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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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AUGUST 29, 2021

Welcome



*God Bless our recently
Baptized:*

**Joshua Daniel Collins, Emilia Jane Gironda
and Owen James Lavery**



**Please join us for the 11:00am Mass on
Sunday, September 19th
followed by
outdoor fun, food and fellowship
12:00pm - 3:00pm**

Bring a lawn chair, mingle with friends and stay for a hot dog, hamburger, chips and a drink (individually packaged; grilled items 12-1:30pm). Mr. Twister is back and will entertain the children with his animal balloon creations. Have fun with our lawn games! And...Grandy's ice cream truck will make a special stop at St. Tim's!

We need a head count to properly plan for this event. Please RSVP to Janet or Anne in the office (Phone: 781-769-2522; email: sttim@sttim.net) by Sunday, September 12th and let us know how many family members will likely attend.



**Questions about St. Timothy's
Faith Formation Program?**

Joanne Curry, Faith Formation Director, would like to help you.

Email jcurry@sttim.net

Would you like to register in person?

Please stop by the St. Timothy Office weekdays
9:30am—3:00pm.

A GOSPEL REFLECTION

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

This Weekend's Special Collection for Haiti

On Saturday, August 14th an earthquake struck Haiti causing enormous damage and resulting in a significant loss of life.

Recognizing the suffering of the Haitian people and growing need for assistance, Cardinal Sean has asked that a special collection be taken for Catholic Relief Services and the Church in Haiti.

A collection is taking place this weekend. Baskets are in the entryway of the church. Checks should be made payable to St. Timothy Parish with "Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the memo.

Thank you for your attentiveness and generosity to this important collection and expression of solidarity with those who are suffering.

Your Parish Support is Appreciated!

Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the parish.

Weekend of August 22, 2021

Regular Weekly Collection: \$5,571.00
Online Giving Week of August 16th: 150.00

QR Codes for Electronic Giving



New Jerusalem Prayer Group

Please join us for a Healing Service with Fr. Joseph McDermott on Monday, September 13th at 2:00pm in Ruocco. *All are welcome!*

Pine Street Inn

Many thanks to those who continue to make donations to the Pine Street Inn. \$500 is sent to the Pine Street Inn each month. Donations may be sent to: **Campagna, 86 Countryside Lane, Norwood, MA 02062 Please make checks payable to: St. Timothy Christian Service Fund.**



SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00am Maria Chousa, *Memorial*
4:30pm Michael Nosal, Sr., *Memorial*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am David Balabanis, *10th Anniversary*
9:30am *Pro Populo*
11:00am Steve & Eileen O'Brien, *Memorial*

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00am *Spiritual Blessings* for Brendan Burke & Melanie Stier and Families

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00am José Felipe Hernandez, *Memorial*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

MEMORIAL OF SAINT GREGORY

9:00am Monica, Silvestre & Maria DaSilva and Manuel Goncalves, *Memorial*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00am All Souls
4:30pm Ovin Andrade, *16th Anniversary*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am John and Helen O'Hara, *Memorial*
9:30am *Pro Populo*
11:00am Valerie Donahue, *Birthday Memorial*

Please pray for Katherine St. Cyr whose funeral was recently celebrated in our parish.

Question of the Week

Breaking Open The Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Question for Children: *How do you welcome the words of Jesus into your heart?*

Question for Adults: *Which words of Jesus provide the most inspiration for the Christian work that you do?*

St. Timothy Parish Faith Formation

Our Parish Comes Together to Celebrate Mass

Over the past few weeks we have been so blessed to have the opportunity for more people to come back to our church and join us for Mass. We continue to work within the required safety guidelines established for the protection of all and we have in place a constant process of sanitizing all areas of our church. Currently one side of the church remains reserved for safe distance seating and the other side is open seating. Parishioners have commented on how pleased and comfortable they have found this experience. Those that are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a mask, but we strongly encourage those that are not vaccinated to wear a mask for their protection and the protection of others. We are hopeful health conditions might continue to improve and that more parishioners and their families may feel comfortable joining us at Mass in the coming weeks.

Saturday, 4:30 pm—Sunday, 8:00 am, 9:30 am (outdoors, weather permitting), 11:00 am

Faith Formation Plans for 2021

More complete info & schedules may be found on our website sttim.net

Family is a precious gift from God and grows stronger when rooted in the love of Jesus Christ. Our plans for Faith Formation this year seek to encourage, support and complement the powerful and awesome role that parents have of passing on our faith to their children. Our Faith Formation program will provide materials and activities that will engage family members of all ages. This will include age-appropriate faith lessons, family opportunities for prayer and service, and faith stories shared by family and enriched by stories from the Bible.

We continue to be cautious maintaining a healthy environment and observing all necessary safety guidelines. We understand that the youngest of children may not have had an opportunity for vaccination. We respect the wishes of all families and are seeking to offer a program that offers parents the opportunity to make the best choices for their family.

NEW

As we move into Fall our 9:30 am Sunday Mass will come indoors. This will become our “Family Mass” where all young families of the parish are encouraged to come together to worship and connect with their fellow parishioners. We hope that public health conditions will allow us to return to our wonderful tradition of serving coffee, juice and donuts in the lower church hall following the 9:30 Mass.

After some time for refreshments, we will invite and encourage our families to come together for faith lessons and experiences that reach out to the whole family. These Sunday after Mass gatherings will be 30 minutes in length and will always provide something for the family to take home. Please watch for Faith Formation emails and our St Timothy Bulletin for more information about this Family Faith opportunity. Please come and join us and invite other families!

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*****Bible Study Group to resume at St. Timothy’s – New participants Welcome!*****

Our Thursday morning Bible Study group hopes to resume our meetings starting Thursday, September 16 from 9:45am-11am. Over the past year, we have been meeting by Zoom but may explore the possibility of meeting again in person. If you are interested in joining us, or resuming with us, please contact Colleen in the office and let her know if you prefer in person meetings or Zoom meetings.

The group meets weekly to explore the riches of the Bible and to share faith with one another. We invite anyone who is interested to join us! This fall we will be exploring passages from the Gospel of Mark, which is the primary source of our Sunday Gospel readings in the liturgy at this time of year. We have a certain number of the study guides available now in the office. Please contact Colleen by e-mail (CNCampion@yahoo.com) or call the office to let her know if you would like to participate so that an adequate number of additional books can be ordered as needed.

If you are interested in participating in a Bible Study but are not available on Thursday mornings, we would love to form more groups! Please contact Colleen in the office if you are interested in doing Bible Study on a day other than Thursday morning. In-person meetings as well as Zoom meetings are possible if the interest is there. Contact Colleen (CNCampion@yahoo.com) so that we can order enough materials for those who are interested.



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Kindergarten Through Grade Five

Our kindergarten through grade five plan for the Fall Season will offer the option of home study or grade-level zoom gatherings twice each month with Joanne Curry, St Timothy Faith Formation Director. The zoom gatherings will be offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons. In the new year we hope there may be an opportunity to also offer some in-person gatherings at St. Timothy.

Middle School

Grade six students will be offered the choice of home study or zoom lessons with Rich Griffin, St Timothy Middle School Coordinator. The zoom lessons will be offered on Monday and Tuesday evening 6:00-7:00. In addition, there will be several opportunities for grade six in-person gatherings held at St Timothy Parish. Parent assistance with these gatherings will be most welcome.

Grades seven and eight combined will have six in-person lessons complemented by home lessons to be completed between the in-person sessions. These sessions will be offered once a month on Monday or Tuesday evenings 6:00-7:30 and will include prayer, faith lessons, service opportunities and socialization. Parent assistance with these gatherings will be most appreciated.

Confirmation

Confirmation preparation is a two-year program. The most important part of preparing for Confirmation is attendance at weekly Mass and receiving the Eucharist. This year our classes will be in person and we have planned our Confirmation program so that the students may attend the 11:00 Sunday Mass and have class following Mass 12:00-1:00.

Confirmation II (grade 10) classes will begin in October and we look forward to the celebration of Confirmation in the spring. Our Confirmation Ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday, March 13, 2022.

Confirmation I (grade 9) will have a meeting in November and classes will begin in January. Students attending Catholic high school are welcome, but not required, to attend Confirmation I. Please complete a registration for your ninth-grade Catholic high school student so we will have your contact information for all Confirmation information (there will be no registration fee).

Due to our health situation last year, there may be students who did not attend Confirmation I. If this happens to be your situation, please contact us and we will assist you in working out a plan for Confirmation. We believe "service" is an important part of our Catholic faith. For Confirmation students we ask that this "service" be participation in parish events, rather than counted hours. At the beginning of the year all Confirmation I and Confirmation II students will receive a list of parish activities. Each Confirmation I and Confirmation II student is asked to participate and help in at least two activities.

We invite you to register your child, grades Kindergarten through Confirmation II (grade 10), for the upcoming year of Faith Formation. Information and registration forms may be found on the St. Timothy website (sttim.net/religious-ed). We are asking that all registrations be received as soon as possible so that we may order materials and make plans to meet your needs. Your input is important! If you have questions or ideas to share about the upcoming year, please contact us!

We understand that many families may be struggling to make ends meet. This year we have continued the reduced fees for our Faith Formation Program. Anyone experiencing financial hardship is invited to contact or email Joanne Curry at jcurry@sttim.net.

We look forward to a wonderful year working together as our faith grows in the hearts of our children!

Joanne Curry, Faith Formation Director

Lectors and Altar Servers Needed!

Are you interested in serving the St. Timothy community by becoming a lector? Or an altar server? We are planning to schedule training sessions in the next few weeks for each of these ministries. Youth who are confirmed are eligible to serve as lectors. Children in grades 4 and older are eligible to serve as altar servers. Ministers commit to serving once or twice a month and we have an on-line scheduling system that allows for people to seek substitutes or to volunteer for open positions. If you have ever considered one of these ministries, or if you feel that God may be nudging you to do a bit more in our parish community, one of these ministries may be just the right fit for you. For more information, please contact Colleen in the office, or e-mail her at CNCampion@yahoo.com.

St. Timothy's Book Group

Our next meeting is Monday, August 30th when we discuss *How Not to Die Alone* by Richard Roper.

Book Group meets the last Monday of the month from 7-8:30pm, virtually through a Zoom meeting. All are invited to attend! Simply send an email to Colleen Campion at CNCampion@yahoo.com or call the office and we will add you to our list to send you the invite to the meeting.

Upcoming meeting dates and books for the Group are:

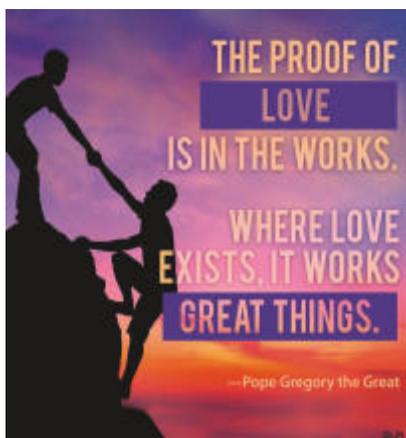
- Monday, September 27: *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz* by Erik Larson
- Monday, October 25: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
- Monday, November 29: *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah



IN OUR COMMUNITY

40th Annual Lawn Party to benefit Seminarians

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston is hosting its 40th Annual Lawn Party on Wednesday, September 29th, at 6:00 P.M, on the grounds of the seminary. This premiere fundraising event is hosted by His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap. The evening will include a reception and dinner with music. Located on Route 30 in Weston, the Seminary prepares second career candidates, men over the age of 30, for priesthood. The proceeds from the Lawn Party help to keep tuition costs affordable. For ticket information, please call the Development Office at 781-899-5500, or visit their website www.psj.edu. You can make a difference and encourage the vocations of these men through your support of the Lawn Party.



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