

# Mass for the Intentions Week

6-17	Mon	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioner
6-18	Tues	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioner
6-19	Wed	9:00 AM	Pat Frascatore
			By Birthright of Sidney
6-20	Thurs	9:00 AM	Alecia Conseulo
			By Alec
6-21	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
6-22	Sat	4:00 PM	Mary Alice Bagley
			By the Robinson family
6-23	Sun 10:30 AM		Mary Alice Bagley
			By Bob & Pat Smith

### Parish Coffee on Father's Day



Join us in the Parish Center after the 10:30 AM Mass this weekend, where we will have a Parish Coffee to honor

Father's and all who protect and care with a Father's heart. All are welcome to enjoy fellowship, coffee and breakfast.

### **Parish Office Closed**

Day, the parish offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.



### Apologies

My apologies to the dedicated parishioners of Sacred Heart who tend the gardens by the church and Parish Center. I placed the

"Kindness Matters" lawn sign near the church steps in the flower bed behind the flowers, an area I thought would be most noticeable to those entering church. I upset the garden committee when I did this and am sincerely sorry.

Carole Ostrander



The bread and wine are offered in memory of Chuck LaFave this weekend by the LaFave family.

## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Be patient. Life is not a rush!

It is good to back after a long vacation. And I thank all of you who remembered me in your prayers for safe a trip and especially for your thoughtfulness of my Dad for his health and wellbeing. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he deals with old age and sickness.

This Sunday, we take time to honor all our fathers for the role they play in our lives, for their selfless love and sacrifices for us. We ask for God's countless blessings upon all of them and for the gift of eternal life to those who have gone ahead of us in death.

The readings for today's liturgy talk about God's kingdom and how it works secretly within each of us and in all those around us and the other events of life. The readings call us to trust in God's saving power and focus our eyes on our eternal home in heaven.

In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel spoke words of hope and comfort to his despairing people who were exiled to a foreign land in Babylon. The prophet Ezekiel proclaimed that a time will come when God will plant and nurture a cedar tree on a high mountain. He foresaw that the tiny remnant of Israel will become a mighty tree to attract all people to rest in its branches.

This Messianic prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus Christ who came from the line of David to establish God's kingdom on earth.

In the gospel, Jesus used the parables of the growing seed and the mustard seed to teach us about the mysterious and hidden nature of the kingdom of God. He compared the kingdom of God to a seed that a man planted on the ground which over time sprouted and grew. Jesus made it clear that the man knew not how the sprout and the growth happened.

Again, he likened the kingdom of God to a mustard seed which is the smallest of all seeds on earth that grows to become a large bush for birds of the air to rest in its branches.

Jesus uses these two parables to teach us a lesson that small or insignificant things can have amazing outcomes. With these parables, he brings each of us to reflect on our own faith. He wants us to discern whether we are nurturing and cultivating this precious gift within us and allowing it to grow and bear fruit or become fruitless.

All of us need to allow God to work in and through us to make the world a better place. We need to sow seeds of love, show acts of kindness, and deeds of charity, mercy, compassion and forgiveness in the world. Living this Christian life requires steadfastness in faith and patient endurance.

In the second reading, Saint Paul tells us to walk by faith and not by sight. He encourages all of us to keep our eyes fixed on heaven which is our eternal destination. We should strive each day to live worthy and upright lives so that we can please God and be rewarded with eternal life at the end of time.

The Psalmist reminds us that those planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in God's court. Moved by the words of the Psalmist, we come into the Lord's presence with praise and thanksgiving for his goodness. We ask God for the grace and courage to serve as spiritual cedar trees where others find shelter and shade in the branches of our kind words, actions, and deeds.

God bless

Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

First Reading- Job 38:1, 8-11

Second Reading- 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:Fr. BenLector:Ginni BrandtEucharistic Ministers:Bill BabbageAltar ServersJack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel- Mark 4:35-41
Sunday 10:30AM
Fr. Ben
Phyllis Blincoe
Pat Smith

Ayla & Quinn Gronwall & Maddison Curtin & Gabriel Harris



### **Borders & Belonging**

The final presentation will be on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:30.All are welcome to attend.

#### **Kindness Matters**

The Diocese of Albany is excited to launch a large-scale evangelization initiative this summer around the theme "Kindness Matters." The purpose of "Kindness Matters" is to encourage the more than 1.4 million people across our Diocese, regardless of their religious affiliation, to step up and be better neighbors to one another. If each one of us makes a concerted effort to be kinder and show more love to one another a tidal wave of benevolence will fill our homes, neighborhoods, parishes and towns. The vehicle for the "Kindness Matters" campaign will be lawn signs. The call to action from the sign is to direct people to a website landing page (www.rcda.org/kind) which will provide not just resources and ideas to help us be kinder to one another, but examples showing ways in which the Diocese is leading by example through many ministries and initiatives in being kind to others. ~taken from The Evangelist

Pastoral Council will be distributing the lawn signs.

### Diocesan Appeal

The final weeks of the 2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal are upon us, and an announcement from the Albany Diocese was sent to the parishes. A few of the points made include:

- "Such a small percentage of the parish family are funding the parish and Diocese. If we all share the costs, the individual burden is less and we are more likely to be able to fund the Church beyond its needs and toward our wants-imagine the possibilities!"
- "The active practice of religion is in jeopardy and the impact on society is evident. Less people are attending Mass despite our efforts. It is not enough to quietly attend Mass and privately practice. If not us, who? We need to be Jesus' witnesses, showing people the joy that Jesus brings to us in our life and bringing others to follow him in this beautiful way of life. Let us join together and rebuild our local and regional Catholic Church-please support our parish offertory and Diocesan Appeal."

See the complete announcement posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

#### June Bulletin Quotes

"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!"

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux "Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life"

Everybody Needs Help Sometimes
There are many assistance programs sponsored by
New York State. If you or someone in your family is in
need of temporary assistance with food, health care
expenses, home energy needs and many more
programs, check out what is available
at <a href="https://mybenefits.ny.gov/screening/">https://mybenefits.ny.gov/screening/</a>. This site
prescreens for many of the programs the state
sponsors.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezekiel 17:22-23:""The Lord God says, I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain, on the mountain heights of Israel, I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit and become a majestic cedar." To find out how to nurture your relationship, check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. This will transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or https://wwmectw.org/.

The speaker system has been repaired. A new microphone has been installed at the lectern. It is hoped that this improvement will make the sound quality better so everyone will be able to hear the Mass.

For those wishing to keep in touch with Father Peter his address is:

Rev. Peter A. Anglaaere c/o The Archbishop's Office Catholic Archdiocese of Tamale P.O. Box TL 42 Tamale, N/R Ghana, West Africa

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Grady Charles Weigand, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Ray & Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter, Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Kathryn Wickham, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Tom DeMulder, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroleto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlena, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Nancy Herron, Mike Wombacker, Danielle Gugliemo, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Nancy Herron, Mike Wombacker, Daniel, John Gilm



