



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Parish Pastoral Council:

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

A Visit With Lovina

There are probably few things in life more true than the fact that writers enjoy reading the work of other writers. For years, when I hoped to get started as a journalist, I devoured columns by Jim Bishop, Russell Baker, Mike Royko and the Catholic humorist Erma Bombeck as part of my daily routine.

Lately I have become a regular reader of an unlikely columnist: Lovina Eicher, an Old Order wife, mother of eight, cook and writer. Her syndicated columns, carried in our local daily, fascinate this scribbler for a variety of reasons, one of which is that she and her husband and neighbors must be the hardest working folks I have ever come across.

I am sure that part of Lovina's success as a columnist is that she captures a world that no longer exists for the vast majority of us. Hers is a hard life, but clearly filled with joy and a deep trust in God. The life of the Old Order Amish requires discipline and self-denial on a scale few of us could endure for long, let alone a lifetime. It's a closed world with views foreign to most of us, notably the idea that education should stop after eighth grade.

But there is much to their life that is appealing and much to be admired. In almost every column of hers that I have read, there is something she mentions that stops me in my tracks for a moment to shake my head in wonder at the stamina of the family members — especially the women — being mentioned.

Preparations for weddings, for example, require weeks of cleaning and sewing and baking, with events held at their farm homes that may involve welcoming two or three hundred guests at a time. None of it easy work. It's fascinating, too, that trips we could make in no time at all by car may take several hours or even days in their buggies, so they have to plan for travels in ways that never occur to us.

Their life is simple but far from idyllic; Lovina's husband recently had surgery to remove a three-inch nail from his arm; her brother, the father of eight and grandfather of 30 or more, died of cancer in a painful way. But whatever each day brings, Lovina and her family seem to accept it as God's will.

Accepting whatever comes as God's will is integral to Catholic theology, too, reflected often in the lives of our Catholic saints. It's a point of prayerful common ground, for Lovina and us, in our far different worlds.

— Lou Jacquet

A/R Cake Box Correction

The parish Altar/Rosary Society will be making "No Oil, No Egg" cake boxes. Member Deborah Zalovcik explained that "our goal is 50 boxes but we can't do it without your help." Earlier bulletins incorrectly listed the project goal as 500 boxes, a typo.

Zalovcik said that 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."

Please Turn in Keys

Father Jerek has asked that anyone who has a set of keys to the rectory, church or school should please turn them in at the rectory office Mondays through Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thank you.

IHM Rummage Sale Set

The annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Rummage Sale will be held July 19-20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and July 21, noon-4 p.m.

A large variety of home goods, jewelry, toys, sporting goods, furniture, clothing for all ages and more available. Foods, desserts and beverages available as well. Special cash bonus drawing: \$1000, \$500, \$250. Drawings begin 4 p.m. July 21. Large unique basket raffle and 50/50 drawing too.

Sunday, June 23

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

Wednesday, June 26

9:00 a.m. Gloria Shaulis by Family

Sunday, June 30

9:00 a.m. Sandy Mihalik by Family

Please Pray For Our Sick

Beverly Detate, 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

Pray for the Faithful Departed

John F. Kodash

Diocese Welcomes Two Men to Priesthood

In this era when religious vocations can be hard to come by, The Diocese of Youngstown was fortunate to welcome two new priests into ministry this month with the ordination by Bishop David J. Bonnar of Deacons William Wainio and Kevin Bertleff to the priesthood on June 1 at St. Columba Cathedral.



Fr. William Wainio



Fr. Kevin Bertleff

Boardman St. Luke Parish and attended Ursuline High School and John Carroll University in University Heights, where he earned a bachelor's degree. He earned two theology degrees from St. Mary Seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio. His home parish is Youngstown St. Angela Merici. Father Wainio formerly

worked as a 9-1-1 dispatcher for Boardman and Beaver Townships.

Both men received their first assignments that day, Father Wainio as Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor) of St. Patrick Parish and University Parish Newman Center, both in Kent, and Father Bertleff as Administrator of the newly merged St. John Neumann Parish (St. Joseph Mogadore and Rootstown St. Peter of the Fields).

Father Wainio grew up in the former Immaculate Conception Parish in Youngstown and

Father Bertleff, a Cortland native, grew up in St. Robert Bellarmine Parish and is a graduate of Mount Union University in Alliance, where he earned a bachelor's in Sports Management and a minor in Business Administration before working for 11 years for Salem Sports Inc. He earned a Masters in Theology from St. Mary's Seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio.

Sunday's Scriptures: The Master of the Sea

The readings for today's Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time are from Job 38: 1, 8-11; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17; Gospel of Mark 4: 35-41.

With all the accumulated knowledge we humans have at our disposal, we can study the forces of nature, and sometimes predict them, but no human might can control them. For all of our great achievements, we are not the masters of creation.

The Scriptures today point us to the Supreme Master of the universe. In our first reading, Job has been questioning the Lord for an answer to his unmerited suffering. We might expect comforting words from God. Instead, "the Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said: 'Who shut within doors the sea, when it bursts forth from the womb; When I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling bands? When I set limits for it and fastened the bar of its door and said: Thus far shall you come but no further, and here shall your proud waves be stilled.'"

The almighty and all-knowing God is in control. Only He can still and command what He created. The Word of God informs us of our limits and total dependence on Him.

Psalm 107 reveals God's grandeur and power: "They cried to the Lord in their distress; from their straits He rescued them, He hushed the storm to a gentle breeze, and the billows of the sea were stilled." Those who sailed in ancient ships could not save themselves and neither can we.

The passage from Mark's Gospel is a fulfillment of the word of God in the Book of Job. The Apostles are in a boat and encounter a violent squall. Jesus is asleep during the storm. When He awakens He "rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Quiet! Be still!' The wind ceased and there was great calm."

Who is Jesus? He is God through whom the universe was created. He is the promised one spoken of in the Old Testament Book of Job. He is Master and Lord, and the only one who speaks and acts with authority. He is Jesus who lived, died, and rose for us and Who, with great humility and great longing, waits for us to visit with Him in our Tabernacle at St. Brendan.

We need to sit with Him, visit Him, and spend time with Him. He will calm the storms in our lives.

— Geri Jacquet

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.

Dor. Day House Seeks Volunteers

The Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, which provides services to the homeless and low-income in the Youngstown community, is looking for volunteers. We offer an evening meal service on Mondays through Wednesdays, with plans to begin a Thursday evening meal service at the end of July. We also have a need for volunteers to assist us with showers on Wednesday afternoons. If you are interested, or have questions, contact Dan at 330-770-3061, or email at: ddhyoungstown@gmail.com

Prayer: St. John the Baptist

"O God, who raised up St. John the Baptist to make ready a nation fit for Christ the Lord, give your people, we pray, the grace of spiritual joys and direct the hearts of all the faithful into the way of salvation and peace. 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 24

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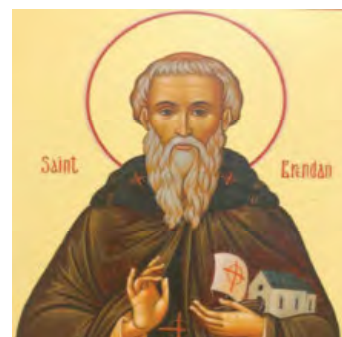
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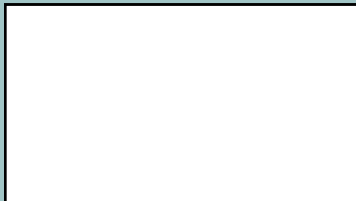
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