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13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:39

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Mass Schedule

Saturday
4:30 PM
Sunday
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

Tuesday, 8:00 AM
Friday, 8:00 AM

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Please call the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

(RCIA) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic,
please call the Faith Formation Office.

Reconciliation

Confessions are on Tuesdays, at Epiphany, from
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. You may also call at any time
for an appointment for confession.



From the Pastor

Dying as a part of living

Our Liturgy presents us with the question that has plagued all people since the beginning of time; it focuses around the ultimate

death that awaits all living things. Death is never an easy topic to discuss. It is always clouded with pain, sorrow and loss. These emotions are not looked at in a very favorable light; in fact we shy away from them as much as we are able. Nobody likes to talk about death or dying, especially our own. Today's readings show us that Jesus has power not only over life but also death.

Aside from the fact that there are two healings in the gospel, the main idea we are to carry with us was the faith of those asking for help. It is their certain faith that Jesus would help them that is most important. It is that same faith we must find to help us through life. Jesus represents a power over death with a promise of healing and life. As we reflect on the power of death and the affects it has on us, we must remember that death does not always mean cessation of life. This becomes the case most often when we think of the power Jesus has over us and our call to become his followers. We are all called to those everyday “dying to self” that call us to surrender our wills to God’s will.

Jesus shows us that death is ultimately a doorway to life. Just as Jairus and the woman forgot their own stations in life and overcame their fears in order to receive life from Jesus, so must we surrender our own wills in order to encounter Jesus and receive life. God's reign of life is not established by avoiding death, but by embracing it. Living the paschal mystery is none other than our daily dying to self. Overcoming our fears and reaching out to Jesus in humility, in all the little practical ways that fill our daily routines. Paschal mystery dying is as simple as smiling at the children even when we're bone tired or taking an hour out of our day to visit the sick. When we surrender in humility to his goodness and power, Jesus offers us life and in this we encounter the Lord of life.

No matter what season of the church year we find ourselves in, we are constantly reminded of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. It is always in the dying that we will find new life. St. Paul in the second reading speaks about our generosity. We are to look at our lives and ask ourselves just how much are we willing to give and how far are we willing to go to be of help to others. The basic message that we get this week is that we are not to be afraid; we are to have faith and trust in the power that Jesus brings to life. Jesus represents a power over death with a promise of healing and life. We need to be aware of just where in life we need to be healed and then ask for it. Once we are touched by the healing presence of Jesus we are better equipped to face the dying that our daily lives call us to do. As a part of our living, we must all be prepared to die.

Children's Envelopes

Teaching our children to be responsible is one of the more difficult lessons parents have to impart upon their children. They are literally bombarded by so many distractions and are often pulled in so many directions; it is a worry as to what they are hearing. Faith, Church and Belief in God can become a real anchor for them. Teaching our children about God and our responsibilities to God are important.

Along with faith, the idea of stewardship is also important. We need to impress upon our children that it is important to be aware of the needs of others and help when we can. We will no longer be sending envelopes to our children, now they need to pick up a box of envelopes in church. They will be available this weekend, and if you have any questions, please feel free to call the office.



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. Help support the tidal wave of need approaching after the COVID-19 pandemic. 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.

Quo Vadis Days Vocation Camp for young men in grades 9-12

Attention all Catholic young men entering grade 9-12! Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the Quo Vadis Days Vocation Camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. QVD is led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Greensburg and is supported by the Diocesan Office for Priestly Vocations. Quo Vadis Days will be held **July 18-21** at Christ our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. If you are interested, please visit greensburgpriest.org for more information and registration.

Stewardship of Treasure

June 20, 2021

Regular Offertory:	\$	5,792.05
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$	353.00
Votives:	\$	189.02
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$	60.00
Catholic Accent:	\$	50.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$	273.00
Peter's Pence:	\$	10.00
Missions of Faith:	\$	50.00

Total June 19/20

\$ 6,777.07

**Consider online giving, click the “my Eoffering” button
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Summer Planning

It is summer and during these months we spend a lot of time planning for the fall. As we look to the **Faith Formation Program** for next school year, there are a lot of exciting elements to the new program. If you would like to be a part of this, please know that you are most welcome and the time you give will be a real gift to your children. If you would like to be a part of this formation team, please give me a call at the office and I will answer any questions that you might have.



Vacation Bible School

People often comment on the fact that we need to have more activities for our children and youth. Well, we are going to offer a Vacation Bible School **August 10—14**

at Epiphany Parish Hall. VBS is always fun not only for the children who attend, but also for all who help in making it happen. **If anyone would like to help with Crafts, Snacks, Songs, and Music for VBS this year, please give us a call at the office and we will make it happen.**

St. Sebastian's Junque Sale

We will be collecting Every Monday and Wednesday from 10-12 and 6-8 or by appointments, just follow the signs. This year we will not be accepting magazines, college books, encyclopedias, dictionaries, or clothing.

We are in desperate need of volunteers to collect, sort, price. Please contact Bonnie Halinka at 724-322-0355. Our Event will be held **July 29, 30, 31.**



Clearances

If you are a volunteer in anyway at the parish you need to obtain your clearances. One of the clearances is Virtus which is a Church requirement. This clearance may be obtained online or you can come to a session which will be held on **July 12** at 6 pm at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Hall. Another certificate that we will offer is the Mandated Reporter which will be on **July 19** also at 6:00 pm at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Hall. If you have any questions or you would like to register for the session, please give us a call (724-929-9300).

Cleaning the Kitchen!

It has often been said that the kitchen is the heart of our homes that is where people gather, good conversation is had and laughter is shared with everyone. When the kitchen is not in operation it sets everyone off, they miss that place of unity.

Well...the kitchen in our "parish home" is in dire need of help, and it certainly needs an overhaul! Since the school no longer cooks in the kitchen, things have been somewhat neglected. We need a good "spring cleaning," and with that I need your help. On **July 8th, 9th, and 10th** at **9:00 am** I am hoping to get a crew of people to come and help clean this important "heart of our parish." It is a couple weeks away so mark your calendars now. I do thank you for all that you do, but we need to keep up on things if we are to move forward.



Liturgies of the Week

June 26—Vigil

4:30 pm Richard Wawro—Wife, Sandy

June 27—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Joseph Lopez—Mark & Andy Duda

11:00 am (Date of Birth) Hazel Costella—Pam, Patti, Tom & Families

Monday, June 28—St. Irenaeus

No Mass Today

Tuesday, June 29—Ss. Peter & Paul

8:00 am (Date of Birth) Rudy Delopitro—Sister, Alexia Jones

Wednesday, June 30—First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

No Mass Today

Thursday, July 1—St. Junipero Serra

No Mass Today

Friday, July 2

8:00 am Edward Lisovich—Karen Heasley

Saturday, July 3—Vigil

4:30 pm (Death Anniv) Helen Trenk—George & Bev Duda

July 4—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Joseph E. Timlin—Brother, Patrick Timlin

11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

Liturgical Ministers: Lector Lit. Coordinator Server

Sat., July 3 4:30 pm S. Wawro C. Farrier M. Wasicek

Sun., July 4 9:00 am M. Shaughnessy B. Mallonee A. Peden

11:00 am L. Nallo C. Korber B. Henderson

Altar Server

If anyone would like to become a server, please know that you are most welcome. If you would give us a call at the office and let us know, we can arrange a time for training. If you have any questions, just let us know.



Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: DAVID ANTAL and JEAN FERRERI. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

Readings for the week of June 27, 2021

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [7a]/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29



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