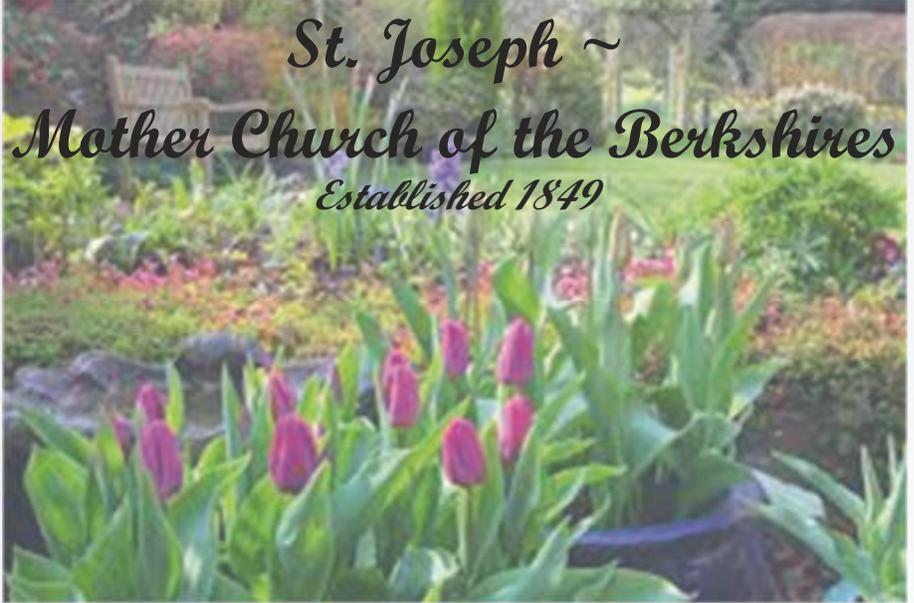


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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday-4:00 PM

Sunday-9:00 AM & 11:30 AM

*The 9 AM Mass is streamed live at
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Daily Mass-12:10 PM

RCIA -Wed. 6:30 PM

Holy Hour —Monday - Friday 11:00 AM

Rosary —Monday - Friday 11:30 AM

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11th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

June 13, 2021



DRIVE UP POLISH PICNIC

St Joseph's Church will be holding a drive by Polish picnic on Sunday July 18th from 3 to 6. Featured will be Polish plates \$15.00, frozen pierogi \$12.00 per dozen, quarts of kapusta \$6.00, and 1/2 dozen of golumpki \$16.00. Pre-orders only. To place your order please call the rectory @ 413-445-5789 by July 12th.

Raffle Winners

20/20
WINNERS

Week 5
Marie Cole
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Starting the weekend of June 19th and 20th the Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. Masses will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Please remember to bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday will be continue to be held inside the church.

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We are looking for **volunteers** to start making pierogi. The cooking days will be June 17th, 24th and if needed July 9th in the church hall starting at 2:00. More to come on cooking days and times for the rest, golumpki and Kapusta.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Preparing for the Holy Sacraments

If you have questions or if you would like to speak with someone about receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation please call our parish office at 413-445-5789.

ST. ANTHONY CAN FIND ANYTHING —
Even You

“Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found.”

Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anthony— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter. When we lose something really important, what do we do?

We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ. Here's the real genius of St. Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. “That's what you're looking for,” he tells us. In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people.



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1ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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JUNE 13, 2021
11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, “do small things with great love.” This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering? If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God’s kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people’s faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air. As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God’s kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

Saturday, June 12th Mary Helfer-35th Anniversary Requested by Family	4:00 PM
Sunday, June 13th Cheryl Penna Requested by Carol Moloney	9:00 AM
Living & Deceased Members of the Andrew M. Lombard Family	11:30 AM
<u>Sanctuary Candle</u> Bruno Montini Requested by Vivian & Family	
Monday, June 14th Trung Bui Requested by Van Bui	12:10 PM
Tuesday, June 15th Gina & Rafaella Rachiele Requested by Family	12:10 PM
Wednesday, June 16th For the Parish	12:10 PM
Thursday, June 17th Joan & Hal VanBorgen Requested by Brennan Family	12:10 PM
Friday, June 18th Andrew M. Lombard—Birthday Remembrance Requested by Family	12:10 PM
Saturday, June 19th Barbara & Frank Lipari Requested by Ron, Carolyn & Family	4:00 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021
Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/ Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/ Mt 6:24-34

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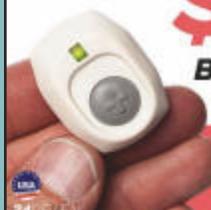
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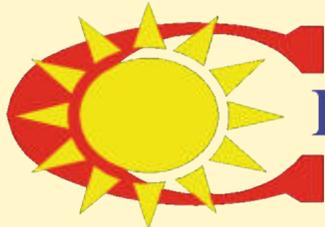
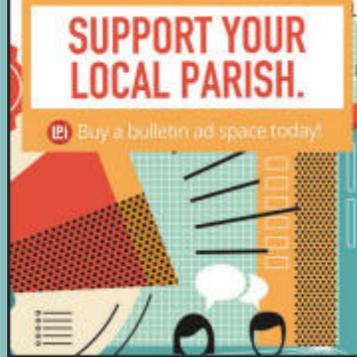


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