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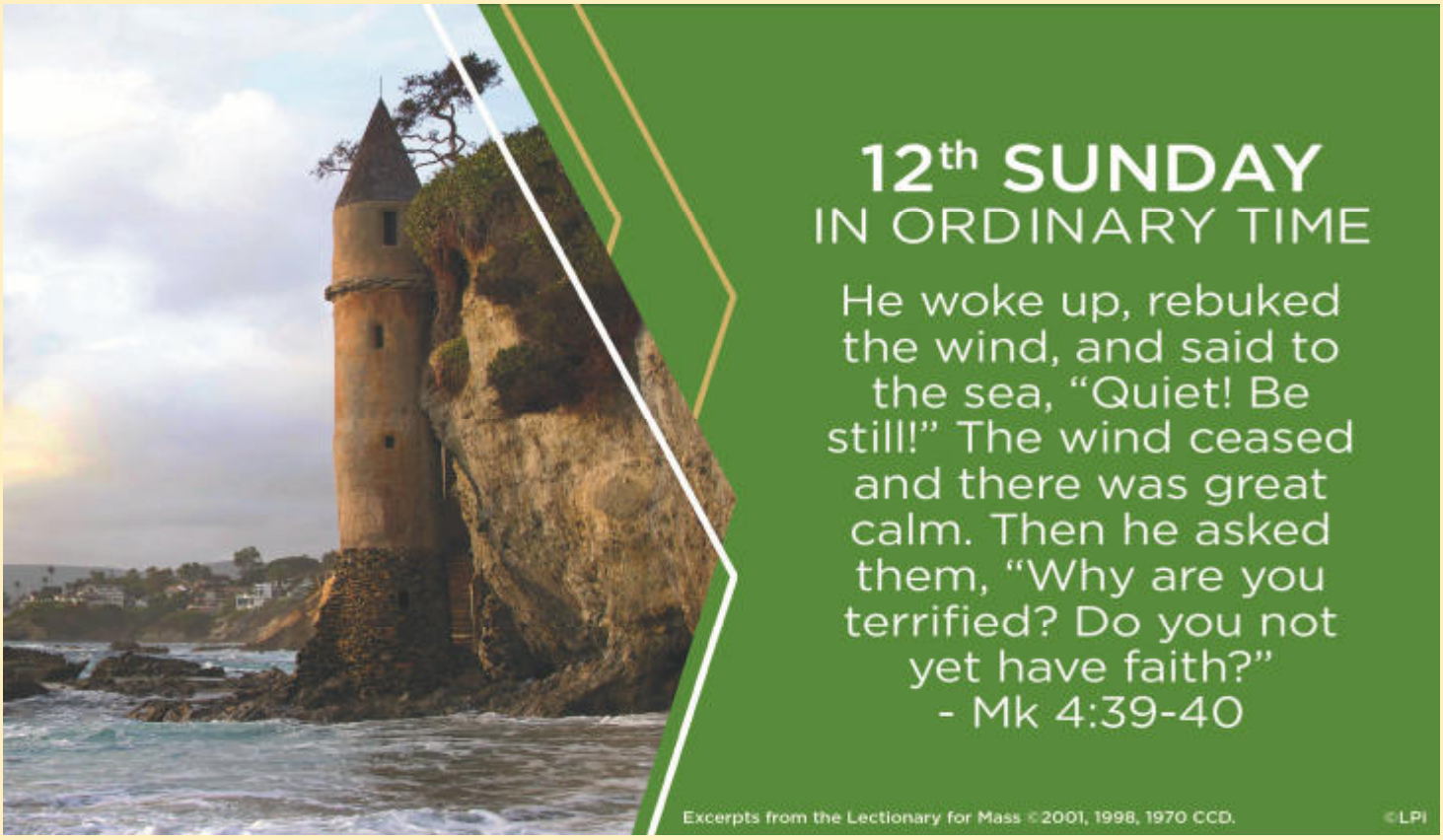


PASTORAL TEAM

Administrator:	**Rev. Thomas J. Reilly**
Office Manager:	**Christine Breslow**
Religious Education Coordinator:	**Allison Capuano**
Maintenance:	**Joseph DiMauro**
Music Director:	**Phyllis Bunnell**
Cantors:	**Alison Creedon**
	Cory D'Arco
	Julie Kron
	Kellie Leavitt
	Michelle Manzi-Grasso

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
9:00 AM-1:00 PM Monday—Thursday

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend:	**4:30 PM Saturday**
	8:00 AM & 11:00 AM Sunday
Weekday:	**9:00 AM Monday-Thursday**
Confessions:	**3:30-4:00 PM Saturday**
Holy Days:	**9:00 AM**
Baptisms:	**2nd Sunday/Month 12:30 PM**
Marriage:	**Contact Pastor 6 months prior**
Scripture Study:	**10:00–11:00 AM Thursday**

Our church doors will open 15 minutes before Mass.

Please enter and exit using either the front door or the handicapped side door.

Ushers will continue assisting parishioners to their seats.

June 20, 2021

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"?

Mass Intention Cards are available at the Rectory during normal business hours. The suggested offering is $10.00 per card.

June 20, 2021

Your Sacrificial Offering

Offertory—June 13, 2021:	**$2,973.00**
Parish Capital Fund:	**$1,439.00**

This weekend's special collection **Promoting the Gospel** supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through the work of CCHD and CCC the Gospel is promoted by supporting those in poverty, providing grants to community based groups and using the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values.

MASS INTENTIONS

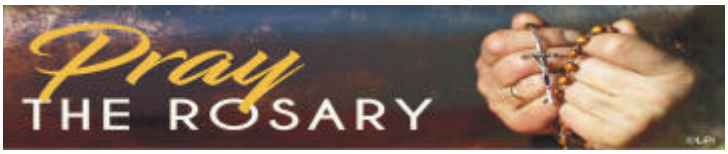
Sunday	June 20th
8:00 am	**Mass for the People of St. Florence**
11:00 am	**Salvatore Santorelli** Memorial Mass requested by his Children
Monday	June 21st
9:00 am	**John Martin** Month's Mind requested by his Cousin
Tuesday	June 22nd
9:00 am	**Nicholas Botticelli** Healing Mass requested by his Friends
Saturday	June 26th
4:30 pm	**Alex Maher** Birthday Remembrance requested by his Wife

The suggested offering for all published Mass Intentions is $20.00.

Dear Lord, Let us pray for the soul of **Marjorie S. Roos** whose Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday morning. We, the Parish of St. Florence offer our deepest condolences to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

We are delighted to welcome **Rev. Thomas Reilly** as the new Administrator of St. Florence Parish. Father Reilly joins us from St. Theresa of Lisieux in North Reading. Please remember our parish community and Father Reilly in your prayers as he settles into his new role.

Now that guidelines have been lifted many of our parish volunteers are coming back to our **Parish Ministries**. If you are returning, please contact our Business Office to check on the status of your **CORI Form**. There may be some volunteers who need to renew this year. Thank you.



Father Reilly is looking for a volunteer to lead **The Holy Rosary**. We plan to open the church at 8:00 am Monday through Thursday, pray The Rosary beginning at 8:25 am and celebrate daily Mass at 9:00 am. If you are interested in leading The Holy Rosary, please contact the office.

St. Florence is thankful for all our parishioners and their ongoing generosity. In addition to your weekly offering, there are many ways your family can support our Parish. Perhaps you would like to donate a monetary gift toward the **Bread & Wine, Altar Candles or Altar Flowers** or our fundraising efforts for **altar supplies and vestments**. If you are interested in making a donation in your family's name, please contact the office.

Registration for our **Religious Education Program for the 2021-2022 school year is now open**. St. Florence will again offer classes for Grades 1 through 10 starting this Fall. It is our hope to offer classes in person with the option for a home school program. Please contact our office for a registration form or if you have any questions.

Congratulations to our Second Grade students who received their **First Holy Communion** last weekend. Please continue to keep these young people in your prayers.

Brayden Amirault	*Emma Nagle*
Darren Carangelo	*Abigail O'Brien*
Leah Carangelo	*Stella Pasciuto*
Elsa Clifford	*Lorelai Rossicone*
Nathan Coyle	*Madeline Staiti*
Seraphina Dalelio	*Hazel Thompson*
Katherine Horton	*Caroline Trafficante*
William Keenan	*Zoe Trafficante*

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY
Helping Our Neighbors in Need

We continue to collect gift cards and nonperishable food items for the **Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry**. Gift cards may be dropped in our offertory collection box in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" and food items can be left in the front lobby of the church. The overwhelming support from our parishioners has been greatly appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you.

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