

**JUNE 16, 2024** 



## 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."- Mk 4:30-32b

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### **MORNING PRAYER (Rosary)**

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m. Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Holy Days: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday: 9 - 10:00 a.m.

#### SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

#### SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY

Engaged couples, one of whom must be an active, registered, parishioner, should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the intended wedding; a date should not be set before this contact. Pre-marriage formation is required to prepare for this serious, life-long commitment.

#### SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

First-time parents and typically those who last had a child baptized five or more years ago are expected to participate in an infant Baptism preparation session. Please contact the office to request Baptism.

#### ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### ST. BENEDICT PARISH NEWS



#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

This weekend, June 15/16, and next weekend, June 22/23, there will be a regular collection only.

#### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

Acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament resident in the tabernacle is burning this week in loving memory of Michael J. Ulishney from Bill and Elaine Stas. May the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar be praised, adored and loved in all the tabernacles of the world even until the end of time



#### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adoring the altar this week are in memory of Ron Knaus

As requested by Children & Grandchildren

#### ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

The RAS will meet on **Wednesday**, **June 19 @ 6:30 p.m.** in the parish center. All women of the parish are invited and welcome to attend. New members are always welcome.

The office will be closed Thursday & Friday
June 20 & 21

#### FESTIVAL MEETING

There will be a Festival Meeting on **Thursday**, **June 20 @ 6:30 p.m**. in the parish center. All are invited and welcome to attend.

May our compassionate God be with us always and strengthen us in whatever way we need. May God keep us and our loved ones in his loving care now and forever. We ask that God help us to trust in him and put our life in his hands. We pray for those who are sick and in pain. May God bring relief to their pain and sufferings and heal their infirmity in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### Saints & Special Observances For the Week of June 16, 2024

Sunday: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day

Wednesday: St. Romuald, Abbot Thursday: World Refugee Day

Friday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious Saturday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop Sts. John Fisher, Bishop

Thomas More, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYER CORNER....IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY:



Vera Ferry
Jennifer Kubit
Bill Lozier
Catherine Micklow
Betty Palinkas
Don Paul
Catherine Rocker
Darla Schmidt
Julie Teslevich
Hilary Yeskulsky
Wanda Yokopenic



#### SAINT BENEDICT FESTIVAL CORNER

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 6-9 PM 5:00 PM - Outdoor Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 14, Grounds Open 1-8 PM 9:30 AM - Mass

Sunday, July 14, PARISH CENTER (inside kitchen) opens at Noon; Grounds open at 1 PM to 8 PM

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - In order to make the Saint Benedict Festival happen, we need your help. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in before, during, and after the festival. Please find the volunteer sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Please make this a consideration and offer a couple of hours during the festival. Contact the Parish Office at 724-834-9045.

**SUPPORT SAINT BENEDICT'S FESTIVAL** – To make our Festival successful, volunteers are needed to work at booths. *However*, if you are unable to volunteer, consider being a Festival Sponsor by writing a check to Saint Benedict Church. Envelopes addressed to "Festival Committee" may be placed in the collection baskets at Mass. *Your volunteer help or your financial assistance is appreciated!* 

**BASKETS GALORE BOOTH** - Baskets may be dropped off at the Parish Office during office hours, placed on a shelf in the Narthex closet or at the Baskets Galore Booth on Saturday, July 14th after 3:30. If you have any questions contact the parish office at 724-834-9045.

**FESTIVAL MONEY RAFFLE TICKETS** should be returned to Cheryl LoCascio or dropped in the collection basket.

**DIME PITCH** - Glasses needed! Please drop off in the narthex or at the booth during the festival. Clean out your cupboards & help the festival.

Many of us take our lives for granted - We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second - invite the Lord into your heart.

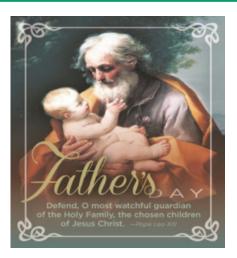
## June 16, 2024 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, "he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything." Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— Father John Muir



#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

5:30 PM MASS - Saturday, June 22, 2024

Aaron Gaskey - Altar Server Cheryl Kapelewski - Eucharistic Minister Lynette DiDonato - Lector Ed Kapelewski - Sacristan

9:30 AM MASS - Sunday, June 23, 2024

Ilaria Petruzzi - Altar Server Aurelia Sabol - Eucharistic Minister Kathy Poole - Lector Sue Kosker - Sacristan

## NEWS AROUND THE AREA....

Will you join 80,000 Catholics in Indianapolis this summer? Join fellow pilgrims from the Diocese of Greensburg at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Ind., July 17-21. The Diocese has reserved 100 five-day adult tickets to the event and a block of hotel rooms (families with children are encouraged to purchase discounted family tickets directly from the National Eucharistic Congress website). Registration includes one adult five-day ticket, bus transportation to Indianapolis, transportation to the event center each day and a four-night hotel stay. Reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost is \$900 per person (double occupancy; single occupancy is \$1,200). Financial aid is available through the Francis Fund. For more information, contact Vincent Reilly, Managing Director of Faith, Family and Formation, at vreil-ly@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

The 2024 Diocese of Greensburg Parish Summer Events Guide - Start planning your summer now. The 2024 Diocese of Parish Summer Events guide has everything from parish picnics to burger bashes and car shows. Visit theaccentonline.org.

#### St. Bruno Parish, South Greensburg, June 21-22

St. Bruno Parish, South Greensburg, will hold its parish festival Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22, from 5-10 p.m. The festival will feature food, games of chance, children's activities, a bake sale (including Mile High Gob Cake), live entertainment and a Friday night car cruise.

Ascension Parish, Jeannette, plans "il Festival Italiano" June 28-29 - Ascension Parish, Jeannette, will host its "il Festival Italiano" Friday, June 28, from 4-9 p.m., and Saturday, June 29, from 1-8 p.m. Music, the parish's famous Italian meatballs and other foods, bingo, a basket raffle, a bake sale, and children's games are planned. For information, call 724-523-2560.

**Positions Available.** The Roman Catholic Diocese of Greensburg is looking for team members who embrace our mission to carry on the love and mercy of Christ. Our many employment opportunities offer excellent health benefits, vacation time and certain positions with flexible hours.

Apply now at hr@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

#### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

A father is a man who loves without cost to his children and tries to raise them to be fully human creatures with the abilities to make a difference in our world. Some fathers are successful, some are not. However, almost all try their best. This Father's Day, let your dad know that you appreciate all his efforts.

**OPEN REGISTRATION** - Aquinas Academy is still accepting applications for enrollment in our PreK - 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Please call and schedule a tour for your family today at 724 -834-7940. We offer a high-quality faith-based education in a safe and loving environment. Summer morning camps are open for any student entering Kindergarten - fifth grade. Openings are still available for all camps! Go to our website for more information. <a href="https://www.aquinasacademy.org">www.aquinasacademy.org</a>

Kelly Watkins, Principal of Aquinas Academy



Saturday, June 15, 2024 - Weekday

5:30 p.m. Ric Hitchman (Family)

Sunday, June 16, 2024 - 11th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of

St. Benedict & Our Lady of Grace Parishes

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 - Weekday

8:30 a.m. Kenneth & Veronica Meloy (Family)

Thursday, June 20, 2024 - Weensay, 8:30 a.m. Helen M. Novotny (Frank & Esther Novotny & Family)

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>June 22</u>, <u>2024 - Weekday</u> 5:30 p.m. Janet Yokopenic (Husband, Rick)

Sunday, June 23, 2024 - 12th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. Peter Ulishney (David & Megan Ulishney)

"Propopulo or Pro Populo" is a Mass Intention required by the Diocese a few times each month, at each location. It is an intention for the people, the living & deceased members, hence the name. It is a Mass that no one pays for, and the community does not pay a stipend to the priest either.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP CORNER



Fiscal Year 7/1/23 - 6/30/24

### Report for June 9, 2024

Adult	\$ 3,371.00
On-Line-Giving	\$ 471.00
Loose	\$ 160.00
Automatic Withdrawal	\$ 165.00
Total Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,167.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 50.00

Candles 71.00 75.00 Maintenance

In order to meet our ordinary expenses entirely from our Sunday collection, St. Benedict needs approximately \$3,900.00 per week in the regular collection.

Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Benedict Parish

#### Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

#### FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Fr. Dan Blout, Jerry Davis, Tim Rennie, Tom Rennie & Randy Strayer

#### PARISH COMMISSIONS MEMBERS

Fr. Dan Blout, Fred & Paula Aiello, Jerry Davis, Tina Krivoniak, Renie & Jim Prengaman, Joyce Novotny -Prettiman, Aurelia Sabol & Jennifer Strayer



Please remember in your prayers the men and women who have chosen to bravely risk their lives for others, including all healthcare workers, police officers, armed forces, first responders, their families and their loved ones.

#### VISITS TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Parishioners who are ill or confined to their home can arrange to receive Holy Communion once a month. Also, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation are available upon request. If you or your loved one are in need of such pastoral care, please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

#### Readings for the Week of June 16, 2024

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see

2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt

5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/

Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6,

16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15 Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14,

17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-

34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30

-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41





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