963, on what would have been my last day of 7th grade as well. Let me assure you: There is a world of difference in the two last-day experiences. Are we on the same planet?

To begin with, when I walked out of the final day of school that year with a couple of my friends, we quite literally walked out and walked home. There were no school buses. Few if any parents waited to pick up daughters or sons, except perhaps for first or second graders. Ours was a culture in which walking to and from school was simply the norm. And, with dozens of Catholic school youngsters in the neighborhood, we rarely walked alone.

Compare that with the double line of cars, SUVs, and pickups that wound through the parking lot now and backed up on the street. SUVs were unknown in 1963; pickup trucks were mostly farm vehicles or delivery wagons, not the huge, posh machines in vogue today.

Another striking difference: Back then, 90 percent of our teachers were women religious; today's staff consists entirely of lay personnel. The Principal outside wielding a very effective bullhorn to address 400 students seems a far cry from one nun controlling 1,650 students with her vigorous ringing of a single hand bell. I can still remember the total silence.

Summertime itself seemed different decades ago in that much of every day was lived outside in the heat, most of it spent among streets and playgrounds teeming with kids. Even the games were different: We boys played baseball hour after hour. Today the favored sports seem to be softball and soccer. Today's leagues are well-organized by coaches and parents; ours were pickup games ruled by peer decisions.

Since we had no video games, computers, cell phones or A/C, we seemed more attuned to nature and each other. You still saw your classmates in church on Sundays, too. That's rare these days.

We lived for the sounds of that iconic ice cream truck. Today, pizza has become the favorite, though ice cream has held its own. Regardless, summer after 7th grade remains the time to create sweet memories for a lifetime.

— Lou Jacquet

Schedule Your Masses Now

A very limited number of Masses are available to offer for your loved ones in the remainder of 2024.

Six Sunday Masses are available in November and December; about a dozen Wednesday Masses are available during the rest of the year.

Call Jackie Niznik, parish secretary, at 330-792-3875 Monday through Thursday (8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) to schedule a Mass. The standard diocesan stipend is \$10 per Mass.

Altar/Rosary To Meet

The St. Brendan's Altar/Rosary group will meet Sunday, June 23, in Room 102 after the 9 a.m. Mass.

A/R Cake Boxes Project Set

The parish Altar/Rosary Society will be making "No Oil, No Egg" cake boxes. "Our goal is 500 boxes but we can't do it without your help," explained member Deborah Zalovcik.

"During the month of June, we are asking for cake mix and icing donations, as well as sprinkles and candles. All boxes will be donated to our pantry and St. Vincent de Paul's pantry as part of Simple Acts of Kindness."

Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Call Jackie Niznik at 330-792-3875 with questions.

Sunday, June 16

9:00 a.m. Mass for All Fathers

Wednesday, June 19

9:00 a.m. Robert Casey by Mary Lou Casey

Sunday, June 23

9:00 a.m. Dolores Campbell by Julius Bodnar

Please Pray For Our Sick

Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, Judy Lazar, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Sherri Creech, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas, Christine Kalhoun, Blanche Ruggiero

New SVDP Thrift Store Dedicated in Boardman



Bishop David J. Bonnar, at the podium in sunglasses, blesses the new St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Thrift Store and Donation Center at 7392 Market St., Boardman, across from the mall, during ceremonies prior to the store's opening on June 4. Employees and volunteers shared the moment. At back left in sunglasses is Joe Vivacqua, St. Brendan parishioner, who was instrumental in seeing the \$184,000 project through from inception to opening. The 17,000-square foot facility is filled with donated clothing, furniture and small appliances, athletic gear, household items, collectibles and more. All sales directly benefit the SVDP Mahoning District Council's food kitchen and pantry in downtown Youngstown. Store hours: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Photo courtesy Joe Vivacqua

Sunday's Scriptures: Greater Than the Cedars of Lebanon

Today's readings for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time are from Ezekiel 17: 22-24; 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 Mark 4: 26-34.

Few of us understand the depth and breadth of the Love of God. When God's love is coupled with the richness and fecundity of creation, we see a picture of mankind's future that can fill us with joy.

God loves to create and He loves to give to humans in a manner "pressed down and overflowing." The prophet Ezekiel proclaims a descriptive message for the Israelites in today's first reading: "I, the Lord God, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches, tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it."

Take time to reflect on the beauty and bounty of this agricultural image. God, in the role of horticulturalist, will take a tender shoot off the crest of the cedar tree and, when planted by God's hand, Israel will experience a tree the size of a majestic cedar.

We hear of the prophetic power of a simple shoot in the pronouncement of Isaiah 11: "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." From an almost lifeless stump of Jesse, the father of King David, God will produce the greatest fruit possible. The Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, will come from the House of David, and the womb of Mary will be blessed with the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Again Jesus proclaims the theme of God's creative and salvific power: "The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that, when sown in the ground, is the smallest of seeds...but becomes the largest of plants and puts forth larger branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

God is loving, generous, and creative. God takes care of us and keeps providing for our every need. Whatever we place in God's hands will multiply beyond our wildest imagining. Let us trust our Father to take us as we are and transform us into something far greater than a majestic cedar...into the Body of Christ and the image of Jesus.

— Geri Jacquet

'Jesus Thirsts ' Movie in Town

'Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist" film is showing June 18 and 19 at Cinema South on South Avenue at 1, 4 and 7:10 p.m. Running time: 1 hour, 55 minutes.

Prominent Catholic leaders and personal narratives reveal the transformative power of the Blessed Sacrament. The film takes viewers on a global journey to uncover the reality that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol, but is Jesus Himself quenching spiritual thirst.

Fish Fry Workers Picnic

A "Fish Fry Workers Picnic" to thank those who volunteered on the St. Brendan's Lenten fish fry dinners in 2024 will be held on Sunday, June 30, at 4 p.m. in the St. Christine rectory. The menu is to be determined.

Note that the event is BY INVITATION and REQUIRES AN RSVP. Reservations must be made by June 25. Call Jackie Niznik at the St. Brendan rectory, 330-792-3875, Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Or call Patty Infante at 330-799-3339.

Prayer to St. Romuald

"O God, who through St. Romuald renewed the manner of life of hermits in your Church, grant that, denying ourselves and following Christ, we may merit to reach the heavenly realms on high. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever."

Feast Day: June 19; died 1027

Your Sacrificial Offering

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For June 2024 **\$29,440.00**

Week of June 9, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$2,885.00
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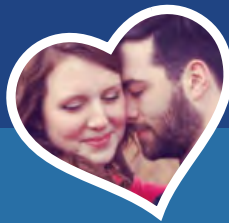
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