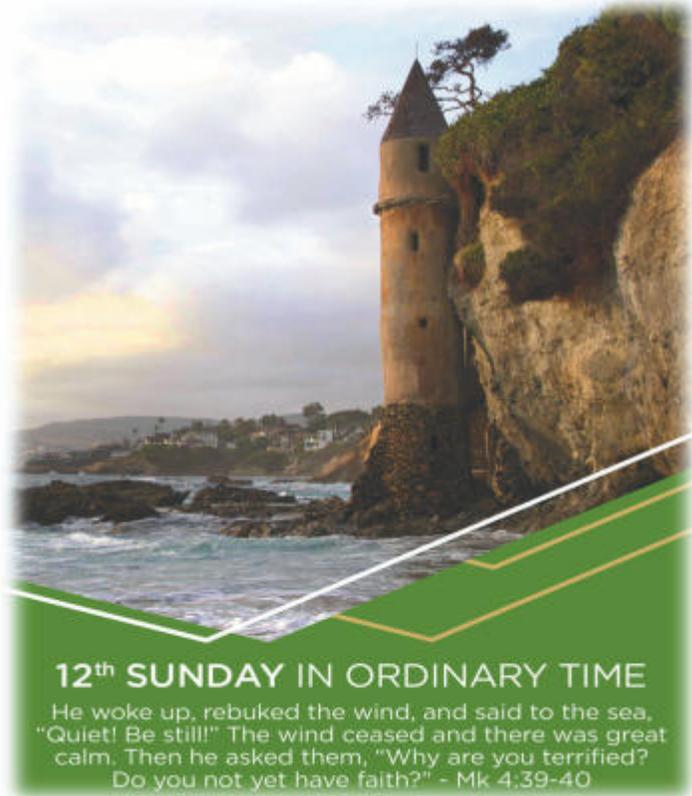




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JUNE 20, 2021 | THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

REOPENING INFORMATION

Here's what you need to know before you join us for Mass:

- You will need to bring your own mask and sanitizer.
- Gathering before and after Mass is discouraged.
- Seating in the church has been modified to maintain social distancing.
- Ushers will ask for your name upon arrival. This is to assist in contact tracing if a case of COVID 19 is detected in a parishioner. All attendance records will be sealed and destroyed after 30 days if no case emerges.
- The communion process will take a bit more time. Follow the ushers' cues and be patient.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work to keep everyone healthy and safe! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns that you might have. We look forward to seeing you again!

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Please contact us by leaving a message or by email



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear friends in Christ!

May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus be with you always! This weekend is a joyful weekend for the diocese of Albany. On Saturday June 19, Bishop Scharfenberger ordains five new transitional deacons to the order of Priesthood. Today the diocese has five new priests who will be working in God's vineyard. Also this weekend we celebrate the Father's Day, and Happy Father's Day to all the fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, godfathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers. I found a short reflection from Liturgical Publication on a who is a father that we can reflect upon.

A father is a man who loves without cost to his children and tries to raise them to be fully human creatures with the abilities to make a difference in our world. Some fathers are successful, some are not. However, almost all try their best. This Father's Day, let your dad know that you appreciate all his efforts.

- ✦ Strength--Your strength in helping me to tell right from wrong was a great gift.
- ✦ Honor--You taught me that to honor myself was a way to honor the God who made me.
- ✦ Faith--Thanks Dad for having faith in me, when I was not sure I had faith in myself.
- ✦ Love--You loved me even when I did not love myself. For that I am grateful.

We send our congratulations to the five newly ordained priests, and Happy Father's Day to all fathers. This coming week I will be away from Tuesday to Thursday; therefore, weekday morning mass will be canceled. May you have a blessed week!

Fr. Tony Vo



Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Live stream Mass Schedule:
Saturday 4 p.m. Vigil Mass
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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- † 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?
- † 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?
- † 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?



This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Next Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING



Week of 6/13/21:

- * Collection weekend masses: **\$2,310.00**
- * Collection thru mail: **\$1,865.00**
- * Collection thru E-Giving: **\$300.00**

Total Collection: \$4,475.00



We are grateful for your continued financial support during the pandemic. We ask you to help us to reach our weekly budget by increasing your weekly offertory. If you are away, please remember the parish with your envelope gift on your return. Online giving is the best, safe, and fastest way to give your donation. Please consider the E-giving option.



IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE?

In addition to remember a loved one through mass intention, another way to remember them by lighting a sanctuary lamp for a week or giving a donation toward the Altar Bread and Wine. If you wish to do so, please contact the Parish Office by phone 518-477-7925 or email HALO@hsceg.org. A suggested donation is \$20.00



Join us in the Eucharist Adoration every Tuesday evening beginning at 7 p.m. We will be praying the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confession is available for all. Please invite your family & friends to come and spend time with the Lord through prayer.



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 2021

The Beauty of Marriage —Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Open Wide Our Hearts. Join us as we continue our conversation using Open Wide Our Hearts from the US Catholic Bishops (USCCB), this **Wednesday, 6/23 at 6:30pm** from the comfort of your home. Contact Laura Countryman at faithformation@hsceg.org to register.



The Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist ~ June 24

June 24 marks the feast day of the birthday of St. John the Baptist. The scripture—the New Testament—has mentioned John the Baptist many times. In the gospel of Luke, we learn about the birth of John and his background. He was a son of Zaccharia and Elizabeth, the cousin of Mary. His mission was to prepare the way for Jesus. John spent his life in the desert. He wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around this waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. (Matthew 3:4). John was found among the sinners and called them to repent and reform their lives. Those who heard John's message came to him and was baptized by John in the river of Jordan. While he was at the bank of Jordan, he gave his testimony about Jesus by pointing toward Jesus and saying "*Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*" (John 1:29) John also said "*I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him.*" (John 1: 32).

Through the story of St. John the Baptist, we learn that God has a plan for all of us. God has called us to his "precursor" like John the Baptist. He asks us to spread the good news and help others to prepare for the second coming of Jesus. The message of repentance and God's unconditional love and mercy need to be spread to many people in our world. We must be John the Baptist to preach this good news and prepare the way for His return.

St. John the Baptist, pray for us!

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

Answer: In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

- ✠ White: Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.
- ✠ Red: As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.
- ✠ Violet: The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).
- ✠ Green: A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.

Other colors: Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do we trust that God will take care of us and has things under control? When life gets difficult, shaky or painful, we may find ourselves wondering what we may have done to deserve this fate. Often, we go to great lengths to explain suffering away, as if it has no purpose and ought not to exist. In an attempt to get God on our side in our battle against suffering, our prayer can mirror a question asked by the disciples: do you not care that we are perishing? As we are asking that question of God, God is asking of us: do you not yet have faith? It is for certain that God does not intentionally inflict pain upon us. God has no sinister plot to test our faith or trip us up. Rather, the unconditional, restorative and rejuvenating power of God's love can bring light out of the greatest darkness and gives hope in the midst of deep despair. We have to be patient and ride out the storm. It is our task to deepen our faith that God will calm the wind and draw meaning out of that which seems senseless.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The 12TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 unchartered 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"?



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Seasons of Faith is our parish model for lifelong, intergenerational faith formation, centered around opportunities to learn about, share and experience our faith in the company of all parishioners, from the newly baptized to the most mature members, leading us to an even deeper relationship with God and each other. Each season is four months long, with three seasons per year:

Winter/Spring (Jan-April)

Summer (May-Aug)

Fall (Sept-Dec)

Seasons of Faith is for families and adults.

Parents are their children's first faith witnesses. Now more than ever, we want to support families and give them a variety of opportunities to *be* family. Seasons of Faith are specifically designed for the entire family.

Adults are never too old to learn. Seasons of Faith encourages faith growth for adults too!

Seasons of Faith is for all who consider Holy Spirit their home. All are welcome!



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available. If you wish to celebrate the sacrament, please call the parish office at (518) 477-7925 to make an appointment with Fr. Vo.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday 6/19—Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 4 p.m. Vigil:** John Banach—Req. by Ellen & Jim Murphy
✠ Dolores Ciacchia—Req. by Ella and Tessa Miano
✠ Rosemary Horan (healing int.)—Req. Gary & Doris Beardsley
✠ Rosemarie Rossbach—Req. by Gary & Doris Beardsley
✠ Joseph Palasz—Req. by Elizabeth Palazs
✠ Joseph Zeller—Req. by Elizabeth Palazs

Sunday 6/20—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass:

- ✠ Genowefa Kwitkowska—Req. by Ella & Tessa Miano

11 a.m. Mass:

- ✠ John Lewis—Req. by Kelly & Samuel Predmore

Tuesday 6/22—Weekday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Mass—NO PARISH LITURGY

Wednesday 6/23—Weekday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Mass—NO PARISH LITURGY

Thursday 6/24—The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

9 a.m. Mass—NO PARISH LITURGY

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 6/26—Weekday in Ordinary Time

4 p.m. Vigil:

- ✠ Mary Asker—Req. by Karen & Bob Savick, and Ann Eisenhut
✠ Albert & John Blevins—Req. by Mary & Anne Mary Blevins

Sunday 6/27—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass:

- ✠ For the people of the parish

11 a.m. Mass:

- ✠ Rosemarie Rossbach—Req. Anne & Mike Cronin
✠ Renee Fortin Man—Req. by Social Action Ministry

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Through the Sacraments, God shares his holiness with us so that we, in turn, can make the world holier. (USCCB)

Sacraments of Healing

Reconciliation—Saturday from 3:00-3:30pm or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick (and homebound visits)

- ✠ Available by appointment, for any stage of illness

Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism—is available at any age. Please contact the parish office.

Eucharist—Student candidates must be at least age 7 by December 1st and be participating in ongoing Seasons of Faith Gatherings for at least one year prior.

Confirmation—Student candidates must be participating in Seasons of Faith for at least one year prior to beginning formation for Confirmation in the spring.

Sacraments of Commitment

Sacrament of Marriage—Please contact the parish as soon as you are engaged, at least six (6) months in advance. Pre-Cana is expected. Wedding dates will be scheduled after meeting with the Pastor.

Holy Orders and Religious Life—Please contact Fr. Vo at the parish office, or the diocesan Vocations Office at albanyvocations.org (518) 453-6690.



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