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JEREMIAH'S LIFE AS A PROPHET

In this Sunday's first reading, we hear from Jeremiah a certain conflict within him. Jeremiah is one of the major prophets of the Old Testament. He spent some 4 decades as a prophet warning the people of Israel that they had abandoned God by turning to evil ways and that if they did not turn back from their ways, they would be conquered as punishment. For his warning, what kind of treatment did Jeremiah receive? His family turned against him and even plotted to kill him, he was never allowed to marry, he was whipped and put in the stocks, attacked by a mob, threatened by the king, ridiculed numerous times, was arrested, beaten, accused of treason, thrown in jail, and thrown in a deep empty well. This is not the kind of treatment a servant of God would expect.

With that we come to this Sunday's first reading and I think we can understand with that background, why Jeremiah would be conflicted. Even in his struggles, the Word of God stirs in him and he feels compelled to speak out. In the end, Jeremiah carried his cross through his difficult life. His unheeded warnings by the people lead to the Babylonian exile. For some 70 years, most of Israel was brought in slavery to Babylon. As much as Jeremiah warned the people against their evil ways, he also brought hope as he also prophesied that God's people would return to their native land one day, and so it happened. When challenges come to us in life, we can sometimes blame God. Jeremiah gives us an example that if we persevere in doing good, God will never abandon us even in the face of injustice.

Father Karlo

ST. AGNES AND ST. ROSE PARISH OFFICE DOES HAVE A COVID-19 PLAN IN PLACE

- * If you have had or been in contact with anyone that has had COVID like symptoms please do not enter.
- * While in the Office Masks are required.
- * 6 ft. social distancing is required.
- * Surfaces & door knobs are wiped down after each visitor.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK:

Please join us in praying for the sick members of our parish community: **Angelea, Megan Bytof, Catherine, Charles, Michael Coughlin, Dave, David, David, David, Thaddeus Dubiel, Edward, Elizabeth, Frances, Margaret Jacques, Jonathan, Joseph, Kevin, Maryann, Marie, Matthew, Mary Keohan, Laura Lindsay, Walter Rehak, Dr. Larry Rusin, Séan, Leslie Storey, Tara, Thomas, Ann Turner, Tyler & Sylvia Vacca.**

EUCHARIST AND SPIRITUAL FOOD

“My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.”

Psalm 63, sung at Mass this weekend, reminds us of one of the most basic desires of the human heart: to be with God. Just as a human body thirsts for food and water, so also the human soul thirsts for communion with God. I think one of the worst tragedies of a rich society is that the people can forget the thirsting in their souls for God because they think they are already satisfied with the good things of the world. We get distracted and duped. But ultimately only God can satisfy the longing of each human heart! He made us, after all. St Augustine said it well: “Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee, O God.”

In this world, God begins to satisfy the endless longing of our souls for Him by giving us the Bread of Heaven, the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, or Jesus Christ Our Lord and God. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive God—we rest in Union with Him. What (or Who) else could possibly satisfy us more than God?

Today, ask God for the grace to always thirst for Him—and to find Him and rest in Him - in the Holy Eucharist.

Father Dan

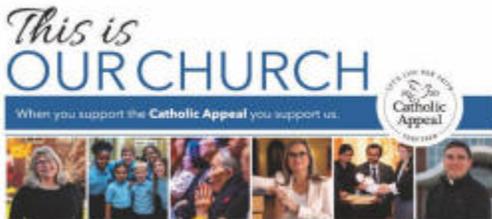
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Please call to make an appointment before coming to the office so we can insure social distancing and proper cleaning between visitors. A mask or face covering is required.

Thank you!

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Due to the shutdown of Churches for COVID-19, parishes were unable to launch the 2020 Catholic Appeal this past March with an in-pew presentation. However, as the work of our Church has continued amidst the pandemic, the more than 50 ministries funded by the Catholic Appeal are in need now more than ever. The success of the Appeal is vital in funding these ministries that provide assistance to our parishes, schools, and communities in a variety of ways. Please consider making your gift to the 2020 Catholic Appeal in one of the following ways:

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Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to give online.

Return the envelope in this bulletin.

Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 30 2020

10:00am @ St. Rose James A. Brett

11:30am @ St. Agnes

The People of the Parishes

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, and the desire to livestream daily Mass, all daily Masses are being temporarily celebrated at St Rose Church.

Daily Mass - 9:00 am

Monday, August 31 The People of the Parishes

Tuesday, Sept. 1 The People of the Parishes

Wed., Sept. 2 The People of the Parishes

Thurs., Sept. 3 The People of the Parishes

Friday, Sept. 4 Bobbie O'Brien 3rd Annv.

Sat., Sept. 5 Timothy Glendinning

Sunday, September 6 2020

10:00am @ St. Rose The People of the Parishes

11:30am @ St. Agnes Clara Johnson

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LIVE STREAM MASSES

Mass is celebrated and can be watched on live stream Monday - Saturday, at 9:00am and Sunday at 10:00am. To access the live stream agnesandrose.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

To send Father Dan Hennessey a personal and confidential prayer request, please see our website to fill out prayer request form or go to agnesandrose.org.

SUMMER CONFESION SCHEDULE

Confessions are on Monday evenings from 6:00pm - 7:00pm and Friday's after daily Mass from 10:00am - 10:30am.

Please see schedule below
Monday's 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

August 31: St. Agnes

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND TEACHERS RETURNING TO SCHOOL THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.

In times long past you sent us your prophets to teach your laws and to bear witness to your undying love. You sent us your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from you alone. Send your Spirit upon these students and their teachers and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.

Grant that during this academic year they may devote themselves to their studies and share what they have learned from others.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BECOME CATHOLIC

Starting in September, the RCIA program will be starting up again and will be led by Fr. Karlo and the RCIA team. If either you or an adult you know is thinking about becoming Catholic or to complete their sacraments of initiation please either contact Fr. Karlo at frkarlo@agnesandrose.org or call into the office 978-774-1958 to register for RCIA or ask for additional information.

MEET OUR SEMINARIANS
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MR. STEVEN RESTREPO
CITY: EAST BOSTON
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COLLEGE: BOSTON COLLEGE
SEMINARY ATTENDING: ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
CLASS YEAR: THIRD THEOLOGY

What are some of the factors that led to your decision to enter the seminary and discern the question of a vocation to the priesthood. Entering Boston College I wanted to explore my faith life more, but I did not know how. After taking my first theology class, Exploring Catholicism, I started to question whether nursing was my passion. After a prayer session with my mentor the words of Jeremiah 1:5 came to mind. These words were so powerful that I could no longer ignore the potential calling to the priesthood. God had grabbed my attention. Over the course of my next three years at BC I started to think about St. John's Seminary as a real possibility after graduation.

Who are some of the people who influenced your decision to enter the seminary? What is it about them that assisted you? My parents were my biggest influence in entering the seminary. From the moment I told my parents that I was thinking about entering the seminary they were joyful at the thought that God might be calling their son to the priesthood. Seeing their joy allowed me to put aside my own concerns about not being able to support them financially moving forward. I also have to give my gratitude to the person that guided me spiritually those first two years at BC: Javier Florez. It was in a prayer session with him in which God placed the words of Jeremiah 1:5.

What would you say is the role of prayer in the life of a seminarian and what effect does it have on one's ability to see God's call? Prayer is crucial in listening to God's voice. It was in the middle of a prayer with Javier that the words of Jeremiah came up. Had I not taken time to pray with him things could have turned down differently. Prayer allows me to just be aware of God's calling. In this busy world, I sometimes forget how important it is to pray in silence in order to have a proper conversation.

What advice would you give to a man who thinking about his vocation and is considering that God may be calling him to be a priest? Do not be afraid to take the first step in finding out if you have a vocation or not. Talk to your parish priest, friends, family or vocation director. Talk to whomever God puts in your path to talk about your vocation with. Do not forget to pray on your own, and to be in silence in order to hear what God asks of you. Remember to ask our Blessed Mother Mary to intercede for you.

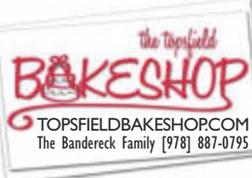
What do you like most about being a seminarian?

I get to know more about the Catholic faith. I also get to be myself. As a seminarian God begins to transform my life to become the man He wants me to be. I will get the chance to talk to kids, adolescent and the elderly about the faith. Seeing how there are Catholics who smile when they see a seminarian reminds me that this vocation is not for my sake, but for the people of God. What I like the most about being a seminarian is that I get to do what God envisions me to be, and in doing so I get to live a more joyful life.

What do you think is the greatest challenge facing a man who is considering the seminary?

We live in a society that is constantly becoming more secular by the minute. Christian values and traditions that have been part of this country since the 19th century are starting to disappear because of what the media, movie and music industry are telling us is the modern thing to do. I must also mention that unfortunately some do not see the priesthood in the most favorable light, at the moment, because of what a few priests did in the past. Letting the negative comments that some might say about priests could effect a man's choice in considering the seminary.

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