

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 13, 2021



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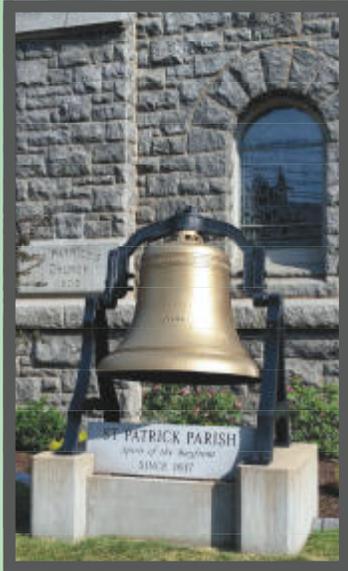
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk...



Today is the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. We hear first from Ezekiel, whose ministry centered on the Judean exiles in Babylon in the sixth century BC, when it appeared that all hope was lost and that God had abandoned his covenant with the Israelites. The book is dramatic and occasionally bizarre, as it incorporates oracles of doom and oracles of hope mixed with visions, symbolic actions, poetry and history. Today's reading follows an oracle of doom in the form of an allegory which we are told is a riddle. An eagle plucks a twig from the top of a cedar of Lebanon and brings it to a city of merchants. It takes a native seed, plants it near water and it grows rapidly, but will the plant survive in this new place? The interpretation is that the first eagle is Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. The twig is Jehoiachin, who was taken from Jerusalem. The native seed is Zedekiah, who was set up as king in Judea in place of his uncle who broke the covenant with Nebuchadnezzar by making a treaty with the Egyptians against Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar then destroyed Jerusalem and Judea. But there is hope as the story continues with the allegory of two eagles who declare God will intervene. Now God plucks a twig and plants it on the highest mountain of Israel representing a new king in the line of David. Can you imagine anything more convoluted?

Next Paul speaks of his trials and tribulations of his ministry. Suffering is to be welcomed because it joins us with the suffering Christ, but he also welcomes death because he would then be able to join with Christ in the resurrection. At the same time he reminds his audience that the important thing now is to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.

The gospel brings us back to the first reading as we hear two parables from Mark. Parables are fictional stories derived from everyday life but often with a surprising twist. And most are presented with no explanation. In both of today's parables, the seeds are the kingdom of God which is not a place but a time when God's power for good is fully manifest in the world and evil is defeated. We're told that the kingdom grows

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

without our knowing how until we start to see signs of its growth and its fruits. The image of harvesting is meant to imply the end time, which in Mark, would be accompanied by the second coming of Christ. Like the reign of God, the smallest of seeds will grow into the greatest shrub so that birds may nest in it.

We have a rather large crack high in the southwest tower of the church. It has been there for years, but seems to be getting worse each passing year. We have some professional people coming to take a look at it. If you go to our web page you will see a place where you can watch a drone which we had hired to check the roof of the church carefully because we found some broken slate tiles in the yard. That drone shows that the tops of the towers are held together by a series of metal straps that stretch across from east to west and another series from north to south. The professional tells me without those supports, the towers would buckle and we'd have serious problems to face. That's the price of hundred year old buildings.

We are planning a May 2022 trip to northern Italy and Switzerland. It will include 3 days in Milan, 3 days in Lake Como and 5 days in Switzerland with a number of tours, side trips, etc. included. The full information on the trip, ie., cost, dates, itinerary, etc. will be available in September. If anyone is interested in receiving information about the trip please call the parish office and give us your e-mail address so we can add you to the list of people to be notified.

Despite the Vatican ruling that priests cannot bless same sex unions, large numbers of German priests have announced publicly that they are blessing these unions and some even have the support of their bishops.

Congratulations to our students who are graduating this year.

Some Irish humor: "Why are Irish jokes so simple?" Answer: "So the English can understand them." ... "What do you call an Irishman who knows how to control his wife?" "A bachelor." ... Finnegan: "My wife has a terrible habit of staying up until two o'clock in the morning. I can't break her of it." "What on earth is she doin' at that time?" Finnegan: "Waiting for me to come home."



Saint Patrick News



The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Michael Cummings
from wife, Donna

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- June 12** *Saturday, Vigil: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM MITCH MACK (FAMILY)
- June 13** *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM JERRY EMLING (BETSY EMLNG)
10:30 AM EDWARD ANGELOTTI (FAMILY)
- June 14** *Monday, Weekday*
8:00 AM HERBERT ARTHUR DIETZ (FRIENDS OF NANCY)
- June 15** *Tuesday, Weekday*
8:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK
- June 16** *Wednesday, Weekday*
8:00 AM PATRICIA KRAUCHEN MEZZACAPO
(BARBARA THOMPSON)
- June 17** *Thursday, Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- June 18** *Friday, Weekday*
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- June 19** *Saturday, Vigil: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM JOSEPH HABAS (BOBBIE VITRON)
- June 20** *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM MARK KUBEJA (ROSA AGNELLO)
10:30 AM JEFFREY BOMBA (MOM, DAD, MEGAN, LUKE,
BEN, DELAINEY & NORAH)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Barbara Brairton

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara Brairton, Patty Dailey,
Diane McCarthy

Sunday, June 20, 2021 at 8:00 am

Lector: Dan Bergell

Eucharistic Minister: Steve & Ann Scutella,
Pattie Marchant

Sunday, June 20, 2021 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Smith

Eucharistic Minister: Ed Smith, Megan Gilmore

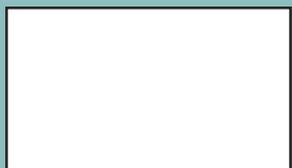
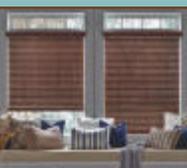
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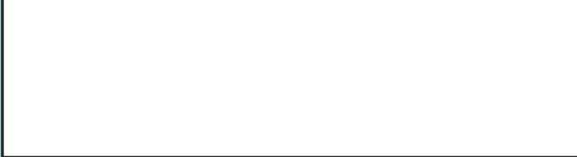
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