



The Cathedral Chronicle

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June 20, 2021— 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

CATHEDRAL MASSES

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 4:30 p.m. Sunday (Choir) 10:30 a.m.
Monday — Friday...12:10 p.m. (in the Cathedral)
 Holy Days and Holidays as announced

The Sunday 10:30 am Mass is available every week via
<http://www.youtube.com/SaintJosephCathedral>

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday & Friday at 11:45 a.m.
 Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
 (or call for appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - INVITE PARISHIONERS TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: 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?

Second Reading: 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?

Gospel: 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? ©LPI

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 19: (Vigil Mass for Sunday Byron L. Brown (Jack & Marina O’Donnell and Bob & Camille Brandon) 
Sunday 10:30 a.m.	June 20: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Parishioners of St. Joseph Cathedral
Monday 12:10 p.m.	June 21: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious For Peace and Healing for Brian, Kathleen, Kevin & Karen Caputi (Family) 
Tuesday 12:10 p.m.	June 22: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More Raechel Suttelle Conroy (Estate) 
Wednesday 12:10 p.m.	June 23: Weekday Repose of the Soul of Aloisius Joseph Oczeck (Family) 
Thursday 12:10 p.m.	June 24: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Anna Barone (Mr. & Mrs. DeMeo) 
Friday 12:10 p.m.	June 25: Weekday Rosemary Lawley (JoEllen & Rick Cronin) 



THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of Jacqueline, Joseph and Michael Wopperer, requested by George Wopperer.



Vocations: On this Father’s Day, we honor the vocation of marriage & earthly fatherhood. Might God be asking you to be a *spiritual* father as a priest? To learn more, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

CATHEDRAL STAFF

- Bishop** Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher
- Cathedral Rector** Rev. Seán Paul Fleming
- Music Director** Timothy Socha
- Secretary** Elaine Kishbaugh

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Appeal 2021 is ongoing through June 30.

To make a secure online donation, visit www.ccwny.org/donation.



HOPE for all seasons.

Word of Life—“Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God’s gift of new life!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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 uncharted 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”? ©LPi



Prayer for Fathers in the Year of Saint Joseph

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty.

You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands.

Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them.

You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother.

Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

— Written by Pope St. John XXIII

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. ©LPi

Holy Land Gifts.....On June 19 & 20, 2021, there will be a display of handmade articles for sale such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, and much more.

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