



SAINT JAMES PARISH

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JUNE 13, 2021 | ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome Bishop Kulick



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

And all the trees of the field shall know
that I, the LORD,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

PSALM:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

SECOND READING:

We are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor 5:6-7)

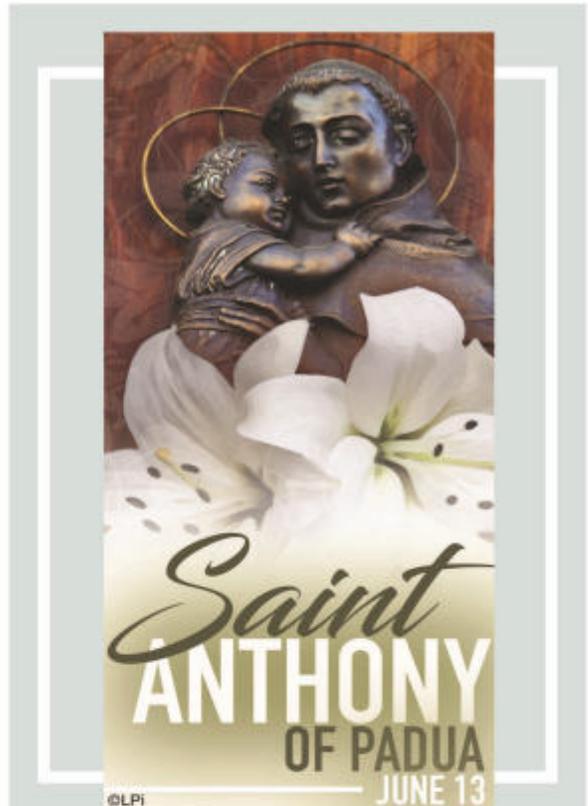
GOSPEL:

"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
and puts forth large branches,
so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."
(Mk 4:31-32)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021

Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Flag Day
Saturday: St. Romuald, Abbot; BVM
Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day;
Father's Day



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Ezekiel's image of God growing Israel into a mighty majestic cedar tree bearing fruit, with birds nesting in its branches was intended to be words of comfort for the exiled Israelites in Babylon. How do you find God's comfort in times of distress?

SECOND READING

Paul encourages the believers in Corinth to be courageous in knowing one day all will appear before "the judgment seat of Christ." How confident are you in reflecting on judgment day?

GOSPEL READING

Mark tells us that Jesus often spoke in parables to the crowds about the kingdom of God. Today's parables speak to the often unseen and subtle growth of the kingdom of God in our midst. How might you better observe the kingdom of God at work in your life?

WELCOME BISHOP KULICK

We are delighted this weekend to welcome Bishop Kulick to Saint James Church. This is his first time celebrating Sunday Mass for our parish community after being ordained the Bishop of the diocese. It is exciting for us to welcome Bishop Kulick back to the community he loved and pastored for eight years. Bishop, welcome back and thank you for being with us.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

One thing that I have quickly come to learn about Saint James Parish is that we enjoy gathering together and celebrating. This is wonderful to see! The communal dimension of a parish is essential to the health and sustainability of the community. As the pandemic restrictions continue to be relaxed, I look forward to more opportunities for us to gather as a parish family.

On June 1st, I celebrated my eighth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, and on June 8th, I celebrated my 35th birthday. I want to extend a personal word of gratitude to all of you for making my anniversary of ordination and birthday a joyful celebration. Your prayers, personal greetings, and gifts were much appreciated. I have felt very much at home here at Saint James from the day I arrived. This year on my birthday, I hit a new record of how many times I received the "Happy Birthday" song. Being sung to once on your birthday is enough, but this year I received it five different times by different groups of the parish. This parish knows how to celebrate! I think word has also spread around the parish that I love sweets, especially when they contain peanut butter. So I celebrated well this year. Thank you to everyone.

CHANGE IN SUNDAY MASS TIME

On **May 14, 2021** Bishop Kulick announced a new set of COVID protocols pertaining to public worship and parish events. This announcement was made in conjunction with the latest CDC recommendations recently announced. The new protocol has allowed for the elimination of social distancing within the church during times of worship. This allows us to return to full capacity. As a result, it is no longer necessary for two Masses on Sunday, which were implemented at the beginning of the Pandemic to allow for social distancing. Beginning **June 20, 2021** we will return to the former Sunday schedule of 9:30 AM Mass.

A INVITATION TO THE MINISTRY OF ALTAR SERVER/ CROSS BEARER

Our Sunday celebration of the Mass is the greatest prayer the Catholic Church can offer, and the high point of our worship together as a parish family. The Church describes the celebration of the Eucharist as the Source and Summit of our life. The various ministries, such as lector, cantor and altar server is essential to the dignified worship that we are called to celebrate. As you see, we are in need of recruiting new Altar Servers and Cross Bearers to assist me at Mass. I am grateful for our adult servers, and will continue to utilize them, but I want to invite the young members of our church, along with the youth to take a more active role in assisting at Mass. There will be a training for Altar Servers (3-7 grade) and Cross Bearers (8-12) on **June 23, 2021 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** Please register by calling the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

As a reminder the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered this weekend **June 12th and 13th, 2021** at the following times:

Saturday - after 4:30 PM Mass

Sunday - In between Masses from 9:15 AM to 9:45 AM

LITURGICAL SERVICES OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021 | ANTICIPATED MASS - ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 p.m. † Wife, Lucy Renchko, (Husband, Richard Renchko)

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021 | ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. † For the People

10:00 a.m. † Frank Nemchik (Wife, Betty Nemchik & Family)

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021 | WEEKDAY FOR ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
NO MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 | WEEKDAY FOR THE ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. † Dottie Bacher (Beloved Friend)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021 | WEEKDAY FOR THE ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. John Wagner (Family)

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021 | WEEKDAY FOR THE ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. † Lucy Lute (Frank & Betty Nemchik)

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021 | WEEKDAY FOR THE ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. † Dale Shanefelt (Family)

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, ANTICIPATED MASS - TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 p.m. † Son, Nicholas Sundry (Donald Sundry)

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021 | TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30 a.m. † For the People

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

MOTHER/DAUGHTER/SISTER/FRIEND/TEA LUNCHEON

Thank you to the Rosary Altar Society Members who sponsored the wonderful tea luncheon held last Sunday after Mass. It was an enjoyable time with family and friends. I am personally grateful for the dedicated work and service our Altar Rosary Society offers to our parish community, both spiritually and in the communal life of our community. A special thank you to Sister Colette Hanlon for her funny and inspirational presentation. Congratulations to Judy Cramer and her family who won the best decorated table! We hope to see you all again next year!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

BY: DENISE PENCOLA, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS FORMATION

HEROES CORNER

Our hero this week is well known by most Catholics. He has been called upon time after time to help us find our misplaced car keys or other lost items. Saint Anthony of Padua's feast day is June 13. Anthony was born and baptized Ferdinand in 1195 and would change his name when he entered the Order of Friars Minor.

His parents were members of the Portuguese nobility. He grew up and was educated in Lisbon, Portugal but derives his name from the Italian City, Padua, where he lived the latter years of his life. When he was fifteen years old he joined the regular canons of Saint Augustine near Lisbon. He was transferred two years later to Coimbra, the capital of Portugal at that time, to eliminate the constant visit by his friends. Eight years later Don Pedro of Portugal brought relics from the Franciscans who suffered martyrdom in Morocco in 1220. Anthony was greatly moved by the relics and their story and committed his willingness to serve Christ more faithfully even to the point of martyrdom if necessary. He entered the Franciscan Order in 1221.

Anthony was given permission to go to Morocco to preach the Gospel. Anthony became severely ill and had to return to Europe. He was being transported to Europe by ship which ended up going off course and he ended up in Sicily. He made his way to Assisi. He was fortunate to arrive in time for the great 1221 Franciscan gathering, presided over by Brother Elias, where Saint Francis was in attendance.

Saint Anthony was praised for his eloquent preaching skills and his burning zeal for souls. His piety and magnetic personality often attracted people to him. Often sinners would fall on their knees in his presence. He was called back to Italy shortly after the death of Saint Francis of Assisi to be the minister provincial of Emilia or Romagna. In 1226 he obtained permission from Pope Gregory IX to resign his office so he could devote his time to preaching the Gospel.

Saint Anthony moves to Padua, where he had once lived and ministered and where he was greatly loved. On June 13, 1231 in an apartment reserved for the chaplain of the Poor Clares of Arcella, he was given the last rites and passed on to his eternal reward. Saint Anthony was thirty-six when he died. He was canonized the year after his death by Pope Gregory IX. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946. Saint Anthony of Padua, pray for us!

Quotes of Saint Anthony of Padua:

**"The Bread of charity widens the narrow heart of the sinner."*

**"The life of the body is the soul, the life of the soul is Christ."*

**"Do you want to have God always in your mind? Be just as He made you to be. Do not go seeking another 'you'".*

CLASS OF 2021

We would like to acknowledge our parishioners who are graduating from high school, college or trade school in the bulletin on **July 4, 2021**. Our Saint James Parish family is proud of your accomplishments and would like to recognize you. Please complete the below form and place in the collection basket or contact the Parish Office by **Monday, June 28, 2021**. Thank you!

Name: _____ Parents Name: _____

Institution where Graduated: _____

Awards Received: _____

Continuing your education? If so, where? _____

SAINT JAMES STEWARDSHIP NEWS

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

COLLECTION REPORT

JUNE 5, 2021 & JUNE 6, 2021

Adult Envelopes:	\$3,014.69
Offertory Loose:	\$152.00
Candles:	\$76.00
Fuel & Maintenance:	\$600.00
Catholic Accent:	\$40.00
Peter's Pence:	\$70.00
Total:	\$3,952.69

69 Adults

29 % out of 237 who choose to use regular Sunday envelopes

Income	Budget	Difference
\$3,842.69	\$3,688.85	\$ + 153.84

DLA UPDATE

We are very pleased to announce that to date we have received **105** gifts for a total of **\$74,075.00**. Last year, we received gifts from **110** parishioners to achieve our goals. If you have not yet made a commitment to this year's appeal, please prayerfully consider a donation to assist our parish. Please remember that since we have already met the diocesan goal amount, all funds now being received will be returned directly to Saint James.

MINISTERS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, June 19, 2021
4:30 p.m.

Jane Strittmatter

Sunday, June 20, 2021

9:30 a.m.

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MASS ATTENDANCE

JUNE 5, 2021 & JUNE 6, 2021

4:30 p.m. - 55

8:00 a.m. - 47

10:00 a.m. - 79

Total - 181

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning during the month of **June 2021**

In Memory of:

Thomas Nalevanko, Jr.

Requested by:

Tom & Maryann Nalevanko &

Mark & Laura Nalevanko

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.

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SUPPORT THE 2021 MISSIONS OF FAITH APPEAL



The 2021 Missions of Faith Appeal is offering parishioners throughout the Diocese of Greensburg the opportunity to support the Mission Office and its ministries. COVID-19 greatly affected the ability to engage in missionary activity and a tidal wave of need is approaching. This includes the Mission of Mercy to help the poorest communities in Haiti. Help can be provided by supporting the 2021 Missions of Faith Appeal. Every human being needs to experience Christ's message of love and mercy. Today you can support that mission by donating to the 2021 Missions of Faith Appeal. Visit www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/Missions.

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW - CRABTREE

Saint Bartholomew will be having a Luau Run and Walk, which will be held on **Saturday, June 26, 2021**. Registration is open online at "runsignup.com". Registration is \$25.00 a person from now until June 19. Starting June 20 and leading up towards race day, registration will be \$30.00 a person.

Race day registration and packets pick-up will begin at 5:30 PM at the Pavilion in Saint Bartholomew's Church parking lot (2538 State Route 119, Crabtree, PA 15624) and the race will start at 7:00 PM. Wear your Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts and leis and join in the fun! Kona Ice and a BBQ food truck will be on site during and after the race, Hawaiian music will be played throughout the event and awards will be given to top 3 finishers in both the 5K and 2 mile walk. If you have any questions please contact Julie Watkins at julesann97@gmail.com.

VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH TO HOST TAKEOUT SLOVAK PLATTERS

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Mount Pleasant will host walk-in/take-out Slovak platters **Sunday, June 13, 2021** from **10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** (or until sold out). The price is \$11.00 per platter. Menu will include Halupki, Pierogies and Haluski. There also will be a Chinese auction, basket pic-a-ticket and a 50/50 raffle.

MAGNIFICAT GATHERING SCHEDULED AT SAINT PAUL PARISH

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat: A Ministry to Catholic Women will host is having a Magnificat Gathering **Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** at Saint Paul Parish, Greensburg. Email Brenda at mandbc14@gmail.com if you are not already on the mailing list and would like more information. Registration info will be mailed in mid-June.

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.



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