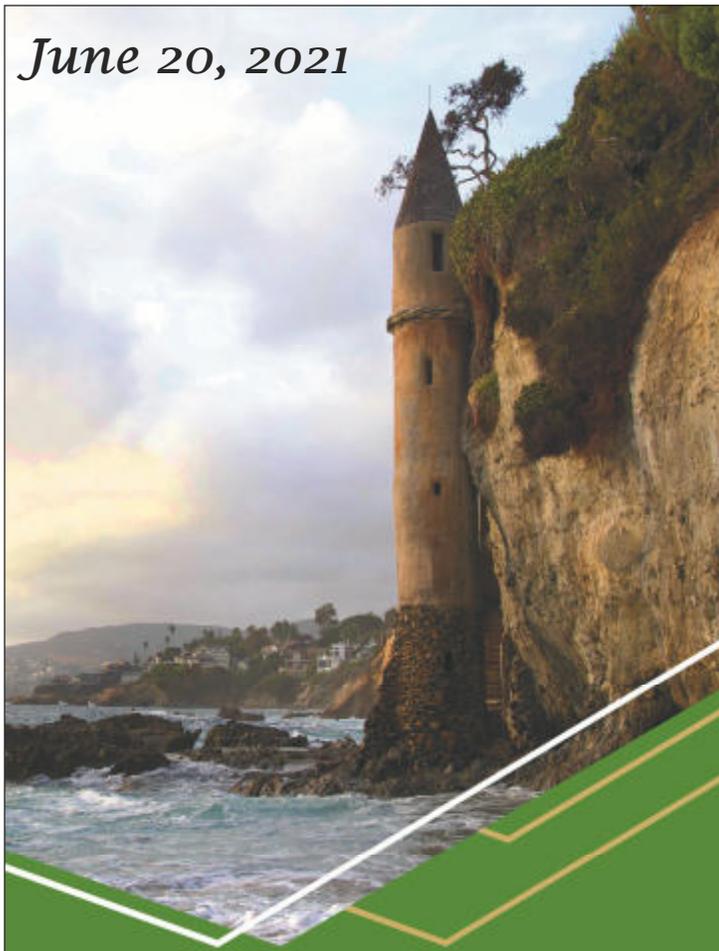


June 20, 2021



### 12<sup>th</sup> 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 SCHEDULE

**Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:00 pm**  
**Sunday Mass: 8:00 am (livestreamed) and 10:00 am**

**Weekday Masses (Mon., Thurs. & Fri.): 9:00 am**  
**Holy Day Masses: To be determined**

**RECONCILIATION:** Suspended until further notice

**BAPTISM:** By Appointment  
Please see the Pastor after Mass for a form.  
Baptisms must be scheduled at least one month in advance.  
Baptism Preparation: **Mrs. Sheila Slik** by appointment only.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**  
Please contact/talk to the Pastor after Mass to make an appointment **twelve months in advance**, before making plans for reception and wedding date.

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*We thank you for visiting us!*

If you wish to become a parishioner of St. Christopher's, please see Fr. Stanley after Mass for a parish registration form.





### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm **For All Fathers**

Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day)

8:00am **For All Fathers**

10:00am **For All Fathers**

Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

9:00am **John Baptist Thai Trung Tran,**  
by Marguerite

Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

**No Mass**

Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

**No Mass**

Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00am **For our Parish Family**

Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00am **Lorraine & Richard Duggan,**  
by Ken Butler

### 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm **Mass**

Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

8:00am **Jesse Knott, Sr. & Barbara D. Knott,**  
by Family

10:00am **J. George & Bertha Butler,**  
by Son

### WORD OF LIFE

**“Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the *irreplaceable* role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God’s gift of new life!”**

*~Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre,  
Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux  
“Fathers’ Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life”*

### HELP WANTED—MANY OPENINGS! ST. CHRISTOPHER’S PRAYER LINE

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Also, do you know of someone in need of prayers? We just need the person’s first name and the nature of the problem.

**Remember, someday YOU may be the one in need!**

Please remember in your prayers the following newly-confirmed young men and women, along with their sponsors and families:



*Alessandra Bryden*

*Dominic Krow*

*Aidan McGeary*

*and*

*Elizabeth Scalera*

*May the Holy Spirit truly bless them  
and fill them with wisdom, courage and  
determination to be good and faithful  
witnesses to Jesus Christ.*

**Religious Freedom Week  
will be celebrated in  
dioceses nationwide  
from June 22 to June 29.**



Throughout the week we will focus on the importance of preserving the essential right of religious freedom, both now and in the future, for Catholics and all people of faith. This year’s theme is “Solidarity in Freedom”. The significant feast days during the week (Saints Thomas More and John Fisher – June 22, Saint John the Baptist – June 24, and Saints Peter and Paul – June 29) inspire us to follow the example of these great saints who loved God above all and remained faithful in the face of adversity. To download the “Pray-Reflect-Act” pages for each day on various religious liberty topics, visit [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek). These excellent resources are intended to inspire us to learn more about religious liberty from a Catholic perspective, help us to pray about particular issues, and provide us with tools to act on what we learn. Additional information and resources for personal use can be found at [www.worcesterdiocese.org/religiousfreedomweek](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/religiousfreedomweek).



### **June is Alzheimer’s Awareness Month**

The Alzheimer’s Association offers free support services, educational programs, advocacy efforts and research advancements. The more people know about Alzheimer’s, the more action is inspired.

They are offering a virtual community educational program, “Know the 10 Signs” on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 Noon-1:00 p.m. Registration is required by visiting [act.alz.org/worcester](http://act.alz.org/worcester). They also offer an Alzheimer’s Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900. You can also make a difference by supporting the Worcester County Alzheimer’s Walk on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) for more information.

**Faith  
in Action**

2021  
Partners  
Charity  
Appeal

### **Be the Face of Christ!**

*We are truly grateful to all who have made a donation or pledge!*  
**St. Christopher's has raised \$14,899 from 69 gifts, bringing us to 44% of our goal of \$33,800!**

For those parishioners who have not yet donated, we ask your kind consideration of a gift to the 2021 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal.

This year, you can easily offer your gift online at [partners-charity.net/donate](http://partners-charity.net/donate) or by texting the word "donate" to 84576 from your cell phone, or by calling 508-929-4366 with your gift or pledge. Donor envelopes can also be found in the church pews. Please make all checks payable to "Partners in Charity."

Please prayerfully consider a gift which reflects your gratitude to God for all you have. Thank you!

**[Jesus] journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the Twelve . . . and many others who provided for them out of their resources. —Lk 8:1, 3**

#### ***My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,***

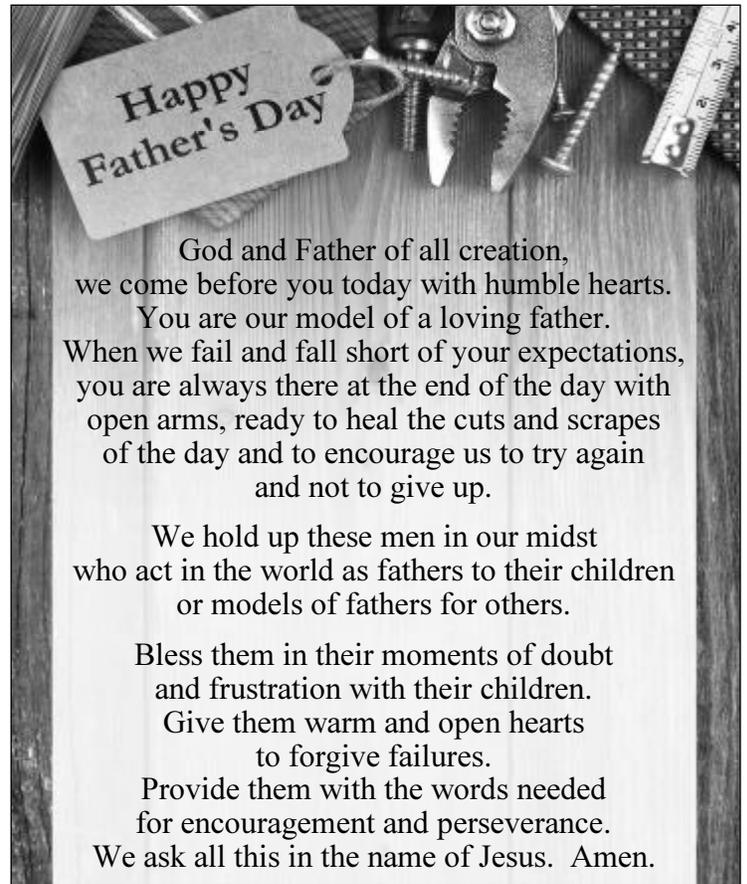
On the weekend of June 27 our diocese will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection**. The collection has ancient roots that reach all the way back to New Testament times. The early Christians provided material support that the disciples—those preaching the Gospel—could distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today, the Peter's Pence Collection is an opportunity for the Church around the world to stand in solidarity with victims of war, natural disaster, and oppression in their time of need.

In this spirit of mercy, Pope Francis helped the people of Iran when they suffered death and catastrophic damage from floods in March and April 2019. More than 10 million people suffered property damage, and the city of Ahwaz and numerous villages were evacuated. Two million people required immediate assistance. Pope Francis donated €100,000 to direct relief efforts coordinated by the Iranian Red Crescent Society, in which Caritas Iran also participated. Your contributions help Pope Francis fulfill his prayer that the Church will reach out with acts of mercy.

I invite you to join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the marginalized in our world. Thank you for considering how you can respond to the call to "be a sign of mercy" by your prayers, by your spreading the word about this good work, and by your financial support.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
**Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D.**  
Bishop of Worcester



God and Father of all creation,  
we come before you today with humble hearts.  
You are our model of a loving father.  
When we fail and fall short of your expectations,  
you are always there at the end of the day with  
open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes  
of the day and to encourage us to try again  
and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst  
who act in the world as fathers to their children  
or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt  
and frustration with their children.

Give them warm and open hearts  
to forgive failures.

Provide them with the words needed  
for encouragement and perseverance.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP**

**St. Bernard Church, 236 Lincoln Street, Worcester**  
St. Bernard Church will host a basketball camp with the Worcester Majors Professional Basketball Team for only \$5/week. Spots are limited to 40 athletes/week.



The camp will be held Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.-12:00 noon, for boys & girls ages 8-12 and from Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> for boys & girls ages 12-17.

To register, visit [olpworchester.org](http://olpworchester.org) or call 508-755-3820.

### **Young Adult Weekly Pick-up Volleyball & Hangout**

#### **St. Christopher's Volleyball Courts**

**Friday Evenings from June 11<sup>th</sup> - August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

All young adults (ages 18+) are invited to join in for weekly pick-up volleyball. These gatherings are very laid back and open to any young adult, regardless of skill level.

If you are looking for a fun way to meet up with other young adults in the area, then this is perfect for you! There is no commitment or formal sign-ups, but if you would like to receive text or email updates during the summer, feel free to sign up at the following link:

[www.neworchester.org/young-adult-summer-volleyball](http://www.neworchester.org/young-adult-summer-volleyball).

**ALSO**, to learn about other Diocesan summer young adult events, visit [neworchester.org/summer-young-adult-events](http://neworchester.org/summer-young-adult-events) or contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or by email at [tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org).





Weekly Goal:	\$ 3,287
Weekend of June 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> :	\$ 3,113
Deficit:	(\$ 174)
Parish Renovation & Maintenance:	\$ 275
Catholic Communication Campaign:	\$ 46
Air Conditioning (to date):	\$19,489

Year-to-Date Budget (FY 9/1/20-8/31/21): \$131,480  
 Year-to Date Collections: 83,128  
 Year-to Date Electronic Payments: 22,772  
 Year-to Date Deficit: (\$ 25,580)

This weekend's special collection is for *Fuel*.  
 Next weekend's special collection  
 is the *Peter's Pence Collection*.  
**Thank you for your continued support!**

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

***"He asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?'" ~Mark 4:40***

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout the day, in all circumstances.

**Grab your lawn chair & enjoy a volleyball game!**

Although our parish does not have a volleyball team this year, diocesan volleyball games will still be played here at St. Christopher's on Monday evenings from June 21<sup>st</sup> through early August. Games begin around 6:15 p.m.

If you are looking for something to do with your family, come out and enjoy a summer's evening while cheering on the players.



**This Journey of Grief**

**Finding Your Way and Healing Your Spirit**

**Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main Street, Holden  
 Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

This seminar, offered by Miles Funeral Home, is free and open to the public. The seminar will offer a chance to reflect on the impact of the pandemic on grief, recognize complications of loss, and explore the fundamental principles of healthy grieving.

Light refreshments will be served following the seminar and each participant will also receive a free book. Call 508-829-4434 for reservations. Seating is limited.



As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

Thus far shall you come but no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stilled! (Job 38:11)

## PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (Ps 107)  
Or Alleluia.

## SECOND READING:

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:  
the old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come. (2 Cor 5:17)

## GOSPEL:

Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified?  
Do you not yet have faith?"  
They were filled with great awe and said to one another,  
"Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"  
(Mk 4:40-41)

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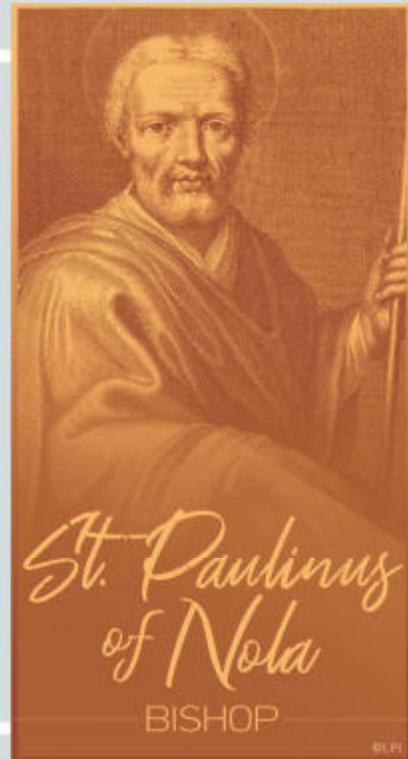
- Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day;  
Father's Day  
Monday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious  
Tuesday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop,  
and Thomas More, Martyrs  
Thursday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
Saturday: BVM  
Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“ WE  
BECOME  
WHAT WE  
LOVE  
AND WHO  
WE LOVE  
SHAPES  
WHAT WE  
BECOME.

—St. Clare of Assisi

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## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Much of the book of Job addresses the mystery of suffering and God's role in human affairs. Today we hear part of God's response to Job's questioning with images of the sea and raging waters, representing God's power and omniscience. What helps remind you it is God who governs the universe with purpose and fidelity?

### SECOND READING

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to have the conviction of faith that since Christ died for all, believers should now live for him. In doing so, we become a "new creation." How have you seen this happen in your life as a person of faith?

### GOSPEL READING

Early in their following of Jesus, the disciples' witness of the miracle of Jesus calming the storm at sea led them to ask: "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" How would you explain to others who wonder about the divinity of Jesus?

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